

Coal-Phase out in Germany and structural aid for the affected regions

Panel: Coal Regions in Germany and Russia: Development Prospects
for a Low-Carbon Future
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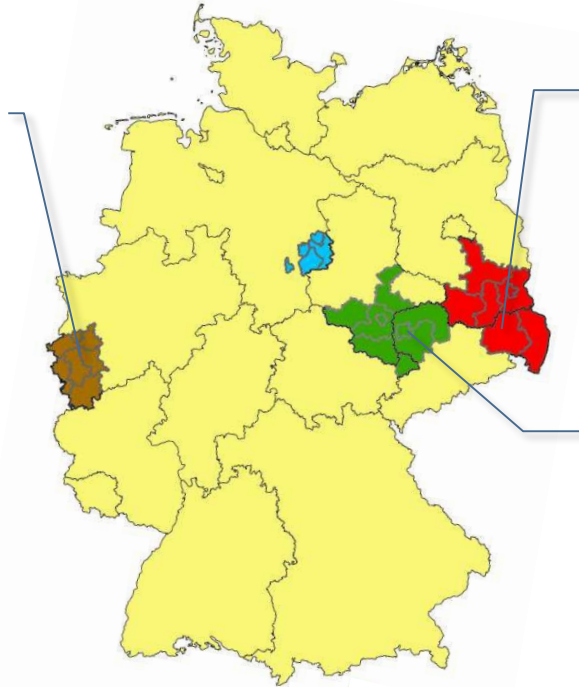
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The German coal mining regions

Rhenisch coal region

approx. 9000 directly employed in the coal sector

approx. 5000 indirectly employed in the coal sector



Lusatia coal region

approx. 8000 directly employed

approx. 5000 indirectly employed

Middle German coal region

approx. 2400 directly employed
approx. 1200 indirectly employed

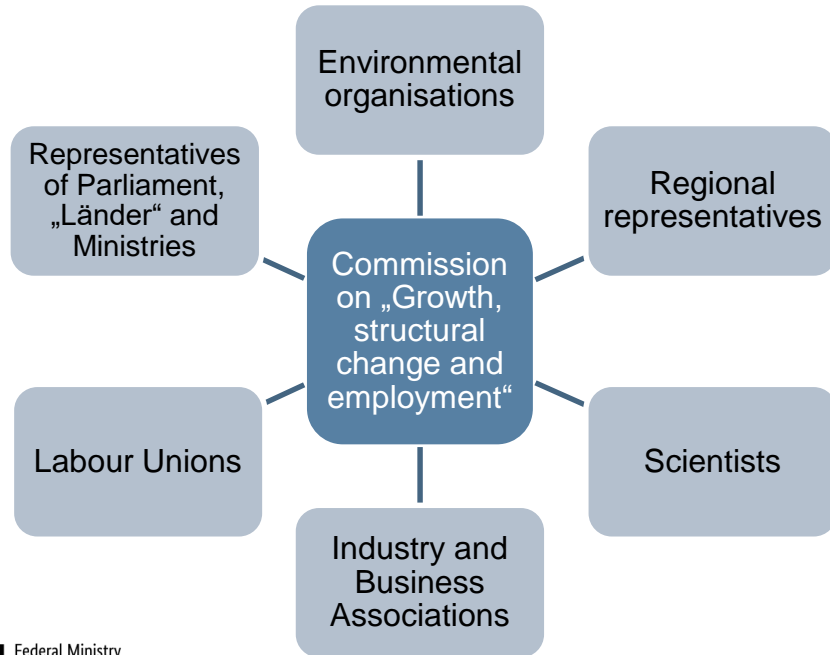
The challenges of the German coal phase-out

**Sizable
regions that
are
economically
dependent
on coal
mining**

**Long-
standing
history of
coal mining
and high
share of
coal in
electricity
production**

**Strong
stakeholder
groups with
conflicting
interests**

Commission on Growth, Structural Change and Employment



- ✓ 9 months of intensive work
- ✓ 24 members with voting rights
- ✓ On-site inspection of the affected regions
- ✓ 10 plenary meetings
- ✓ Further meetings in two sub-working groups on structural change and energy-related topics
- ✓ Expert-hearings on various topics

Fields of action

- Shutdown of the power plants
 - Act on the Phase-out of Coal-fired Power Plants
- Structural aid for the affected regions
 - Structural Strengthening Act for coal regions

The Structural Strengthening Act

Pillar 1: Investment Act

Financial aid to federal states and municipalities for public investments until 2038.

Up to 14 billion euros

Pillar 2: Federal Projects

Further measures by the federal government until 2038.

Up to 26 billion euros

Example:
Transport infrastructure, new research institutions (e.g. *Fraunhofer*, *DLR*) and new research programmes.



Up to 1 billion euros for selected communities with hard coal power plants.

Federal programme to finance consumption spending.

Coordination Committee with federal states.

Scientific evaluation of progress every three years.

Link to coal phase out law.



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Thank you for your attention

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