

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Draft Budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR PILOT PROJECTS/ PREPARATORY ACTIONS (TO BE CONFIRMED BY BUDGETARY AMENDMENT IN SEPTEMBER)

Assessment phase

Title: PP - Pilot Project

Toolkits for Coal platform dialogue participants to develop and accompany local transition strategies

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Section III: Commission

	Commission Draft Budget 2018		Amounts proposed ¹	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Budget Line N° & Heading:	32 02 77 XX Conventional and Renewable Energy			
Appropriations				
Reserve *			2.000.000	1.000.000

(* Note: if you add an amount in reserve, you should also specify the conditions for releasing the reserve under 'remarks')

¹ The ceilings can be consulted in the Financial Regulation, (Article 54 (2) a) and b)) - OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012

NOMENCLATURE:

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REMARKS:

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With its 2011 Low Carbon Economy Roadmap, the European Commission has developed a vision to largely decarbonise the European economy, and has defined concrete steps to get there. The EU has confirmed this commitment, most prominently with the adoption of the Paris Agreement. While keeping in mind that EU Member States have the sole prerogative to determine their national energy mix, this inevitably puts coal mining regions in the focus, that have to deal with the multiple challenges linked to the transition brought about by political decisions, economic realities and citizens aspirations. The Commission is therefore launching a dedicated dialogue in form of a coal platform for regions facing this transition. Activities: Produce a series of toolkits to integrate results of coal platform meetings in order to accompany participants in developing local transition strategies, in the following fields:

- a) Establishing a governance process at local level: How to start an inclusive dialogue with the view to develop common transition vision with local and social partners, civil society, industrial and economic actors, academia, including information on best practices and lessons learnt.
- b) Access funding: A guide on existing EU funds and their possible combination and technical assistance for project aggregation to support the local transition strategies developed.
- c) Employment & growth perspectives: How to accompany the labour market transition process (including re-skilling and retraining as well as targeted support for vulnerable groups) with a regional concept for economic development to attract future-proof, local jobs
- d) Environmental rehabilitation: A guide on how to realise the re-conversion of former sites, including best

JUSTIFICATION:

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Decarbonisation of European regions will not happen without important socio-economic impacts. In its 'Clean energy for all Europeans' communication published in November 2016, the Commission has acknowledged that more tailor-made support is needed for the transition in the coal and carbon-intensive industrial regions. Concerning the coal platform dialogue envisaged, participants shall receive a detailed toolkit, a manual with guidance, contacts and examples to help them develop and accompany the transition in their local/regional environment.