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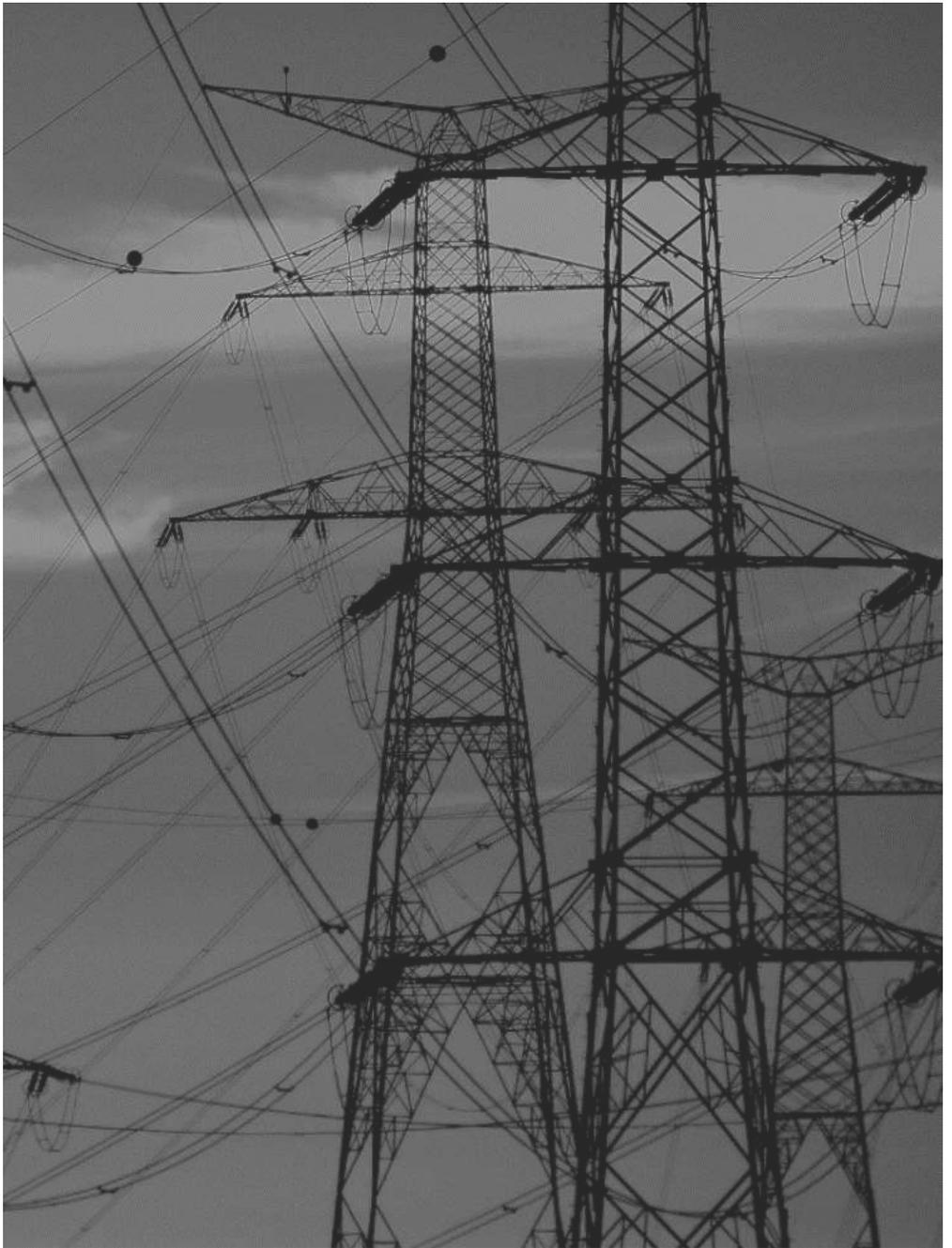
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Project info

“Pairing the clean energy transition to growth and job creation in coal-intensive EU regions”



### ABOUT THE DECARB PROJECT

The EU 2030 climate and energy framework sets three key targets for the year 2030: at least 40% cuts in greenhouse gas emissions (from 1990 levels); at least 27% share for renewable energy and at least 27% improvement in energy efficiency. The EU coal sector provides jobs to about 240.000 people. DeCarb sets out to address the challenge of pairing the clean energy transition to growth and job creation in coal-intensive EU regions.





## KICK-OFF MEETING

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The project kick-off meeting was successfully completed covering thematic, financial and management issues regarding the project. The meeting took place on June 27-28, 2018 in Stara Zagora (BG). The agenda included an analytic overview of upcoming research activities and details regarding the formation of stakeholder groups.

Partners had the opportunity to have a fruitful exchange of views regarding the envisaged course of the project. What is more, the meeting gave partners the opportunity to gain insight on the realities of coal-intensive regions in diverse European countries. The diversity of the partnership is, without doubt, anticipated to add value to the project, by drawing on multiple experiences from all corners of the EU.

The representatives of the Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency are grateful for the substantial participation and look forward to the forthcoming project meeting in Spain!



## DECARB PARTNERS' PARTICIPATION IN PLATFORM LAUNCH

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Several actions were announced, as part of the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package, to boost the clean energy transition by bringing more focus on social fairness, new skills and financing for the real economy. The European Commission is now launching a Platform on Coal Regions in Transition to help regions with coal mining activities identify, develop and implement projects with the potential to kick-start a viable economic and technological transformation and to enable multi-stakeholder dialogue on policy framework and regulations.

Representatives of two DeCarb partners, the Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy of the State of Brandenburg (DE) and the Regional Association of Local Governments of Western Macedonia (GR) are participating the conference to launch the Platform on December 11, 2018 in Strasbourg (FR).



## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

DeCarb is a 5-year Interreg Europe project encompassing joint thematic studies and analysis, regional and interregional policy learning and capacity building, and territorial action plans' development.

The first semester of the project marks the beginning of promising joint research and policy learning activities!



The DeCarb project foresees regional stakeholder meetings to be organised by all project partners. The regional stakeholder meetings will provide fora for discussions between the project partners and the key players in the DeCarb regions, with the aim to receive input for specific measures and incentives to be planned for the support of sustainable development in the clean energy era. **Stay tuned with our newsletter for the proceedings of the stakeholder meetings that will be organised twice per year!**

Renewable energy sources and a new 'energy mix' are necessary in order to keep the air clean and safeguard land sustainability. Yet, decarbonisation of the energy sector is a process with multiple social ramifications that calls for integrated planning to avoid unsustainable social pressures. **Four research activities set out to explore the field and offer the necessary basis for policy planning:**

An **ex-ante economic and social impact assessment** of regions' decarbonisation aiming at developing an approach to assess the possible socio-economic impact of decoupling energy and coal mining in the DeCarb regions.

The **identification of good practices** on decarbonisation and clean energy transition including the mapping of funding instruments for the clean energy transition so as to facilitate access to funds for the development of infrastructures and measures required for new, green growth pathways.

A **SWOT analysis** to determine decarbonisation growth pathways in DeCarb territories, which will provide the project partners with a framework enabling them to design alternative, context-specific, growth paths, initiate the actual process of decarbonisation and reduce economic and social risk of diversifying sources of energy production.

A **needs analysis** on environmental restitution and land restoration in DeCarb regions focusing on territorial planning and growth through ecosystem services and building site development, considering financial aspects and opportunities identified through other project activities.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

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Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency (BG)



Lodzkie Region (PL)



Eszak-Alfold Regional Energy Agency Nonprofit Ltd. (HU)



South-West Oltenia Regional Development Agency (RO)



Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, State of Brandenburg (DE)



House of Energy (DK)



Regional Association of Local Governments of Western Macedonia (GR)



Energy Agency of Savinjska, Saleska and Koroska Region (SI)



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