



## **Just Transition Development Plan (SDAM) of the Region of Western Macedonia and the Municipality of Megalopolis in the post-lignite era.**

### **Message from the Chairman of the SDAM Steering Committee**

Dear friends and colleagues,

Kozani, Florina and the Municipality of Megalopolis of Arcadia, belong to the EU regions with the greatest dependence on fossil fuels. These areas face the consequences of multi-annual and unilateral focus on lignite activity, in contrast and to the detriment of all others, but also of the inaction of previous years in preparing a new, balanced and sustainable development model. In this direction, Greece, apart from strong political will and additional financial resources, has, for the first time, a comprehensive strategic plan and a mixture of interventions and measures of economic diversification in areas such as clean energy, industry, technology, education, agriculture, tourism etc. This plan was put up for online public consultation by the Minister of Environment and Energy, Mr. Kostas Hatzidakis until November 10, 2020.

SDAM and its annexes were posted on the consultation [website](#), while all the supporting material was posted on the Steering Committee [website](#) and is available at the following links:

- 1) [Just Transition Development Plan \(EL\)](#)
- 2) [Just Transition Development Plan \(EN\)](#)
- 3) [Supporting material \(Slides\) \(EL\)](#)
- 4) [Supporting material \(Best Practices\) \(EL\)](#)
- 5) [Current situation and prospects for areas in energy transition in Greece \(EL\)](#) (Study from the Institute of Energy for South-East Europe)
- 6) [Current situation and prospects for areas in energy transition in Greece \(EN\)](#) – (Study from the Institute of Energy for South-East Europe)
- 7) [Decarbonisation of production: social-economic impacts and compensatory actions \(EL\)](#) - (Study from the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research)
- 8) [A Road Map for a Managed Transition of Coal-Dependent Regions in Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Study from the WB)
- 9) [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 10) [Repurposing Land and Assets for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 11) [Regional Economic Transition Strategy for Western Macedonia \(\(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 12) [Proposed Governance Arrangements for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 13) [LURA Amytaio for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 14) [Legal Analysis on Special Spatial Plan \(SSP\) for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 15) [Labor Market Diagnostic for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 16) [Green Region Pathway for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 17) [Governance Structure for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 18) [Environmental Report for Western Macedonia \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)
- 19) [Focus Groups of subcontractors and PPC staff in the mining and power sectors \(prepared by sub-contractor\) \(EN\)](#) - (Annex)

Files 5 (EL), 6 (EN) and 7 (EL), concern the analysis of the economic activity, the social conditions and the energy characteristics of the transition areas, including the Aegean islands and Crete, as

well as explore the possible consequences of their decarbonisation, while the challenges and their development needs and prospects are assessed.

The results of the relevant analyses were an important source of information both for the preparation of SDAM, and for the [Territorial Plans under preparation which are provided in the Proposal for a Regulation establishing the Fair Transition Fund](#).

Files 8 - 19 relate to studies carried out by the World Bank in the framework of the project "A Just Transition for All: Preparing for a managed transition of coal-dependent regions in Western Macedonia, Greece", funded by the European Commission, through the Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP).

Note: SDAM is part of the broader framework set by the "[Energy Roadmap for 2050](#)", the "[European Green Deal](#)" and the "[Proposal for a Regulation establishing the Fair Transition Fund](#)" and is prepared in accordance with the "[National Energy Plan and the Climate](#)", as ratified by a [decision](#) of the Government Economic Policy Council and the [Act of the Council of Ministers](#) on the "Establishment, formation and operation of a Government Committee for the Fair Development Transition of the Region of Western Macedonia and the Municipality of Megalopolis in the post-lignite era".