



Just Transition in the Energy Sector -Experiences from Germany, Spain and Worldwide-

Monday, December 9, 2019, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Venue: German Pavilion, Hall 6 Stand 6B15, COP 25, Madrid

The climate debate has shifted. Whether climate protection is necessary is not the question anymore, but rather what it can look like. Climate protection measures are a great challenge for employees and regions and drive structural change. Around the world, trade unions discuss how to shape structural change and actively participate in the transformation. We need robust strategies to bring climate protection, decent work and sustainable prosperity together. A recipe for success with regard to adaptation and avoidance strategies is the involvement of the relevant actors who, with their knowledge and experience, can develop reliable results while balancing conflicting goals. Thus, they are contributing to strengthening acceptance and social balance. The compromises over a coal phase-out in Spain and Germany can be examples of a successful process in this regard. Both processes are of interest far beyond both countries. The event serves to exchange experiences - even beyond the borders of Europe.

11:00 Uhr Welcome

Stefan Körzell, Member of the Executive Board of the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB)

11:05 Uhr Keynote

Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary at the Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

**11:20 Uhr Panel Discussion:
Lessons Learned – Transition of the Energy Sector –**

Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary at the Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

Teresa Ribera, Spanish Minister for the Ecological Transition (MITECO)

Samantha Smith, Director of the Just Transition Centre, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Pepe Alvarez Suarez, General Secretary of the Spanish Trade Union Confederation (UGT)

Stefan Körzell, Member of the Executive Board of the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB)

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