

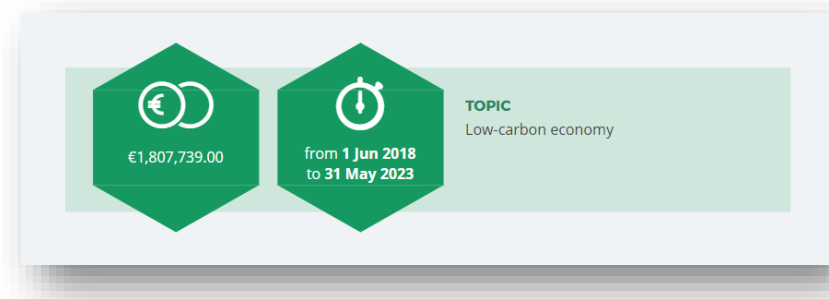
Stara Zagora Region in the context of Just Transition

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ESPON Roundtable: Regions and structural change in the light of
just transition and decarbonation strategies, 11 th June, 2021

De Carb project



INTERREG Europe project, supporting the clean energy transition of coal-intensive EU regions

A consortium of 9 partners to exchange experiences & transfer knowledge on the transition from the carbon-intensive era towards the clean energy future

Support regions to secure sustainable development, economic & societal stability, and a role in the 2030 energy mix.

SZ REDA – a lead partner of the project consortium

De Carb in pictures



Interregional workshop on the large-scale introduction of renewables, Badajoz, Extremadura – March 2019



Project Kick Off Meeting, June 2018



Social Policy Dialogue
Stara Zagora,
September 2020

Peer Review in Stara Zagora

- Policy Learning Experts and Peers gathered in February 2020 in Stara Zagora for Peer Review to discuss the topic Future-proofing the lignite District Stara Zagora through economic diversification and reduction of the environmental footprint of power production.
- The Peer Review was organized by the Policy Learning Platform of the INTERREG EU Programme. It was hosted by the District of Stara Zagora and Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency, Lead Partner of DeCarb project



The Stara Zagora Just Transition Plan in brief

In the middle stage of preparation: PWC is the consulting company, selected by the EC. Started in the middle of December 2020 and should be completed in November 2021. Currently the analytical part is completed.

Why De Carb is so important: because of the project activities a strong stakeholders' community in the region was built and awarded with the JTP concept and goals.

Good level of stakeholders involving.

The Stara Zagora Just Transition Plan in brief

What do strategic development decisions build upon:
regional diversification assets;
other non-coal related challenges,
entrepreneurial history and culture;
education, innovation potential,
etc.?

Each one of the above mentioned is explored in the analysis and has its place in the decision making

Is there a specific emphasis on certain JTF actions and why linked with:

Strategic development decisions;

Envisaged implementation structure of the plan: timeline; action plans; subsidies; financial instruments; strategic projects – e.g. infrastructure; energy; digitalization; education; research; investments in entrepreneurship; land regeneration; social projects, etc.

Envisaged financial structure of the plan: JTF; JTM financial instruments; other?

Yes, being currently developing the strategic part of the JTP is expected in its final version the emphasis to be given to sectors/assets/strategic projects with the highest potential for positive impact, based on the analytical part. The discussion which project/activities could be considered as eligible are still ongoing bearing in mind the JTR is not accepted yet. A dedicated event scheduled on 25 June 2021 co-organised with the EP Office in Sofia;

The financial structure will follow the JTM pillars.

What is the role of:

the civil society;

the entrepreneurs and academia in the Stara Zagora Just Transition Plan?

How is it assimilated into the design of the plan (format of cooperation)

Could say active. They are among the identified stakeholders.

Participating in the working groups' sessions; providing their project suggestions.



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Thank you for your attention!

Questions welcome!



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