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to the Commission**

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Subject: Just transition fund for mining regions in Europe

The European Green Deal, which will be at the forefront of the Commission's work in the coming years, calls for a 'just transition' for regions that have hitherto been fossil fuel and energy producers.

President Von der Leyen herself says the new just transition fund should offer tailored support to those most affected, such as inhabitants of industrial or coal-mining regions and areas dependent on energy-intensive sectors that are undergoing significant local transformations.

As this fund is intended for countries and activities that protect workers and speed up decarbonisation:

How does the Commission intend to provide technical assistance and to support initiatives to transform and diversify these economies, including replacing existing jobs like-for-like and not with temporary or casual work?

In Spain, for instance, there are regions where coal mining has recently come to a halt and which have therefore already taken the necessary steps to decarbonise our energy system. How will the Commission ensure that these regions are also beneficiaries of the fund?

What deadlines has the Commission set for those regions to benefit from the fund and what is the total amount available to them over the next five years?