

**Question for written answer E-003871/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Just transition in the Bełchatów region

The negotiations on the Territorial Just Transition Plans are entering a decisive phase. From the perspective of inhabitants of the Łódź region, it is extremely important that they become future beneficiaries of the funds earmarked for just transition. The Bełchatów energy complex currently employs 7 700 people, making it the largest employer in the region. Another 20 000 or so are employees of businesses that are closely linked to the mine and the power plant, which already require active transformation measures. The current increase in coal mining will only accelerate these processes.

The possible success of a just transition depends on many factors, but the one that is most important and decisive in mitigating the social and economic effects of change is a genuinely just transition in the region that puts the future of the inhabitants and transparency of rules first.

Therefore, being aware of the lack of clear communication from the representatives of the provincial government and the state-owned companies to the residents, and understanding the importance of the Territorial Just Transition Plan, I put the following questions to the Commission:

1. What is the state of play of decision-making on the issue of the Łódź Region's eligibility for participation in the Just Transformation Fund, and when can final decisions on the matter be expected?
2. How much funding could the Łódź Region receive under the Territorial Energy Transformation Plan?

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