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**VOTE 57  
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#### **NOTE**

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Subject:           – Voting result

                      – Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), and amending Directive 2003/87/EC and Regulations (EU) 2021/1058, (EU) 2021/1056, (EU) 2021/1057, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) 2021/1060, (EU) 2021/523, (EU) 2021/695, (EU) 2021/697 and (EU) 2021/241

                      = Adoption of the legislative act

                      = Outcome of the written procedure completed on 28 February 2024

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The outcome of voting on the above mentioned legislative act can be found in Annex 1 to this note.

Reference document:

PE-CONS 11/24

date of decision to use the Written Procedure by Coreper, Part 2, 28.02.2024.

The statements and/or explanations of vote are in Annex 2 to this note.

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## General Secretariat of the Council

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Item: 2023/0199 (COD) (Document: 11/24)

Voting Rule: qualified majority

Subject: REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), and amending Directive 2003/87/EC and Regulations (EU) 2021/1058, (EU) 2021/1056, (EU) 2021/1057, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) 2021/1060, (EU) 2021/523, (EU) 2021/695, (EU) 2021/697 and (EU) 2021/241

Vote	Members	Population (%)
Yes	26	81,28%
No	0	0%
Abstain	1	18,72%
Not participating	0	
Total	27	

Sitting date: 28/02/2024

Final result



Member State	Weighting	Vote
BELGIQUE/BELGIË	2,61	
БЪЛГАРИЯ	1,44	
Ceská republika	2,40	
DANMARK	1,31	
DEUTSCHLAND	18,72	
EESTI	0,30	
ÉIRE/IRELAND	1,15	
ΕΛΛΑΔΑ	2,31	
ESPAÑA	10,67	
FRANCE	15,11	
HRVATSKA	0,85	
ITALIA	13,25	
ΚΥΠΡΟΣ	0,20	
LATVIJA	0,42	

Member State	Weighting	Vote
LIETUVA	0,63	
LUXEMBOURG	0,15	
MAGYARORSZÁG	2,13	
MALTA	0,12	
NEDERLAND	3,99	
ÖSTERREICH	2,02	
POLSKA	8,37	
PORTUGAL	2,33	
ROMÂNIA	4,23	
SLOVENIJA	0,47	
SLOVENSKO	1,21	
SUOMI/FINLAND	1,24	
SVERIGE	2,34	

\* When acting on a proposal from the Commission or the High Representative, qualified majority is reached if at least 55 % of members vote in favour (15 MS) accounting for at least 65% of the population

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**Joint statement by Greece, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Hungary, Malta, Romania, Slovakia**

Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Romania, Slovakia and Spain take note of the provision contained in art 14 paragraph (3) which amends art. 135 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 [CPR] by establishing that resources reimbursed by the Commission as interim payments in 2025 shall not exceed 1% of programme appropriations per fund and amounts exceeding that percentage shall not be paid in subsequent years but only used for the clearance of pre-financing. In addition, we take note of recital 26 which states that payments in 2025 should be capped “in order to ensure a sound implementation of the EU budget and respect for the payment ceilings”.

We express concern that such a provision can lead to the failure to reimburse, on the basis of budgetary reasons, cohesion resources which have been regularly spent, putting in particular at risk reimbursements to the most fragile territories. We underline that such a capping should be exceptional, in light of the present extraordinary situation on the payment side, and should not be considered as a precedent for future management of cohesion resources.

**Joint statement by Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden**

Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands and Sweden underline that the scope and changes made to the existing programs are extraordinary, limited to the period 2024 to 2027, and do not prejudice programs and budgetary rules in the post 2027 Multiannual Financial Framework. Furthermore, it is with concern that we note the broadened scope of STEP and its consequences for the effectiveness of the instrument.