

# **Spotlight on Lusatia**

A German lignite mining area between just transition and a pilot region

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# Agenda

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Lusatia Future vision Just Transition Pilot region Conclusion

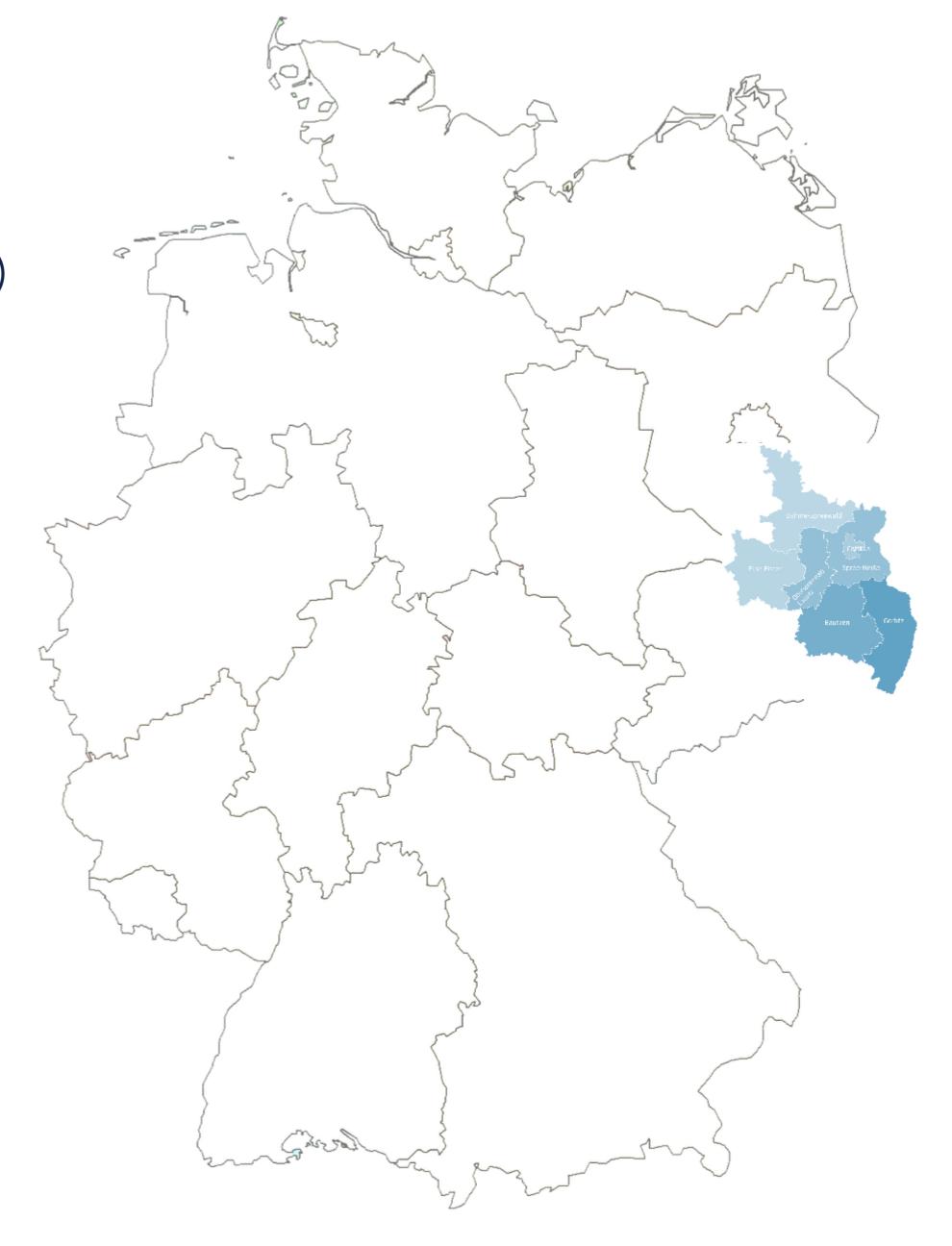
Key facts From the region Aspects of stakeholders Possibilities for other regions





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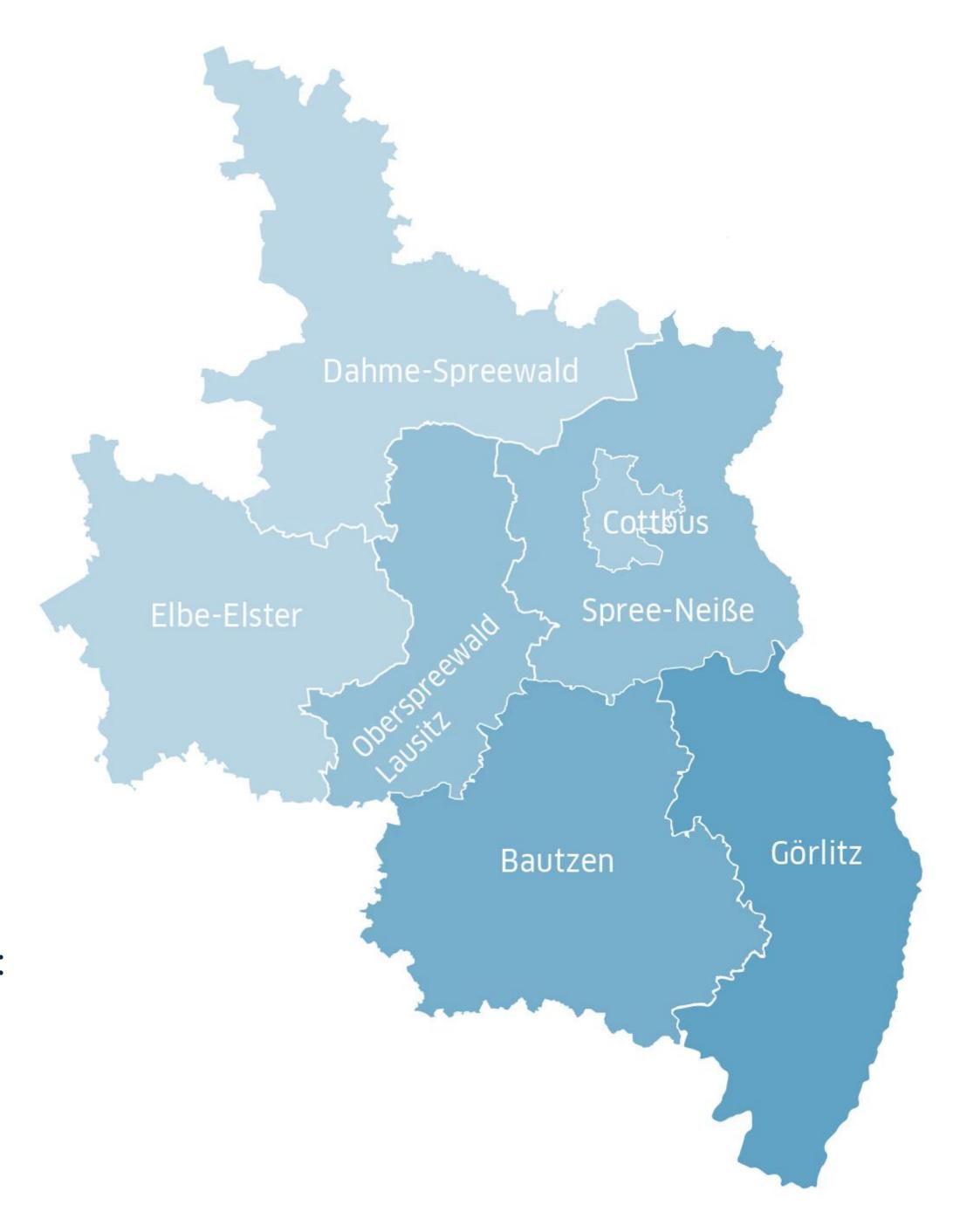




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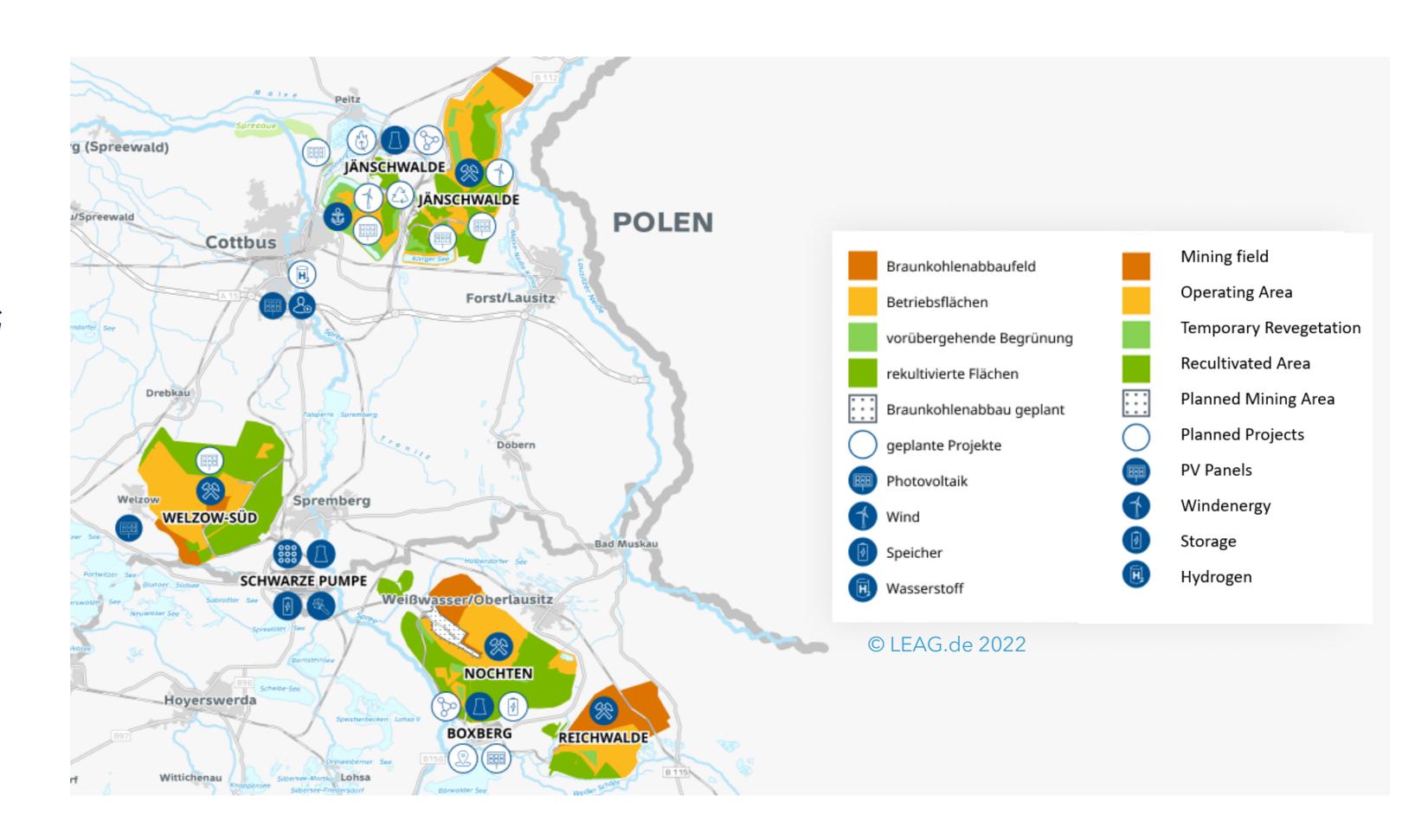
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- First lignite mining by hand 1789
- Open pit mining 1890
- Comission for growth, structural change and employment:
  - Latest phase out by 2038
  - 40 Billion €





## Mining Area

- Coal mining and power company: LEAG Lausitzer Energie Bergbau AG
- 7000 employees
- 45 TWh Energy in 2021
- 48,5 Mio t lignite dredged in 2022





# 2. Future: The visions for the region (by local stakeholders)

	Sustainability	Working together on sustainable and durable projects in core-affected areas
	Infrastructure	Innovative mobility, local supply, culture and sports
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	Efficiency	Plan, implement and evaluate quickly visible and sustainable projects
	Science & Research	Expansion of the scientific structure beyond the previous topics of energy and raw materials
++++	Healthcare	Training/study of medical doctors and a perspective for them to stay in rural areas
	Labeling	Establish Lusatia as a brand in order to attract tourism, newcomers and skilled workers.

# 3. Just Transition (conclusions REBOOST project)





### 4. Pilot region .. (presentation and discussion @ Überlandfestival Görlitz 2022)

## Citizen Survey

#### **Lausitz Monitor**

Representative survey with + 1000 respondents



### Recultivation

#### **Planning**

Included in proposal for dredging and check of financial background



## **Diversity**

#### NGOs

Fight for joint and divers transformation



### Culture

### History

Valuing coal as a visible identity



### Tourism

#### **Attractivity**

Reconstruction, mobility, uniqueness



## **Participation**

#### Community

Create anchor places as social support points



### 5. Conclusion

- Phase out by 2038 to late for Paris Agreement
- Less coal mining in Germany » more coal import from Global South
- Sustainable energy only effective with acceptance
- Stable energy supply
- EU wide regulations
- Networking and exchanges helpful
- Planned and structured phase out is applicable
- Integration of social dimensions of transition needed





# Thank you for your attention

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