



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.