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**Question for written answer E-000517/25
to the Commission
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Subject: State of play of the implementation of the Just Transition Mechanism in West Macedonia

As Greece implements one of the fastest lignite phase-outs in the EU, the consequences for the inhabitants of the regional units of Kozani, Grevena, Kastoria and Florina in the Region of West Macedonia have been dire, despite the relevant EU initiatives. This is because the EUR 7.5 billion that the Greek Government has been promising since 2021 has not yet reached the real local economy.

In view of the manifold effects this has already had on the economic and social life of West Macedonia and the fact that no official Greek source has provided any information on the state of play of the implementation of the Just Transition Mechanism's second and third pillars, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How many and which projects in West Macedonia have been included in InvestEU and the Public Sector Loan Facility (PSLF)?
2. Is it aware of proposals for projects in West Macedonia that have either been submitted but not yet included or that are about to be submitted to receive support from InvestEU and the PSLF? If so, what are their respective characteristics?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
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1. As regards Pillar II of the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM) the project 'Kozani 230 megawatt photovoltaic', which is receiving EUR 40 million, aims to set up three solar photovoltaic powerplants, of which the first is already operational. The European Investment Bank (EIB) also finances another investment worth EUR 195 million in the same domain, to be partially implemented in the region.

Concerning Pillar III of the JTM, one project is being implemented in the region — 'Socioeconomic Transition of Western Macedonia ⁽¹⁾'. The project comprises 15 sub-projects in five different areas of investments, including energy efficiency, renewable energy sources integration, measures upgrading buildings or urban renewal. The project is implemented by the region, acting as coordinator for six municipalities. The EU grant and the EIB loan for the project amount to EUR 14 million and EUR 58 million, respectively. The project started on 1 November 2023 and is due to end on 31 October 2026. 15 permanent jobs are expected to be created.

2. The last cut-off date of the first call under Public Sector Loan Facility (PSLF) was on 11 September 2025. Western Macedonia submitted a multi-sectoral grant application underlying a project designed with the assistance of the EIB Advisory Hub. The grant application totals to EUR 19.8 million. The proposal is under evaluation until the beginning of December 2025.

⁽¹⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/44773066/101137296/JTM?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=10&sortBy=es_SortDate&frameworkProgramme=44773066.