# Final agenda

*Venue: Oviedo Exhibition & Congress Centre*
*Address: Calle Arturo A Buylla, 5, 33006 Oviedo, Asturias & Online*

**July 7 2022**

*Interpretation will be available in PL, DE, CZ, ES, EL, RO and EN*

| Time | Session |
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| 08:30 – 09:30 | **Registration and welcome coffee** |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Welcome and introduction to the event**<br><br>**Alfredo Canteli Fernández**, *Mayor of Oviedo*<br>**Kadri Simson**, *EU Commissioner for Energy (remotely)*<br>**Teresa Ribera,** *Vice-president and Minister for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain*<br>**Adrián Barbón**, *President of the Government of the Principality of Asturias* |
| 10:00 – 13:15 | **Session 1: Future of Energy & Energy Security: EU Coal regions in a fast-changing energy world**<br><br>*The panel will discuss the need to accelerate the transition to clean energy as the way to keep prices in check and ensure the independence of the EU energy-wise in the next decade, highlighting short-term, mid-term, and long-term solutions as well as the contribution of coal regions to achieve the European Green Deal objectives.* |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | *Part 1 – Future of Energy & Energy Security in EU coal regions: policy framework*<br><br>**Moderator: Kira Taylor**, *Energy and environment reporter, Euractiv*<br><br>*Panellists:*<br><br>**Adela Tesarova,** *Head of Unit, DG ENER, European Commission*<br>**Laura Martin Murillo,** *Director General-Institute for Just Transition, Spain*<br>**Susana Solís Pérez,** *MEP, European Parliament*<br>**Jonás Fernández**, *MEP, European Parliament*<br>**Radim Sršeň,** *Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic*<br>**Maciej Sytek,** *Plenipotentiary of the Management Board of the Wielkopolska Region for Restructuring of Eastern Wielkopolska, Poland* |

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| **11:30 – 12:00** | **Coffee Break** |
| **12:00 – 13:15** | *Part 2 - Future of Energy & Energy Security in EU coal regions: policy implementation*<br><br>**Moderator: Kira Taylor,** *Energy and Environment Reporter, Euractiv*<br>**Keynote speech: Katie Treadwell,** *Senior Energy Policy Officer, Europe Beyond Coal (remotely)*<br><br>*Panellists:*<br><br>**Ana Marques,** *CEO of EDP, Spain*<br>**Anelia Stefanova,** *Energy Transformation Area Leader, CEE Bankwatch Network*<br>**Juan Alvarez Avello,** *Head of Business Development Iberia & Morocco, Endesa Generación, Spain*<br>**Judith Kirton-Darling**, *Deputy General Secretary, IndustriAll-Europe*<br>**Julio Castro,** *CEO Renewable Energy, Iberdrola, Spain* |
| **13:15 – 14:30** | **Networking Lunch** |
| **14:30– 15:45** | **Session 2: *Manufacturing & Value chains: coal regions as "manufacturers" of the clean energy transition***<br><br>*The panel will discuss the need to re-think the way we envisage "energy jobs", how to strategically position Europe on key-value chains (wind, solar, batteries, H2, etc.) and will illustrate the job creation potential of such value chains and how can coal regions diversify their economies through future proof and green jobs.*<br><br>**Moderator: Véronique Marx**, *Team leader for just transition, DG ENER, European Commission*<br>**Keynote speech: Mariel Diaz,** *local entrepreneur of Asturias*<br><br>*Panellists:*<br><br>**Pablo Fernández Vila,** *General Director of Energy Planning and Natural Resources of Galicia, Spain*<br>**Judith Kirton-Darling**, *Deputy General Secretary, IndustriAll-Europe*<br>**Naomi Chevillard,** *Head of Regulatory Affairs, Solar Power Europe*<br>**Ignacio (Nacho) Gonzalez Baquet,** *Manager Decarbonization Strategy, ArcelorMittal Asturias, Spain* |
| **15:45 – 16:00** | **Coffee break** |

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| **16:00 – 17:15** | **Session 3: *People & communities: Thriving communities in EU coal regions – a way forward***<br><br>*The panel will illustrate and discuss different ways and experiences to involve different local communities and different levels of government in participatory processes for a just transition in coal regions considering the importance of keeping a strong sense of identity and belonging in EU coal regions, and how this sense of community can actually be an advantage in bringing people together to envision a future for the region.*<br><br>**Moderator: Robert Pollock,** *Secretariat of the Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition*<br>**Keynote speech: Lucía Camporro**, *Representative of the Youth Dialogue for Energy Transition Event carried out at the School of Engineering of Mines, Energy and Materials from the University of Oviedo*<br><br>*Panellists:*<br><br>**Enrique Fernández Rodríguez,** *Regional Minister for Industry, Labour and Economic Promotion, Spain.*<br>**Alojz Vlcko,** *Head of Mayor's office City of Prievidza, Slovakia*<br>**Anelia Stefanova**, *Energy Transformation Area Leader, CEE Bankwatch Network*<br>**Begoña Maria-Tomé**, *Just Transition Agreements Coordinator, Just Transition Institute, Spain*<br>**Lucía Camporro,** *Representative of the Youth Dialogue for Energy Transition Event carried out at the School of Engineering of Mines, Energy and Materials from the University of Oviedo.*<br>**Iztok Mori**, *Director of the Municipality of the City of Velenje, Slovenia* |
| **17:15 – 17:30** | **Conclusions and closing remarks by the organisers: Principality of Asturias and European Commission** |
| **20:30** | **Evening Reception** |

**July 8 2022**

*The main event will be followed by a series of* **site visits** *for participants, organised on 8 July by the Principado de Asturias, to find out more about the main challenges and new perspectives of this territory in transition. Information about the site visits can be found below:*

- **Visit to Avilés and Gijón**: *This option involves the visit to the innovation and steel area and includes two facilities: Steel company Arcelor Mittal Research and Innovation Centre in Gijón, and Windar IDESA factory in Avilés (manufacturing of wind energy components and tanks for liquids and oil).*
    - *Distance Oviedo- Avilés: approx. 30 minutes by bus*
    - *Distance Gijón-Avilés: 25 minutes by bus*
    - *Duration of the visit: 5 hours 15 minutes*
    - *Departure from Oviedo: 09:30 local time*
    - *Return to Oviedo: 14:45 local time*
- **Visit to Mieres (La Pereda power plant and geothermal installation of the Mieres University campus)** *This option involves the visit to La Pereda power plant (CO2 capture scale plant) and to HUNOSA (coal state owned company trying to diversify its business). In addition, the geothermal site from Barredo shaft to Mieres urban area will be visited, as well as the university facilities and the Hospital of Mieres.*
    - *Distance Oviedo-Mieres: approx. 25-30 minutes by bus*
    - *Duration of the visit: 4 hours 30 minutes*
    - *Departure from Oviedo: 09:30 local time*
    - *Return to Oviedo: 14:25 local time*
- **Visit to Soto de Ribera** *This option involves the visit to EDP coal plant with two combined cycles. The company is committed to be all green by 2030 and totally coal-free by 2025, evaluating and promoting projects aligned with energy transition in all regions where coal production plants are located. Therefore, they plan to turn this site into a reference centre for the storage of renewable energy, as well as new uses of green hydrogen. Here, the visitor will have the opportunity to understand the proposition that EDP has for a green hydrogen valley in Aboño, where EDP plans to convert this strategic location into the Asturian valley of green hydrogen.*
    - *Distance from Oviedo: 10 minutes by bus*
    - *Duration of the visit: 3 hours*
    - *Departure from Oviedo: 09:30 local time*
    - *Return to Oviedo: 12:30 local time*

*Please note that participants have selected their site visit at the time of registration.*