



# JTF state of play and lessons

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# State of play JTF February 2024

Upward trend in implementation

- Project selection rate doubled since December 23 to 6.1%
- Half of the JTF allocation is in calls

Project cycle kicks in: JTF implementation is expected to gain significant pace in the coming months.

Project pipelines through targeted TA of Just Transition Platform and JASPERS.

# Bottlenecks of implementation

- MS with weak or instable institutions have problems with starting the implementation
- Limited planning and implementation capacities of beneficiaries lead to delays
- Complex state aid cases continue to be a daunting challenge for MS
- Limited capacities in Managing Authorities to adapt calls to rapidly changing circumstances

# Project examples

- Slovakia: Geothermal district heating plant, Košice
- Greece: Bioeconomy Hub 360°, Megalopoli
- Netherlands: Project Greenwise Campus, Groningen
- Sweden: H2-Labs, Norbotten

# Lessons

- Focus on the most vulnerable territories
- Advancement of transition
- Integrated approach
- Strengthened partnership
- Strategic approach based on strong analysis
- Targeted territorial scope and conditionality of transition
- Visibility
- Just transition mechanism

# Conclusions

- Transition needs a cohesion focus
- JTF provides a proven strategic framework for involving local stakeholders
- Method allows focusing on the most vulnerable territories/sectors
- Integrated and targeted approach
- Transitions need to come with strong and targeted technical assistance

Thank you