



Technologies & Solutions for Coal Transition

1000-1230 CET

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Driven by the EU climate change agenda, the European Green Deal and a \notin 17.5 billion Just Transition Fund, many countries across Central & Eastern Europe are now tackling the social, environmental and technological challenge of closing down coal-fired power plants and migrating to low carbon energy sources.

Britain's reliance on coal for electricity has fallen from 70% in 1990 to less than 3% today. It was also the first country in the world to commit officially to phasing out its coal operations, by 2024. UK companies have been at the forefront of this process, developing and deploying technologies and solutions to support coal transition, including environmental and social impact assessment; coal methane management; and mine closure and mitigation.

This free DIT CEE webinar will provide a great opportunity for coal mine operators, national coal authorities and other participants in coal transition to hear from UK companies on how their experience and expertise can be applied to challenges in the region.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Tim Buisseret, DIT Country Director Bulgaria (<u>tim.buisseret@fcdo.gov.uk</u>, +359 895 515568) or your local DIT contact.

Agenda

1000-1010	Welcome and introduction Tim Buisseret, Country Director, Dept. for International Trade
1010-1030	Overall management of post-mining heritage Nick Ethelstone, UK <u>Coal Authority</u>
1030-1050	Geothermal heat from abandoned coal mines Alison Monaghan, <u>British Geological</u> <u>Service</u>
1050-1110	Environmental aspects of mine closure Simon Tillotson, <u>ERM</u>
1110-1130	Financing mechanisms for solar PV on post-mining sites Ferenc Kis, <u>RSK</u>
1130-1150	Using coal shafts to store energy Ruth Apps, <u>Gravitricity</u>
1150-1210	UK coal site reclamation projects Henry Lang, <u>Ensure Environmental</u>
1210-1230	Q&A

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