



Programme 2nd Forum of Mayors 11-13 September 2019



11 September 2019

Arrival

12 September 2019

Venue: Soziokulturelles Zentrum Telux, Strasse der Einheit 20, 02943 Weisswasser

08:30-08:45 Arrival

09:00-09:15 **Welcome and Introduction**

Torsten Pöttsch, Mayor of Weisswasser/O.L.

Michael Schäfer, Head of Climate and Energy, WWF Germany

09:15-09:35 **Successful transition projects in Weisswasser**

Torsten Pöttsch, Mayor of Weisswasser/O.L.

09:35-09:50 **WWF documentary film on Just Transition in Lusatia**

09:50-10:10 **Introduction to the Forum of Mayors and the
Declaration of Mayors on Just Transition**

Lefteris Ioannidis, former mayor of Kozani (Greece)

10:10-10:20 **Governance of Transition**

Philipp Steinberg, Director General Economic Policy, German Federal Ministry
for Economic Affairs and Energy

10:20-10:30 **Just Transition**

Petros Kokkalis, member of the European Parliament

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 **Challenges and solutions of a transition from coal: inputs on different
aspects from the affected municipalities**

Collaboration between municipalities – Example of the Jiu Valley

Vasile Jurca, mayor of Petrila (RO)

Starting from ground zero after coal

Elza Velichkova, mayor of Bobov Dol (BG)

**Working together with civil society to promote transition and quality of life
in the region**

Evelyn Bodenmeier, Lausitzer Perspektiven (DE)



- 12:00-13:00 **World Café – Exchange and discussion in small groups on challenges of a transition from coal mining**
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
“Alte Schmiede”, SKZ Telux, Straße der Einheit 20, 02943 Weisswasser
- 14:00-18:00 **Field Trip**
- Visit to the opencast mine Nochten, panoramic view from tower “Turm am Schweren Berg” in Weisswasser/O.L.
 - Visit to recultivated site at Bärwalder See lake in Boxberg
 - Visit to the ice hockey arena „wee-Eisarena in Weißwasser/O.L.“
- 18:00-19:00 Break
Hotel Kristall
- 19:30 Dinner
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13 September 2019

Venue: Ministry of Environment (Berlin) and WWF Germany

- 7:30 **Meet outside the hotel** for transfer to Berlin
- 10:30-11:30 **Meeting of the Mayors with Ms. Svenja Schulze, German Minister for the Environment**
Ministry of Environment (BMU)
Stresemannstraße 128-130, 10117 Berlin
- 11:30-12:00 **Press briefing with Ms. Svenja Schulze, German Minister for the Environment**
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- 12:15-13:00 Lunch
Ministry of Environment canteen
Stresemannstraße 128-130, 10117 Berlin
- 13:00-13:30 Transfer between BMU and WWF
- 13:30-16:00 **Final Discussion**
Finalise and adopt the Declaration of Mayors on Just Transition
WWF Deutschland, Reinhardtstraße 18, 10117 Berlin