



# LIFE Clean Energy Transition Call for Proposals

**Community-driven clean energy transition in coal, peat  
and oil-shale regions**

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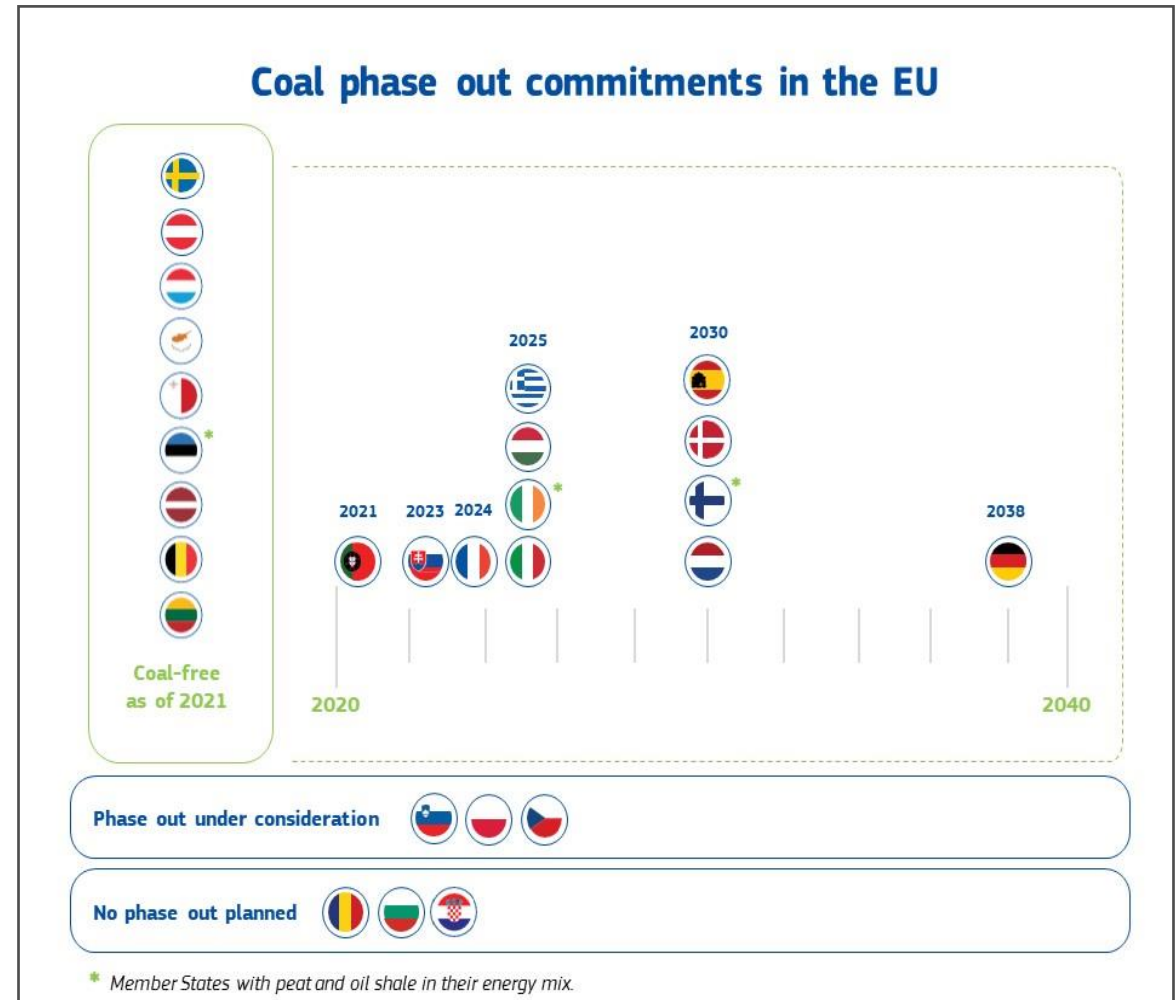


## The challenge

- 108 European regions
- 237 000 people employed in coal-related activities (of which 10 000 in peat extraction activities and 6 000 in the oil shale industry).

→ empower coal, peat and oil-shale regions to advance the clean energy transition

→ Engage all stakeholders and citizens in the clean energy transition



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## Just Transition Mechanism (EUR 65 – 75 billion)



### **A new Just Transition Fund**

of €17.5 billion (in 2018 prices; €19.3 billion in current prices), is expected to mobilise close to €30 billion in investments.



### **InvestEU "Just Transition" scheme**

will provide a budgetary guarantee under the InvestEU programme across the four policy windows and an InvestEU Advisory Hub that will act as a central entry point for advisory support requests. It is expected to mobilise €10-15 billion in mostly private sector investments.



### **A new Public Sector Loan Facility**

will combine €1.5 billion of grants financed from the EU budget with €10 billion of loans from the European Investment Bank, to mobilise between €25 and €30 billion of public investment.

## Scope

### Proposals should:

- build capacity amongst communities in coal, peat and oil-shale regions to **maximise spending of the Just Transition Mechanism in the area of the clean energy transition** leading to **increased uptake of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions**;
- support local/regional **bottom-up activities**, that are in line with territorial just transition plans and aim to use effectively the resources of the Just Transition Mechanism and/or and other sources of public and/or private funding;
- put a strong focus on **engaging local communities and citizens** in the clean energy transition.



## Scope

Proposals could focus on the following areas (non-exhaustive):

- **alignment of local/regional strategies with the clean energy transition** and **strengthening the implementation by deploying support from the Just Transition Mechanism**, which should also include strong citizens' engagement in the governance structures and decision making processes;
- **building capacity and understanding amongst key stakeholders, local communities and citizens for the clean energy transition**, in particular, with an emphasis on the economic and social opportunities and environmental and health benefits;
- **alleviating energy poverty** including demonstration of the wider benefits including improved health;
- **developing sustainable energy project pipelines** such as the energy-efficient renovation of buildings, energy-efficient district heating and cooling systems or low carbon transport solutions.

*→ Ultimately, to maximise spending of the Just Transition Mechanism in the area of the clean energy transition leading to increased energy efficiency and renewable energy in the target region!*



## Scope

### Proposal should:

- emphasis on **skills development and job creation effects**, for example, in energy efficiency and renewable energy, as well as **revitalisation and regeneration of economy in the area of clean energy transition**;
- involve at least **three** different target regions in **three** different Member States;
- build upon the activities of the **Just Transition Platform**.  
[https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/actions-being-taken-eu/just-transition-mechanism/just-transition-platform\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/actions-being-taken-eu/just-transition-mechanism/just-transition-platform_en)
- ~ EUR 1 million per proposal is considered to address the specific objectives appropriately

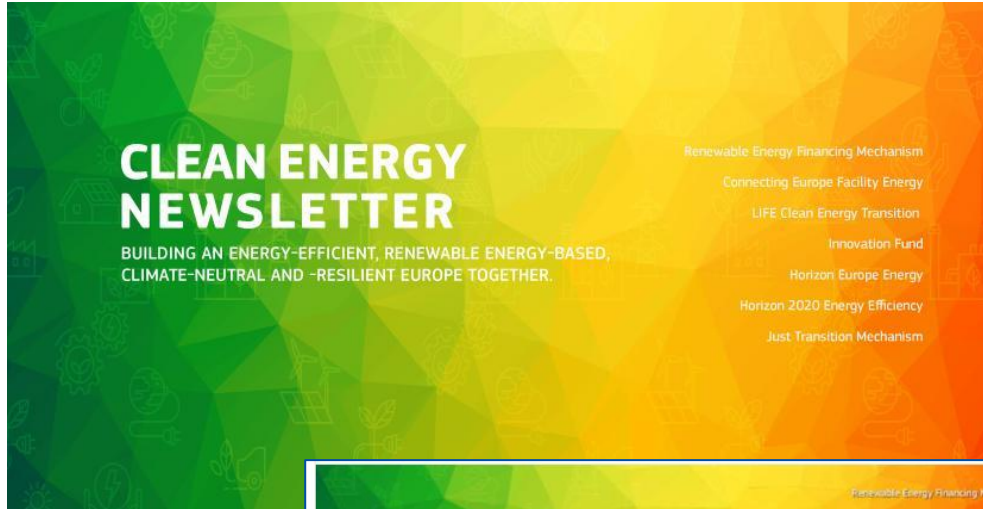


## Expected impacts

- Investments into sustainable energy triggered by the project through public and/or private funding (cumulative, in million Euro)
- Number of citizens with increased level of awareness for the clean energy transition
- Increased economic activity in the area of energy efficiency and renewable energy including jobs created and skills developed
- Number of strategies developed/adapted and aligned with the objectives of the clean energy transition
- Number of households taken out of energy poverty
- Primary energy savings/Renewable energy generation triggered by the project (in GWh/year)
- Reduction in greenhouse gases emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub>eq/year)



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