

Debate on round tables on coal regions in transition

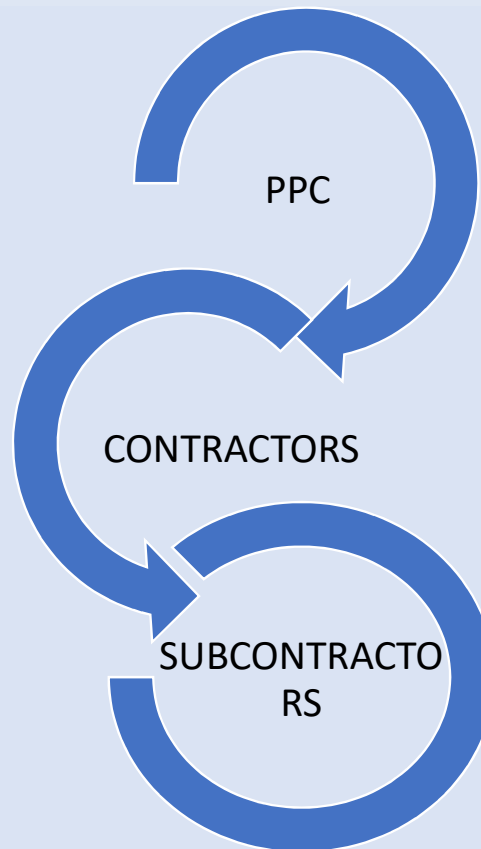
Region of Western Macedonia

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- Difficult situation for the Region
- New data, as the PM of Greece announced that all power plants fueled with lignite will be shut down until 2023
- No solid plan
- Need for funding

PPC, the most important employer in WM



Monoculture of lignite industry

- one job in the lignite industry → 3,28 jobs on the local labor market
- 26.000– 30.000 jobs lost in WM
- Up to 42% dependency on lignite

Transition: not the only problem

highest
unemployment rates
in Greece

demographic
problem

minimum exports

lack of investments

Measures needed

- Recalculation-redistribution of just transition fund (percentage of dependence of local gross domestic product)
- One masterplan for a just transition
- Tax motives and support practices for investments
- Bottom-up management of funds
- Repurposing the local economy
- Greater share in the Cohesion Fund

Measures needed

- Repurposing of lands owned by PPC
- Aid in reskilling of workers
- Investment in innovation
- Investment in agriculture



THANK YOU

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