European Commission

JTPeers Exchange

APPLICATION FORM – SPRING 2024

Regional and Urban Policy

Application form (done via EU Survey)

JTPeers Exchange – Call for regional practitioners to join exchanges of the Just Transition Platform (JTP)

The European Commission invites relevant Just Transition Fund (JTF) regional practitioners from public authorities, civil society, and socio-economic actors active in JTF territories to participate in the JTP's peer-exchange programme: JTPeers Exchange. This call is open for experienced institutions and organisations working towards Territorial Just Transition Plan (TJTP) implementation in relevant territories, whose expertise helps to implement just transition in carbon-intensive territories across the EU.

Interested regions can apply individually or jointly with up to three JTF regions. If applying individually, applicants will be matched with a suitable counterpart from the pool of applicants. A joint application is intended to leverage existing cooperation between JTF regions and suitable in cases where regions already have preferences on who they would like to exchange with on a given topic.

The only valid way to apply is via this EU Survey questionnaire for individual applications for JTPeers Exchange by the deadline of submission: **1 March 2024 at 23:00 CET.**
If you prefer applying jointly with other regions, please use this form for joint applications.

The JTPeers Exchange programme consists of facilitated knowledge-sharing between one eligible JTF territory and counterparts from one or two other eligible territories or a just transition expert.

While validating these applications for JTPeers Exchange, the European Commission will focus primarily on urgent needs and relevant professional experience, while also ensuring meaningful gender balance among participants.

More information about JTPeers Exchange
For a full list of possible themes, formats, activities, etc., please see the website text and FAQ. For any questions about this process, please refer to the links above or contact us: JTPeers@justtransitionplatform.eu

Privacy statement agreement

☐ By checking this box, you confirm that you have read the privacy statement and that you consent to personal data provided in this application being processed as described therein.

Part A – General information about the main applicant to JTPeers Exchange
1. EU Member State _____

2. JTF region _____

3. City/municipality _____

4. Applicant institution/organisation/company _____

5. Type of applicant. Please indicate which sector the main applicant represents:

- Local public authority

- Regional public authority

- National public authority

- Relevant body representing civil society (e.g., NGO, CSO, Association)

- Development, innovation, energy or similar type of agency/body

- Trade union organisation

- Research organisation or university

- Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME)

- Large enterprise

- Body representing socio-economic actors

- Other _____ {max 300 characters}

6. Which other specific stakeholders from your territory would you include in your delegation if selected for JTPeers Exchange (i.e. relevant sector, position of stakeholder)?_____ {max 500 characters}

7. Primary contact person for this application meant to commit her/his capacities as the dedicated lead, if selected for JTPeers Exchange:

Note: The primary contact person needs to devote her/his capacity to project meetings during the duration of the exchange, contact and engagement with relevant stakeholders and participate in the co-creation of the exchange.

7.1 Full name

7.2 Gender (m/f/d)

7.3 Current profession/function/job title

7.4 Division/department _____

7.5 Email address _____

7.6 Telephone number (for our purposes only) _____

8. Please select your level of English proficiency (please note that C1-level English is generally considered the minimum to ensure effective work for exchanges):

- C2

- C1

- B2 or lower

9. Which additional languages do you speak and write (at least C1 level), also indicating your native language(s)? _____

10. How did you learn about this call?

- DG REGIO website

- From EU official counterpart

- JTP newsletter

- Through social media

- Other, please specify: _____

Part B – Shareable experience in just transition processes and other related topics

The JTF only supports activities that are directly linked to its specific objective of 'enabling regions and people to address the social, employment, economic and environmental impacts of the transition towards the Union's 2030 targets for energy and climate and a climate-neutral economy of the Union by 2050, based on the Paris Agreement'.[1]

1. Does the main applicant have experience in directly preparing content within Territorial Just Transition Plans (TJTPs) or leveraging other JTM resources for the territory? If not directly, how have you contributed to just transition in your territory so far? Please specify the exact activities and engagement, including naming relevant EU programmes or initiatives if applicable. _____ {max 500 characters}

2. Please select your primary topical expertise (up to 2) which may be an asset to others learning via JTPeers Exchange, if selected. Please refer to the FAQ for more details about these topics.

   - Upskilling and reskilling of workers and jobseekers, vocational training, lifelong learning and formal education

   - Green economic diversification and job creation (incl. SMEs, start-ups, business incubators, etc.)

   - Job-search assistance and active inclusion of jobseekers

   - Circular economy (incl. waste prevention, resource efficiency, repair, etc.)

   - Clean and affordable energy (incl. renewables, efficiency, storage, heating & cooling, energy poverty, etc.)

   - Decarbonisation of industry (incl. mobility/transport, emission reductions, ETS activities, etc.)

   - Regeneration and decontamination of brownfields, land restoration, nature-based solutions, and site repurposing

   - Research and innovation

   - Digitalisation and digital connectivity

   - Social inclusion and policies aimed at alleviating the transition process for communities, incl. the gender dimension

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[1] REGULATION (EU) 2021/1056 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 June 2021 establishing the Just Transition Fund [2021] OJ L231/6.

- Other _____ {max 300 characters}

3. Please describe relevant direct experiences (e.g., projects, programmes, policies, strategies, etc. as well as their outputs and impacts) that can benefit others during the exchange. _____ {max 1000 characters}

Part C – Your proposal to participate in the JTPeers Exchange programme

Please answer the following questions about the kinds of just transition expertise and insights which your proposed delegation seeks to gain to positively impact TJTP implementation on the ground in your territory.

1. We are seeking a:

    - **Region-to-region exchange.** *Region-region exchanges take place between two or three JTF regions. They are intended for regions to exchange experiences on up to three topics and are based on a co-learning approach, meaning that each participating region acts as mentor as well as mentee. This type of exchange typically takes place in person.*

    - **Expert-to-region exchange.** *Expert-region exchanges take place between one just transition expert and up to three JTF regions. They are intended for regions seeking advice on one specific topic or question. Based on the topical focus indicated in this application, you can name a suitable expert from the JTPeers Experts Database below. If you do not yet have a specific expert in mind, the JTPeers team will select a suitable expert from the database. Exchanges can take place online or in-person.*

        i. Optionally name up to two experts listed in the JTPeers Experts Database you would like to be matched with in an expert-region exchange _____

2. Which primary topics (up to two) does your proposed delegation wish to learn more about via JTPeers Exchange to overcome key challenges in your territory? Please refer to the FAQ for more details about these topics.

    - Upskilling and reskilling of workers and jobseekers, vocational training, lifelong learning, and formal education

    - Green economic diversification and job creation (incl. SMEs, start-ups, business incubators, etc.)

    - Job-search assistance and active inclusion of jobseekers

    - Circular economy (incl. waste prevention, resource efficiency, repair, etc.)

    - Clean and affordable energy (incl. renewables, efficiency, storage, heating & cooling, energy poverty, etc.)

    - Decarbonisation of industry (incl. mobility/transport, emission reductions, ETS activities, etc.)

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- Social inclusion and policies aimed at alleviating the transition process for communities, incl. the gender dimension

- Other _____ {max 300 characters}

3. Please elaborate on the most urgent needs of your region, as selected in the above questions. Please write as specifically and concisely as possible, including aspects such as: why you need the proposed exchange, for what exactly it is needed (e.g. which specific JTF-eligible projects) and how it relates to your Territorial Just Transition Plan. You can also specify concrete questions you would like to have answered as a result of the exchange activities. _____ {max 1000 characters}

4. How do you intend to disseminate the knowledge gained from the exchange activities to other key stakeholders? _____ {max 500 characters}