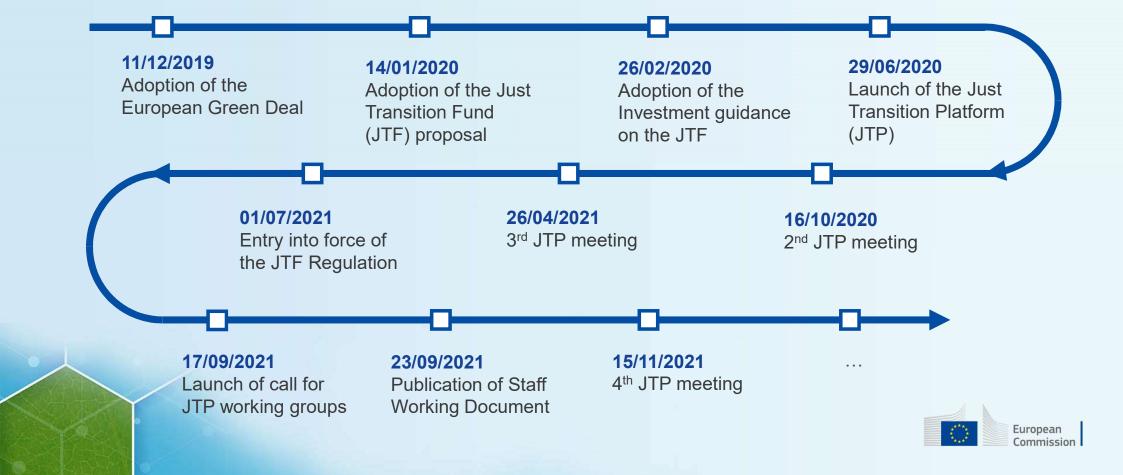


### Update: Just Transition Fund and Territorial Just Transition Plans

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### **Timeline**



# **Staff Working Document on the territorial just transition plans**

SWD(2021) 275 final, 23 September 2021, europa.eu/!3dXj7h

The SWD aims to clarify key issues for the preparation of the TJTPs and the programming of the JTF, in particular:

- Strategic context at EU level
- Eligibility of territories
- Transition process and challenges to be addressed
- Types of operations to be supported
- Programming
- Partnership
- Complementarities

Translations in all EU languages will be available in November 2021



### **Lessons learnt from current discussions**

#### Strengths

- High levels of ambition in many cases
- Excellent response to support offered by Commission
- Impressive investment by local actors and public administrations
- Willingness to exchange and learn (e.g. Coal Regions in Transition)
- Reflection on new types of transition pathways for carbon-intensive regions

#### Weaknesses

- All relevant stakeholders are not always involved in the preparation of the plans
- Socioeconomic objectives are not well targeted
- The needs for economic diversification and skills should be well developed
- Complementarities with JTM pillars 2 and 3 are underdeveloped



# **The Just Transition Platform (JTP)**

- Assist all stakeholders in accessing JTM support
- High-level JTP events help to:
  - share knowledge and good practices
  - support capacity-building and exchanges across sectors
  - provide advice on just transition to authorities and stakeholders involved in JTM-related activities
- Dedicated webpage with helpdesk and database of projects and experts
- Working groups for carbon intensive-regions
- Link to Coal Regions in Transition initiative (dedicated work stream for coal, peat, oil shale regions)





# **JTP Working Groups**

- Forum for strategic exchange between stakeholders from most-affected territories
- Groups on steel, cement, chemicals and on stakeholder strategy
- To ensure that the decarbonisation of the respective industry happens in a fair way, leaving no one behind

#### Call for expression of interest: deadline 15 October

https://ec.europa.eu/regional\_policy/en/newsroom/fundin g-opportunities/calls-for-expressions-of-interest/





### **Upcoming JTP event**

- Fourth Just Transition Platform Meeting (incl. Coal Regions in Transition virtual week and Carbon-intensive regions seminars)
- Online event open to all interested stakeholders
- Opening by Commissioners Elisa Ferreira and Kadri Simson, closing roundtable with Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans
- Includes thematic sessions, networking, multi-level dialogue and launch of Working Groups
- Save the date: 15–17 November 2021
- Registration to open in mid-October



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**Visit the Just Transition Platform:** ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/finance-and-green-deal/just-transition-mechanism/just-transition-platform\_en

#### **Read the Staff Working Document on TJTPs:**

ec.europa.eu/regional\_policy/sources/thefunds/jtf/swd\_territ\_just\_trans\_plan\_ en.pdf