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A fair transition away from coal

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INTRODUCTION

The Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament is determined to engage in a meaningful dialogue with all actors so we can find the best possible path out of coal, while supporting the regions and miners effectively.

The objective of the conference is to bring together representatives from different coal regions **to discuss about a fair transition away from coal**, to create synergies and a networking platform for future exchanges and to identify possible concrete areas of work convergence. We envision having two panels with interactive discussions, with short interventions followed by a debate and Questions & Answers with participants. Simultaneous interpretation in several EU language will be provided.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.30-10:00

Welcome: Reinhard Bütikofer MEP

Presentation: [Lignite of the living dead - Laurence Watson](#), Carbon tracker

10:00 - 11:30

Round table discussion

What do regions need for a fair transition away from coal? - Reports from the field

Moderation: **Rebecca Harms**, MEP

Guest speakers:

- **Manuella Cavaco**, Municipal Councilor of Loos-en-Gohelle, France
- [Belén Soler, Region of Teruél](#), Spain
- **Oliver Krischer**, Member of Parliament, Germany
- [Elefterios Ioannidis, Mayor of Kozani](#), Greece
- **Montserrat Mir Roca**, ETUC representative

Short reactions from the floor:

- **Susann Scherbarth**, Friends of the Earth Europe
- **Joanna Flisowska**, Europe Beyond Coal Campaign, Poland

11:45

Launch of Greens/EFA video on coal transition

Presented by **Claude Turmes**, MEP

11:50 - 12:50

What does the EU have to offer for the affected regions?

Moderation: **Ska Keller**, MEP

Presentation: [Phasing-out coal - reinventing European regions - Timon Wehnert, Wuppertal Institut](#)

Reactions from the panelists (see above)

12:50

Conclusions: **Florent Marcellesi**, MEP

A light lunch will be served at the end of the conference.

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[The Greens/EFA Heatwave Action Plan](#)

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Responsible MEPs



Reinhard Bütikofer

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Venue

European Parliament - room ASP 1G3 - 60, Rue Wiertz - 1047 Brussels

Attached documents

[Phasing out coal - reinventing European regions](#)

[Lignite of the living dead -Laurence Watson](#)

[Presentacion La Ojinegra - Bélen Soler](#)

[Towards a Green pro lignite era - Ioannidis Eleftherios](#)

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