Just Transition Platform Meeting – Coal Regions in Transition Virtual Week

16 – 19 November 2020

Session Title: Research projects on environmental issues related to mining and coal mine closure	**Date**: 18 November 2020
Time and duration: 14:00 – 15:30 (1h30)	**Moderator:** Zoe Rasbash, Secretariat of the Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition
Speakers: - Andrea Gentili, DG RTD - Pedro Riesgo Fernandez, University of Oviedo on the MERIDA project - Alicja Krzemień, Central Mining Institute on the RECOVERY project - Dimitris Xevgenos, Innovation Manager, LIFE BRINE-MINING project	**Panellist link**: https://ecorys.webex.com/ecorys/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef1d8a404eac627bf3b1933d092569ccc **Panellist password**: CRITDAY3RES **Attendee link** (if panellist link does not work): https://ecorys.webex.com/ecorys/onstage/g.php?MTID=ea390875b6499fc4a9f9ea56e7d2637fe

Purpose of this session:

This session is a follow-up to a series of presentations given in previous Working Group meetings on the topic of coal mine closure. This time, we will focus on the theme of environmental rehabilitation and circular economy, through the lens of several research projects. The Directorate-General for Research and Innovation will provide an overview of the upcoming budgeting period of LIFE and updates on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel. Three research projects will present their work and findings, providing insight on the research state of play linked to coal mine closure.

Detailed Agenda for the session:

Time	Description	Comments
13:30 – 13:45	Speakers and technical team connect	
13:45 – 14:00	Connection time for participants	
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and Introduction - *Zoe Rasbash, Secretariat of the Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition*	
14:10 – 14:20	Scene setting presentation on future of the RFCS programme - *Andrea Gentili, DG RTD*	
14:20 – 15:15	Presentations: - *Pedro Riesgo Fernandez, University of Oviedo on the MERIDA project* - *Alicja Krzemień, Central Mining Institute on the RECOVERY project* - *Dimitris Xevgenos, Innovation Manager, LIFE BRINE-MINING project*	- 7-minute presentations from each speaker - Short (2.5min) video to be played as part of Alicja's presentation - Q&A: pre-prepared questions from moderator; 2-3 questions from audience
15:15 – 15:30	Polling session	- Using Slido