



# Transformation of the upper Nitra region: Action plan

Coal regions in transition initiative





# Upper Nitra-background

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Upper Nitra region is historical industrial region focused mainly on lignite mining and related economic activities such as power plant, etc.

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Other important areas are electrical engineering, chemistry, plastics, footwear, textiles, etc.

# UPPER NITRA

## Districts

number of towns

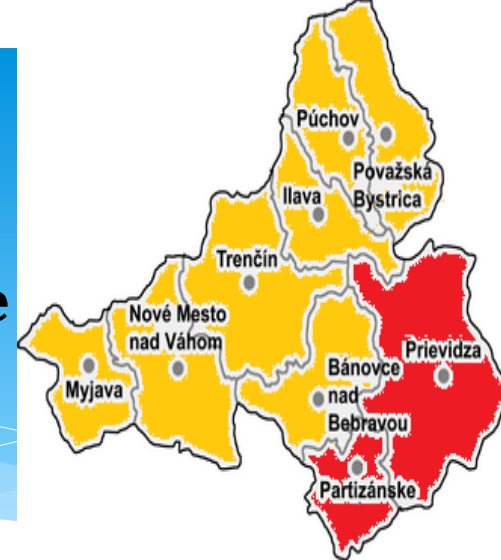
number of municipalities

Prievidza

Partizánske

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70



share of the

region:

**Area**

**1 261 km<sup>2</sup>**

**28%**

**Population (2016)**

**181 655 persons**

**30,82%**

of which: aged 0-14

23 156

aged 15-64 years

127 821

aged 65 and more

30 638

**Decrease of population 2007-2016**

**- 4 576 persons**

**42,75%**

of which net migration

- 1 738 persons

66,06%



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| <b>Employees of the Upper Nitra Mines Group</b> | <b>4 017 persons</b> |
| of which for coal mining directly linked        | 3 244 persons        |
| Follow-up activities                            | cca 7 000 persons    |

**Total number of employees in connection with  
HBP (the Upper Nitra Mines Group)      cca 11 000 persons**

# Current state

5. 2. 2018

- the first meeting of representatives of the European Commission, the Government of the Slovak Republic, the public administration and the private sector to transform the Upper Nitra region

X. 2017-II.  
2018

- drawing up a JRC pilot study for Horná Nitra by the European Commission - Practical guidance during a challenging socio-economic change process in transition regions with coal

Spring,  
summer  
2018

- many other working meetings of regional and local actors, representatives of the public administration, the private sector, the European Commission

June -  
September  
2018

- approved methodology and structure of AP for transformation of Upper Nitra
- approved priorities, goals, and AP pillars for Upper Nitra transformation



The general objective of expert participation in the Action Plan is economic diversification and job creation in the Upper Nitra region to improve cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation and investment.

- the first official meeting with EC experts, on the basis of the tender, kick off meeting
- Presentations and proposals for further work progress

The specific objective is to support the region in addressing the three key challenges of its transition from coal: - diversification of the economy - replacement of coal heating - reclamation of mining land

# The following milestones


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The participation of experts in the preparation of the AP will be mainly in the areas:

-  economic development, environmental management, employment and social services
-  state aid for the renovation of environmentally handicapped areas and the rehabilitation of the landscape
-  preparation of study visits for representatives of Slovak authorities in coal-fired regions in transition or after their transition in other Member States (France / Belgium, Germany / Greece)
-  preparation of scenario and schemes for rehabilitation of coal mines and environmental impacts and landscape rehabilitation
-  support for the development visions of transformation and economic diversification of the region, to identify economic sectors that might arise as a substitute for coal mining.



# The following milestones




I. 2019 – II.  
2019

Presentation of the  
draft Action Plan to  
the public through  
public hearings



III. 2019

Comments on the  
Action Plan from  
the relevant  
ministries



first quarter  
2019

Presentation of the  
Action Plan for the  
Government of the  
Slovak Republic



# Thank you for your attention



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