

Platform for Coal Regions in Transition

Annual Political Dialogue

30 November

Museum of Silesia, Katowice, Poland

Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome Coffee

9:30 – 10:30 Welcoming Remarks

- Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete/Vice President for Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič
- Wojciech Saługa, Marshal of Silesia
- Michał Kurtyka, COP24 President

10:30 – 13:00 "Year One for Coal Regions in Transition - stock-taking of progress made and recommendations"

Moderator: Klaus Dieter Borchardt, Director, DG Energy, European Commission

Presentations on progress made pilot coal regions:

- Michał Gramatyka, Deputy Marshal of Silesia
- David Koppitz, Deputy Minister in charge of the Section for Regional Development (tentative)
- Vojtech Ferencz, State Secretary, Government of Slovakia (tbc)
- Eleftherios Ioannidis, Mayor, Kozani, Greece

Panel discussion on recommended directions for the future:

- Cornelia Ernst, Member of the European Parliament
- Christian Ehler, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)
- Witold Stępień, European Committee of the Regions
- Lucie Studnicna, President, Consultative Commission on Industrial Change, European Economic and Social Committee
- Alexandra Landsberg, Head of Group for Economic Development and Structural Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitalization and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (tbc)
- Benjamin Denis, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation (tentative)
- Ansgar Kiene, European Unit, Climate & Energy Policy Advisor, Greenpeace
- Andrzej Błachowicz, Managing Director, Climate Strategies
- Brian Ricketts, Secretary General, Euracoal
- Jan Bondaruk, Deputy Director, Central Mining Institute, Poland

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 "EU Budget for 2021-2027 – what's in it for coal regions?"

Moderator: tbd

Panellists

- Jerzy Buzek, Member of the European Parliament
- Michal Gramatyka, Deputy Marshal of Silesia
- Tomasz Dąbrowski, Secretary of State, Ministry of Energy of Poland (tentative)
- Dietmar Woidke, Minister President of Brandenburg (tbc)
- Klaus Dieter Borchart, Director, DG ENER
- Erich Unterwurzacher, Director, DG REGIO

16:00 – 18:00 "Bringing private sector investments in coal regions – how can the Platform add value?"

Moderator: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Panellists:

- Tomasz Zjawiony, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Katowice, Silesia
- Karel Tichy, Office of Government Commissioner for the Moravian-Silesian, Usti and Karlovy Vary regions in Czech Republic
- Michael Kretschmer, Minister President, Region of Saxony (tbc)
- Ailun Yang, Global Coal Director, Environmental Program, Bloomberg Philanthropies
- Michael Stanley, World Bank
- Erich Unterwurzacher, Director, DG REGIO
- Stephanie Pfeifer, Chief Executive, Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change representative (tbc)
- Chris Littlecott, Programme Leader, E3G (tbc)
- European Investment Bank (speaker to be nominated)