

Commission

# **JTPeers** Exchange

## JOINT APPLICATION FORM - SPRING 2024

Regional and Urban Policy

### Joint 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 coal and carbon intensive JTF 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 jointly is via this EU Survey questionnaire for JTPeers Exchange by the deadline of submission: **1 March 2024 at 23:00 CET.** If you prefer applying individually, please use <u>this form for individual applications</u> instead.

The JTPeers Exchange programme consists of facilitated knowledge-sharing between one eligible JTF territory and counterparts from one or two other eligible JTF 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: <u>JTPeers@justtransitionplatform.eu</u>

#### Privacy statement agreement



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

#### Part A – Profile of Region 1

- 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. Please explain how your institution/entity is involved in JTF implementation. \_\_\_\_\_\_ {max 300 characters}
- Which other specific stakeholders from your territory would you include in your delegation if selected for JTPeers Exchange? \_\_\_\_\_ {max 500 characters}
- 8. Primary contact person for this application meant to commit her/his capacities as the dedicated lead, if selected for JTPeers 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. 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
- 10. Which additional languages do you speak and write (at least C1 level), also indicating your native language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. How did you learn about this call?
  - DG REGIO website
  - From EU official counterpart

- JTP newsletter
- Through social media
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Part B – Profile of Region 2

- 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. Please explain how your institution/entity is involved in JTF implementation. \_\_\_\_\_\_ {max 300 characters}
- Which other specific stakeholders from your territory would you prioritise including within your delegation if selected for JTPeers Exchange? \_\_\_\_\_ {max 500 characters}
- 8. Primary contact person for this application meant to commit her/his capacities as the dedicated lead, if selected for JTPeers Exchange:
  - a. Full name
  - b. Gender (m/f/d)
  - c. Current profession/function/job title
  - d. Division/department \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Email address \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Telephone number (for our purposes only) \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. How did you learn about this call?

- DG REGIO website
- From EU official counterpart
- JTP newsletter
- Through social media
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_

### Part C – Profile of Region 3 (if applicable)

Only needs to be filled in if three regions apply jointly.

- 12. EU Member State \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. JTF region \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. City/municipality \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Applicant institution/organisation/company \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. 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}

17. Please explain how your institution/entity is involved in JTF implementation. \_\_\_\_\_\_ {max 300 characters}

- 18. Which other stakeholders from your territory would you include including within your delegation if selected for JTPeers Exchange? . \_\_\_\_\_ {max 500 characters}
- 19. Primary contact person for this application meant to commit her/his capacities as the dedicated lead, if selected for JTPeers Exchange:
  - a. Full name
  - b. Gender (m/f/d)
  - c. Current profession/function/job title
  - d. Division/department \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Email address \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Telephone number (for our purposes only) \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. 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
- 21. Which additional languages do you speak and write (at least C1 level), also indicating your native language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. How did you learn about this call?
  - DG REGIO website
  - From EU official counterpart
  - JTP newsletter
  - Through social media
  - Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Part D – Focus and structure of the exchange: Please fill in together

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'.<sup>1</sup>

D.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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

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

D.2 Which primary topics (up to two) does your proposed delegation wish to exchange about via JTPeers Exchange to overcome key challenges in your territories? 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
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ {max 300 characters}

D.3 Please elaborate on the most urgent needs of your regions, as selected above. You can also specify concrete questions you would like to have answered as a result of the exchange activities. \_\_\_\_\_ {max 1000 characters}

D.4 Please explain proposed roles within the exchange and elaborate on the knowledge you can offer each other respectively. \_\_\_\_\_ {max 1000 characters}

D.5 How will the results of the exchange activities contribute to TJTP project implementation in your regions? Please be as specific as possible about expected results, concrete outputs or other useful impacts benefiting your territories? \_\_\_\_\_ {max 1000 characters}

Part E – Motivation and previous experience - Please fill in together

E.1 What is your motivation for applying jointly to JTPeers Exchange? \_\_\_\_\_\_ {max 1000 characters}

E.2 Do the jointly applying regions already have experience – whether ongoing or in the past – formally cooperating with one another on the just transition or other topics?

- □ Yes
- $\Box$  No
- □ If yes, please explain briefly and specify whether these experiences were in the context of EU programmes. *{max 1000 characters}*

