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Just Transition not just a transition!

Debate on the challenges associated with the transformation of local economies
in coal mining regions in the EU

When: 21 June 2018, 15.30-17.30h

Where: European Parliament, JAN Room 6Q1

The recent developments in European environmental legislation (ETS reform, Industrial Emissions Directive, new Large Combustion Plants Best Reference Document etc.) in conjunction with the progress made in renewables and energy storage technologies are already contributing to the reduction of coal's share in the EU's electricity mix. The commitment of the European Union to the Paris Agreement and the leadership role the EU strives to have in global climate policy ensure that this path is irreversible and that a gradual phase-out of coal is an inevitable reality.

This imminent energy transition must be accompanied by a comprehensive **Just Transition** strategy, aiming to minimise hardship for workers and their communities in the associated industries through active political and financial support, as well as shifting local economies towards sustainable economic activities.

Globe and WWF are inviting Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission, of municipalities in coal regions, and of trade unions, to **discuss best practices and transition plans for specific regions** and the necessity to shift EU funds to support Just Transition in line with the EU policies related to climate, energy and regional development.

- Opening:
 - Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the European Parliament and GLOBE EU President
 - Imke Lübbecke, Director of Climate and Energy, WWF European Policy Office
- Interventions
 - Nikos Mantzaris, Head of Energy and Climate Policy, WWF Greece, *Roadmap for the Transition of the Western Macedonia. Region to a post-lignite era*
 - Dr. Stefan Gärtner, Institute for Work and Technology, *Experiences with structural change in Germany*
 - Anna Colucci, Head of Unit, DG Energy, *Views on the EC Coal Platform*
- Panel discussion
 - Anna Colucci, Head of Unit, DG Energy
 - Claude Turmes, Member of the Parliament (tbc)
 - Svetoslav Malinov, Member of the Parliament (tbc)
 - Benjamin Denis, European Trade Union Confederation
 - Lefteris Ioannidis, Mayor of Kozani, Greece
 - Juliette de Grandpré, Policy Adviser Climate & Energy, WWF Germany

Debate and questions from the panel will follow the presentations of the speakers. There will be simultaneous translation for Greek.

To register, please send an email with your full name, nationality, date of birth, passport or ID card number to stephanie.ellers@wwf.de