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The core mission of the Just Transition Fund to address the social, employment, economic, and environmental impacts of the transition towards a climate-neutral economy has been fully integrated into the scope of the future National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRP Plans) for 2028-2034 through various specific objectives, including the specific objective to support a just transition towards the Union's 2030, 2040 and 2050 targets for energy and climate¹.

The Commission proposal² for the NRP Plans also provides for a possibility to support territorial just transition strategies. This new framework gives more flexibility to Member States to tailor the Plans to the specific challenges and needs of the different regions and territories.

While there is no dedicated funding nor earmarking for coal-mining regions in the next Multiannual Financial Framework, Member States are required to explain how their Plan will effectively contribute to territorial tools, including territorial just transition strategies where relevant. Member States are also required to contribute to all specific objectives identified in the proposal, including the one to support a just transition.

¹ Article 3 (1)(a) ((iii) of the Commission proposal COM(2025) 565.

² COM(2025) 565.