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Subject: socially fair energy transition

Euracoal informed that they are preparing a study on skills and competences in the Sectorial Social Dialogue Committee on extractive industries that will look into the issue of how the energy transition impacts the necessary skills in the mining sector. This will be discussed at the November meeting of the social partners.

Euracoal gave a short overview of the coal mining sector in Europe (in DE, PL, ES, RO and CZ) pointing to the dire economic situation of the sector due to low international coal prices (with no prospect of prices increasing in the 2020 perspective). It is mostly due to the global coal prices (60% fall in prices in the last 3 years) rather than decarbonisation that the sector is currently under strain. Euracoal stressed the positive example of Germany where the transition in the coal mining sector was going relatively smoothly. Euracoal has also engaged in the discussion at national stage about the need of restructuring (best-practices conference organised in 2015).

Euracoal advocates the need for an action plan on coal so that there is minimum predictability to investors.

Euracoal appreciates the yearly Coal Dialogue with the COM services. This year the dialogue could include the issues of transition and globalisation adjustment of the mining sector.

COM considers that some predictability should be possible on the basis of national climate and energy plans that should be drafted by 2017 (and finalised in 2018), COM invited Euracoal to liaise with national authorities to this end.

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