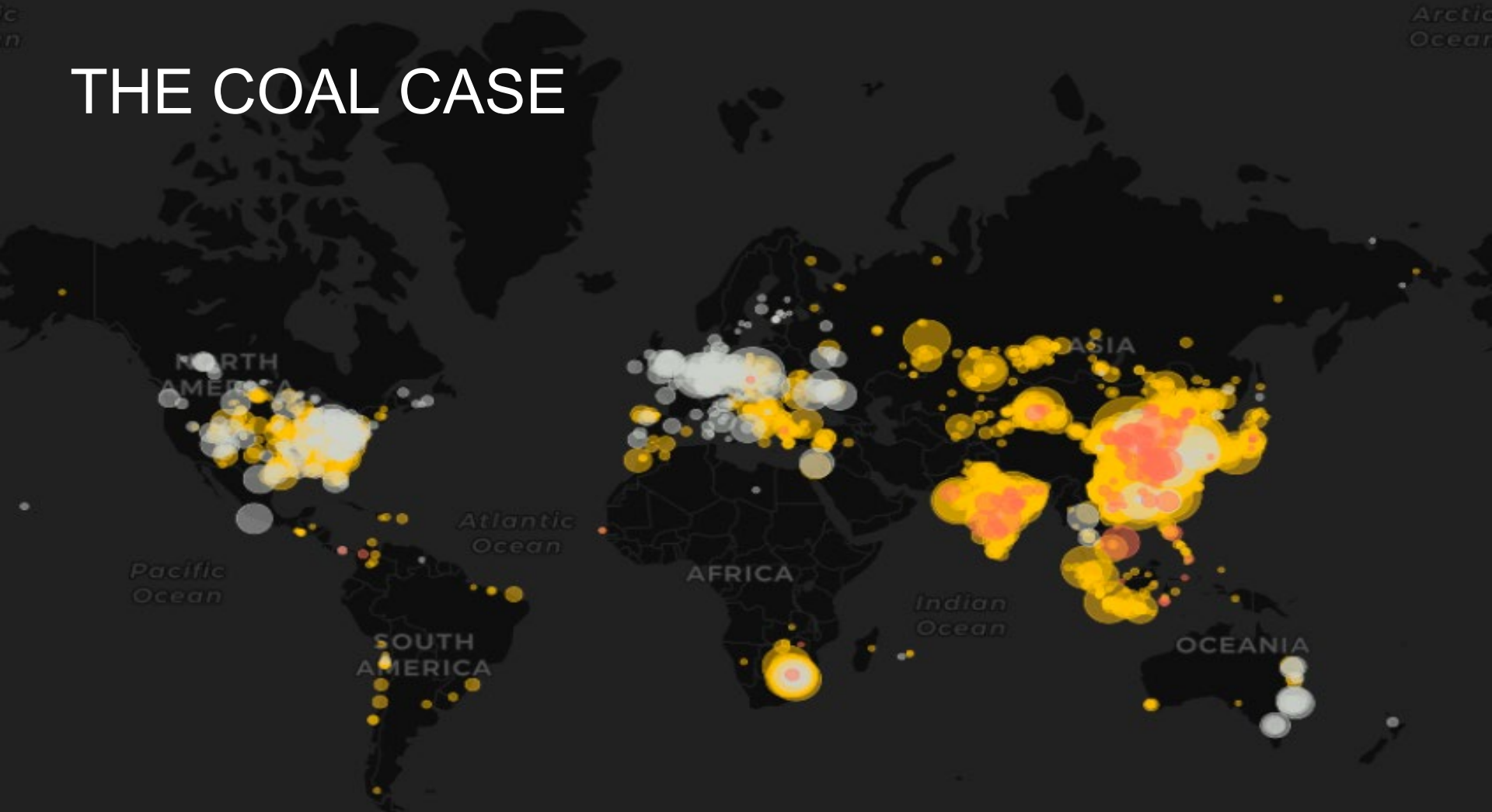


THE COAL CASE



“ The 2250 GW of coal-fired capacity are the single largest sources of global CO₂ emissions and if nothing is done by 2050 it still will be ”

- Fatih Birol, IEA 2019

Eastern Europe or the new iron curtain



"We live in a country where politicians have no vision for the development of areas like ours"

Elsa Velichkova, mayor of Bobov Dol municipality, Bulgaria

Overcoming barriers

Communities on the frontlines
of a post-coal future in central and eastern Europe

Heroes of Just Transition



CASE STUDY

RE:START-Strategy for economic restructuring of Czech coal regions

KEY POINTS



APPROACH

- Governance structure bringing together national decision makers and regional expertise to implement a just transition in Czech coal mining regions.
- Continuous process of strategy development and adaptation, information gathering, consultation and advice, as well as concrete implementation.



ENABLING CONDITIONS

- Support by stakeholders from the regions, combined with desire from the national government to address the issue.
- Long-term structures and financing framework.
- EU support - including financial and technical assistance.



CHALLENGES

- Limited absorption / implementation capacity in the regions.
- Sustaining long-term political support for the Strategy is key to its success - but this could be challenged from various ends, including competition for funds by other regions.

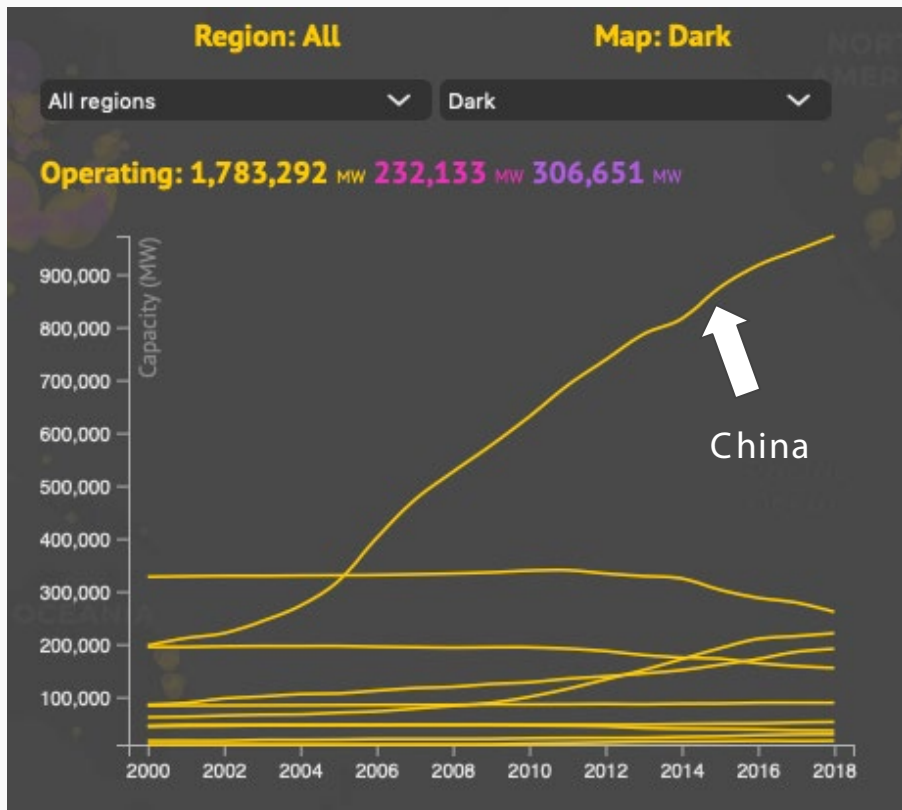


ACHIEVEMENTS

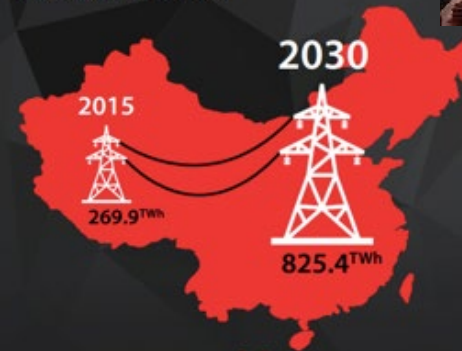
- Annually reviewed Action Plans with tasks and actions for each year.
- Development of an evaluation system.
- Mix of immediate projects and longer term plans.

Energy

China and the legend of clean coal



Power Transmission



Coal fired power generation in inland China will transmit 825TWh east along China's *Energy Superhighway* in 2030.

Li Rong
China Coal Consultant



The long and winding road of coal in China



"Estimates show that by 2020 the coal sector will employ less than three million people, down from 5.29 million in 2013. This means that within seven years approximately 2.3 million miners will require reemployment."

Overcoming the barriers?

Enhanced international cooperation

Shared best practices