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About us



The **Revierwende** project was launched by the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) in September 2021. Its aim is to help shape the future of the coal-mining regions together with local people.

With the 2019 **coal compromise**, it was decided that coal-fired power generation would be phased out by 2038 at the latest. This is an important step in the energy transition and a major challenge for the affected regions. More than **40 billion euros** are being channelled into structural change, representing a unique opportunity for the regions.

Revierwende places employees at the centre of its work. This is because the phase-out of coal will reshape regional economic structures, lead to job losses and require workers to transition into new lines of work. Together with the DGB and its member unions, we support employees and works and staff councils by bringing their knowledge and expertise into the transformation process. Together, we aim to build momentum for a sustainable future and resilient regions.

The project is active at six locations across Germany, from Cottbus to Saarbrücken, and is funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE).



Background



“No one will be left without a job” – this was the demand put forward by the DGB, IGBCE and ver.di during the 2018 negotiations of the Commission on Growth, Structural Change and Employment (KWSB). The aim is to ensure the coal phase-out is socially acceptable, safeguard the energy supply and create new, sustainable jobs.

The **coal compromise** followed in 2019, setting a deadline of 2038 at the latest for the phase-out of coal-fired power generation.

In 2020, the recommendations were written into law with the Coal-fired Power Generation Termination Act (KVBG) and the Structural Development Act (StStG). This made more than **40 billion euros** available to the mining regions for future investment.

The impact of the funding in the regions is scientifically assessed at regular intervals. The results of the assessments are published.

Then, in December 2022, the federal government, the state of NRW and RWE agreed to bring forward the **coal phase-out in the Rhenish mining region to 2030**. This decision means that structural change there will have to be implemented in an even shorter timeframe.

Our work



Revierwende is present on the ground, at the heart of the coal regions and close to the people. Employees can turn to our local offices for advice and support on all aspects of structural change. A coordination office brings together experience from all regions and addresses cross-cutting issues as well as European and international contacts. In this way, we combine strong local roots with a supra-regional perspective.

Revierwende connects

We bring people together to talk about structural change and its prospects. Whether at conferences, in workshops or through works council networks, we create spaces for exchange: How can regions be made fit for the future? How can skilled workers be trained and retained? How can good jobs – with collective bargaining and co-determination – remain in the regions? As a platform, we bring together stakeholders in the regions, across Germany and beyond.

Revierwende advises

We support works and staff councils as well as employees with in-depth expertise on the upcoming structural change. To this end, we commission studies and expert reports and make the findings available to our partners as a sound basis for decisions on an equal footing. We promote practical, real-world solutions through dialogue with European and international partners.

Revierwende helps shape the future

We make change visible and tangible for employees. At the same time, we are strengthening the cultural identity of the regions, for example through tours that show how they are evolving. Together with local people, we explore individual future prospects and the possibilities that change brings. In this way, we create opportunities for people to voice their expectations and actively shape the development of their regions.

June 2018

KWSB begins work

January 2019

Coal compromise announced

August 2020

KVBG and StStG enter into force

September 2021

Revierwende launched

August 2023

First assessment report published

September 2025

Revierwende 2.0 begins

2030

Early coal phase-out in NRW

2038

Germany-wide coal phase-out