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A Green Energy Transition: Leveraging Competitive Advantages of Coal Mines

This lecture explores the results of three EU projects focused on sustainable business models for the utilisation of former mineworkings.

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Lecture Abstract

This lecture presents three projects funded by the Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS) linked to the objectives of the European Green Deal, aiming to achieve in the EU no net emissions of greenhouse gases in 2050 and with economic growth decoupled from resource use.

First, the POTENTIALS project focuses on the repurposing of end-of-life underground coal mines, identifying and assessing the development of new business models relying on renewable energy and contributing to the circular economy.

Second, the GreenJOBS project develops some of these business models by leveraging five competitive advantages of end-of-life underground coal mines: (1) mine water for geothermal and green hydrogen; (2) connections to the grid to inject the electricity produced; (3) large waste heap areas for installing photovoltaic/wind; (4) deep infrastructure suitable for unconventional pumped hydro storage using dense fluids; (5) fine coal waste for recycling into dense fluids, soil substitutes for restoration and rare earths.

Finally, the RECOVERY project presents a novel approach to land rehabilitation of coal mining waste heaps with intensive eroded slopes and highly acidic character, by developing artificial soils using industrial by-products and wastes produced during the extraction and combustion of coal, as well as organic waste materials.

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18:05 to 18:50 - Lecture Starts

18:50 to 19:30 - Q & A

19:30 - Event ends and end of live stream

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