

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, 11.00-17.00 h

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

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

Opening panel: How do we interpret `Just transition``

- Benjamin Denis, advisor, ETUC
- Bert De Wel, ITUC Just Transition Centre, Brussels
- Linda Clarke, University of Westminster, London

discussion

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
   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
   Alexander Szpor (IBS, Warsaw)

14.30h discussion
15.00h coffee break
15.15h
3) **Decarbonising energy generation in Italy: the case of ENEL**
The policy context of decarbonising the economy in Italy. The case of the ENEL group with closures of coal-fired power stations in Italy. Negotiations, social plans and employment transitions.
*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.
*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

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**2-nd March 2018, 9.30-15.30 h**

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

**Setting the scene:** Economic and employment impacts of the mobility transition, Pete Harrison, European Climate Foundation, Brussels

9.50h
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?
*Anne-Gaëlle Lefeuvre, Syndex, Paris*

2) **The French automobile industry: state of play and future challenges**
Main trends, the future of the combustion engine and the spreading of electric cars, employment change
*Syndex* automobile department (Paris)

10.30h discussion

11.00h coffee break

11.30h
3) **The case of the German automobile industry, state of play, performance, employment (first and second tier suppliers, CEE value chains)**
*Martin Krzywdzinski, (WZB, Berlin)*
4) Trade union strategies, the role of works council in managing the paradigm change in the automobile industry
   Christian Brunkhorst, IG Metall (Frankfurt)

12.30h discussion

13.00h common lunch

14.00h
Wrap up and future steps (ETUI)

15.30h End of the workshop