





Coal Transitions in Poland

What might feasible, fair and consistent with the Paris Agreement (below 2°C) pathways look like?

Ladies and gentlemen,

during this year's UN climate summit (COP24) in Katowice, the future of the Polish coal sector will once again come under the spotlight. Different stakeholders representing governments, coal sector, labour unions, civil society and academia will discuss the transition in coal sector and its consequences.

Facilitating this conversation, we would like to cordially invite you to participate in a workshop on coal transitions in Poland organised by Climate Strategies (CS), Institute for Structural Research (IBS) and Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI). The workshop will take place in Katowice in Central Mining Institute (Plac Gwarków 1) on Monday, the 10th of December 2018 (between 1 PM – 5 PM). The annex contains a detailed workshop agenda.

The workshop will be focused on these crucial questions:

- How will the transition in coal sector affect coal production and consumption?
- What social and economic consequences could such changes entail?
- How should the transition challenges be reflected in strategies for the Polish coal sector, workers, companies and communities?

The purpose of the workshop will be to present possible transformation pathways in the coal sector and their effects on the labour market and the energy security of Poland. As an introduction, a snapshot of policy initiatives on coal transitions from around the world will be presented. Next session will offer a case study from Germany. Then the focus will shift to the Polish coal transition – its history, as well as its current challenges and opportunities. Invited stakeholders will then comment on the research input and discuss feasibility of proposed pathways and solutions.

We hope that a workshop with such a wide stakeholder representation will allow to formulate conclusions useful for designing future transition policies.

We encourage you to participate in our event. Please register using the following website https://coaltransitionsinpoland.konfeo.com by 7th of December 2018.

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