

Proactive just green transition in practice: exit from coal, exit from the combustion engine – what does this mean for employment?

ETUI workshop

1-2 March 2018, Brussels

Venue ITUH building, ETUI meeting room, 7th floor

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Just transition has been a long-standing trade union demand for a fair and balanced way of how to transform the current energy and resource depleting production and consumption model into a sustainable low carbon economy. By `proactive just green transition` we mean that fair burden sharing and tackling the employment and social effects of the decarbonisation process should be managed in an advance looking way. In this context, the focus of this workshop will be on concrete challenges and policy responses with view to employment and employment change at the example of two major paradigm shifts:

- the exit from coal in the energy sector and
- the future of the European automobile industry at the background of fundamental changes in mobility patterns and the exit from the combustion engine.

1-st March 2018, 11.00-12.30 h

- **Welcome** by Philippe Pochet, general director, ETUI, Brussels

Aims and objectives of the project, (Bela Galgoczi, ETUI)

Opening panel: How we interpret `Just transition`

Inputs by ETUC (Montserrat Mir, confederal secretary/Benjamin Denis, ETUC advisor)

- ITUC Just Transition Centre
- View from Canada: Carla Lipsig-Mumme (York University, Toronto)
- A UK perspective of just transition in practice, Linda Clarke, University of Westminster, London)

12.30h common lunch

13.30h **I. Thematic block - Decarbonising the energy sector**

- 1) *Germany* – Phasing out coal in energy generation in the German power sector and its social and employment effects

Contribution: Philipp Litz, Agora-Energiewende, Berlin

- 2) *Coal transition in Poland* - The role of coal in the Polish energy generation; government policies; phasing out coal mining

Contribution: Alexander Szpor (IBS, Warsaw)

14.30h discussion

15.00h coffee break

15.15h

3) *Decarbonising energy generation in Italy: the case of ENEL*

The decarbonisation perspective of electricity generation in Italy. The case of the ENEL group with closures of coal-fired power stations in Italy. Negotiations, social plans and employment transitions.

Contribution: Serena Rugiero, Fondazione Di Vittorio, Italy

4) *Phasing out coal in the French energy sector*

The decarbonisation perspective of the French power sector and its possible social and employment effects.

Contribution: Andrzej Jakubowski (Syndex, Brussels)

5) *Lessons from the transformation of coal-mining regions in Germany: How could we act preventive and go an advanced looking way in the German brown coalfields?"*

Stefan Gärtner, Institute for Work and Technology (IAT), Gelsenkirchen

16.30h discussion

17.00h end of the first day

19.00h Joint dinner

2-nd March 2018, 10.00-12.30 h

9.30h II. Thematic block – Exit from the combustion engine: what next for the automobile industry?

1) *European automotive industry background – state of play and future challenges*

Given the main climate policy and regulatory objectives and technology changes what is the likely impact on employment both in qualitative and quantitative terms in a post-combustion engine automobile industry?

Contribution: Anne-Gaëlle Lefeuvre, Syndex, Paris

2) *The case of the German automobile industry, state of play, performance, employment (first and second tier suppliers, CEE value chains)*

Contribution: Martin Krzywdzinski, (WZB, Berlin)

10.30h discussion

11h coffee break

11.30h

3) *The French automobile industry: state of play and the future*

Main trends, the future of the combustion engine and the spreading of electric cars, employment change

Contribution: Syndex automobile department (Paris)

4) *Trade union strategies, the role of works council in managing the paradigm change in the automobile industry*

Contribution: Christian Brunkhorst, IG Metall (Frankfurt)

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Wrap up and future steps (ETUI)

15.30h End of the workshop

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