



Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency (SZ REDA)

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Regional workshop on Just Transition, Trade union involvement,
Collective Bargaining and Social Dialogue in Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania
and Slovenia,

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Introduction of SZREDA (BG)

- Non-governmental, non-political organisation, governed by Public Law
- Founded in 1995, pre-registered in 1997

The Agency was established in 1995 by Stara Zagora Municipality with the support of the US Agency for International Development (USAID). Initially serving as a liaison focused on strengthening communication between city governments and the business community. Nowadays its members are all 11 municipalities in the Region, Trakia University, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bulgarian-German VET .



OBJECTIVE

De Carb brings together 9 partners (9 countries), to exchange experiences & transfer knowledge on how to transition from the carbon-intensive era towards the clean energy future. It will support regions to secure sustainable development, economic & societal stability, and a role in the 2030 energy mix.

MAIN OUTPUTS & BENEFICIARIES

- 9 action plans to improve the addressed policy instruments, benefiting managing authorities & beneficiaries
- 2 interregional workshops, 3 site visits and 1 EU-wide policy learning event to promote capacity building among partners and stakeholders
- 16 policy briefs to transfer lessons learnt to EU public authorities
- 1 Training toolkit on the development of energy mix scenarios for regions undergoing decarbonisation
- 4 joint thematic studies and analyses reports on territorial needs and decarbonisation pathways

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Stakeholders



- ❖ Regional government agencies & local public administrations that take part in green public procurement processes, resource efficiency and environmental policies.
- ❖ Regional development and innovation agencies
- ❖ Academic and research institutions
- ❖ Chambers of commerce
- ❖ Coal-intensive companies & coal-fired plants
- ❖ **Trade Unions**
- ❖ NGOs
- ❖ Business support agencies
- ❖ SMEs that collaborate with major companies/public administrations to achieve green growth.

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4 study visit to promote the capacity building between the partners and the stakeholders



Spain



Germany



Slovenia



Denmark

4 joint thematic input studies and analyses focused on the territorial specific requirements as well as decarbonisation pathways

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/decarb/library/>

More over 25 Good Practices, part of them shared with PWC and stakeholders during the JTP development-

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/decarb/good-practices/>



7 Stakeholders meetings held in Stara Zagora, all of them with strong participation of the Trade Unions



Social Dialog New Energy Mix

28 September 2020

With the strong participation of the Trade Unions; over 20 000 reaching in FB during the livestream



Social Dialog New Energy Mix & 5th Forum of Mayors

29/30 September 2021

With the strong participation of the Trade Unions



conclusions



No sustainable Just Transition is possible without a strong collaboration with Trade Unions, nor open Social Policy Dialog for New Energy Mix



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Thank you!

Questions welcome



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