Supporting transition from coal energy in Slovakia
for the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Economy and Horna Nitra region

Support for setting out a strategy for the region's transition from coal production to other economic activities.

Context
The Horna Nitra region has a historical activity of production of coal which is used for electricity generation and district heating. The Government decided phase out of coal by 2023 and commissioned an Action Plan that would provide concrete steps and solutions for the economic transformation of the region. A working group of relevant responsible authorities was set up to prepare this action plan.

Support delivered
The support provided by the SRSS and private sector consultants over 1 year and a half consisted of:
- outlining the main challenges for the coal transition in the region;
- providing support for the elaboration of the Action Plan (helping to identify reform needs and actions to be undertaken);
- develop scenarios for the rehabilitation of the land and infrastructure of the coal mines; and
- putting forward recommendations to avoid negative environmental and safety impacts in the region.

The support was provided in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

Results achieved
The support from the SRSS delivered the following result:
- wide consultation of stakeholders at local, regional and national level; and
- Action Plan proposing realistic and feasible solutions for the economic transformation of the region - diversification of the economy, replacement of coal-fired district heating, rehabilitation of the mining land, and providing employment opportunities.

The Action Plan was adopted by the government on 3 July 2019. The objective is to help the region out of its dependency from coal.