



Just Transition Fund

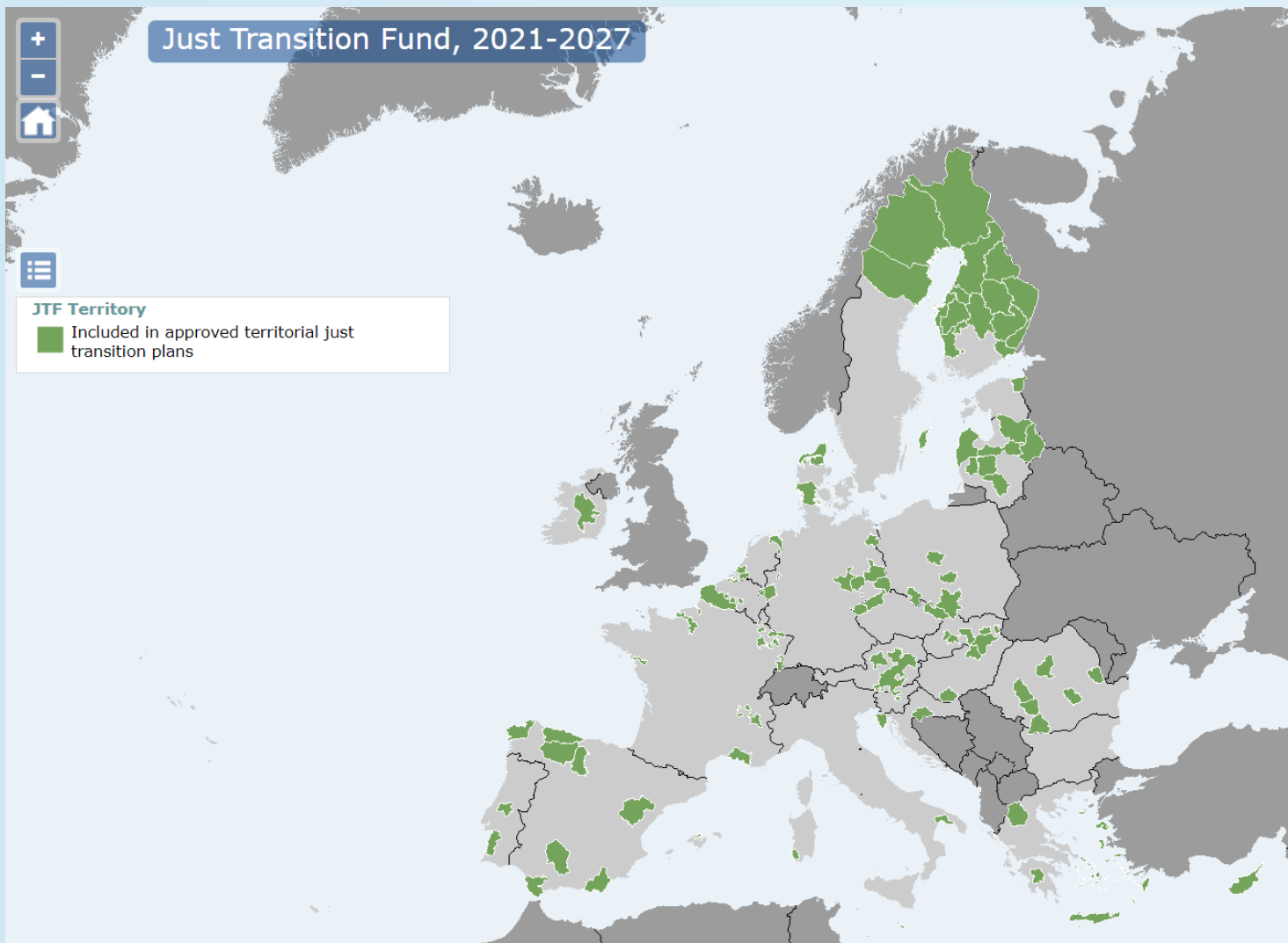
Looking ahead at implementation

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Just Transition Fund (JTF) programming: where are we?



- JTF programmes adopted for **26 MS** (stand-alone JTF programmes in CZ, DK, EL, ES, IE, IT, NL, RO, SE)
- **67 territorial just transition plans** for 96 territories
- **EUR 25.4 billion** (incl. co-funding)
- Discover the territories and plans: https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/funding/jtf/just-transition-platform

Planned investments from the JTF

- Priorities:

- **Economic diversification and support to SMEs:** EUR 5.4 billion **30%**
- **Skills and job-search assistance:** EUR 3.1 billion **17%**
- Energy: EUR 3 billion
- Research and innovation: EUR 1.9 billion
- Regeneration of sites: EUR 1.6 billion
- Circular economy: EUR 669 million
- Productive investments in large enterprises: EUR 576 million
- ...

- Allocations to types of investments updated in real time on **Cohesion Open Data Platform** → <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/funds/jtf/21-27>

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Example of project planning:

First JTF project selected (Estonia)

- Ida-Virumaa (EE): programme adopted 10 October 2022, first project selected 9 November 2022
- Construction of rare-earth magnet factory (Neo Performance Materials), to be completed by 2025
- Creation of up to 1000 new jobs
- JTF contribution: EUR 18.75 million (total investment over EUR 100 million)

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Example of stakeholder involvement:

Just Transition Agreements in Spain

- JTF complements and strengthens Spanish national Just Transition Strategy (2019), Climate Change Law and sectorial agreements
- Just Transition Agreements (2019-2021):
 - Analysis and measures for 13 specific areas directly impacted
 - **Multi-level governance** involving national, regional and local administrations, socio-economic partners and **public participation**
- Impact on JTF implementation:
 - Coordination between levels of government
 - **High level of stakeholder involvement**
 - Territorial focus and **local ownership** of just transition process



EUR 869 million, 1 JTF programme, 1 plan covering 9 territories

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- Complementarities between **all pillars of the Just Transition Mechanism**
- How can we **assist you**?

The Just Transition Platform (JTP)

- Assist all stakeholders in accessing available support:
 - **JTP conferences** (next: October 2023)
 - **Working groups** for carbon-intensive regions (steel, cement, chemicals and stakeholder involvement)
 - **JTP Groundwork**: assistance to JTF regions on the ground
 - Webpage with knowledge products and helpdesk
- Coming soon:
 - **JTPeers**: exchange programme and peer-to-peer learning
 - Database of projects and experts
- Link to Coal Regions in Transition initiative



Example of assistance to beneficiaries:

Just Transition Centres in Slovenia

- New entities set up within regional development agencies of both JTF regions
- Central coordination role between Managing Authority (national ministry) and local level
- Key tasks:
 - training and capacity-building for beneficiaries
 - support preparation, management and monitoring of projects
 - set up local partnerships for the implementation of projects
 - focal point for all stakeholders and the wider public
 - ...



EUR 258 million, multi-fund programme, 2 plans (SAŠA and Zasavje regions)

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