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(Text with EEA relevance)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

This Delegated Regulation updates the list of selected cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy ('renewable energy cross-border projects').

The renewable energy cross-border projects contribute to decarbonisation, to completing the internal energy market and to improving the security of supply. They are included in a cooperation agreement or in any other kind of arrangement between two or more Member States or in arrangements between one or more Member States and one or more third countries. Arrangements are as set out in Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹.

Article 25(1), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility² requires the Commission to adopt a delegated act that establishes and updates a list of selected renewable energy cross-border projects. The list is based on the draft list agreed upon by the Expert Group for renewable energy cross-border projects. The group is referred to in Part IV, point 4(b), of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council and is further specified in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342 of 21 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the specific selection criteria and the details of the process for selecting cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy³ ('the Expert Group').

The first list was adopted by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 of 29 August 2022⁴. It was subsequently amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2639 of 19 September 2023⁵, by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2613 of 24 July 2024⁶, and by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/2514 of 29 July 2025⁷.

In view of the fifth call for application for renewable energy cross-border projects, the list needs to be updated.

¹ Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2018/2001/oj>).

² OJ L 249, 14.7.2021, p. 38, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1153/oj>.

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342 of 21 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the specific selection criteria and the details of the process for selecting cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L 62, 1.3.2022, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/342/oj).

⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 of 29 August 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a list of selected cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L 293, 14.11.2022, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/2202/oj).

⁵ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2639 of 19 September 2023 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a list of selected cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L, 2023/2639, 27.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/2639/oj).

⁶ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2613 of 24 July 2024 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a list of selected cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L 2024/2613, 1.10.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2024/2613/oj).

⁷ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/2514 of 29 July 2025 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 by updating the list of selected cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L 2025/2514, 23.12.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2025/2514/oj).

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Expert Group was consulted on this Delegated Regulation on 16 April 2026. The Expert Group agreed on a draft list of renewable energy cross-border projects, on the basis of the Commission's evaluation. The final list of projects, established by this Delegated Regulation, does not differ from the list agreed upon by the Expert Group.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

This Delegated Regulation adds to the list of selected cross-border projects three new renewable energy cross-border projects that comply with the eligibility and selection criteria laid down by Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and with specific selection criteria and details of the selection process set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342. The cross-border renewable energy projects in question contribute to achieving the objective set out in Article 3(2), point (b)(ii), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1153, further specified in Article 7 and in Part IV, point 1, of the Annex to that Regulation.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014¹, and in particular Article 25(1), point (b), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 establishes a category of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy that contribute to decarbonisation, to completing the internal energy market and to improving the security of energy supply. Pursuant to Article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1153, those cross-border projects are set up by a cooperation agreement between two or more Member States or between one or more Member States and one or more third countries, as set out in Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council².
- (2) The selection of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy is subject to the general criteria and procedures set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and to further specific selection criteria and details of the selection process set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342³.
- (3) Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy are selected and included in a list drawn up for this purpose by means of delegated acts.
- (4) The inclusion of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy in the list makes them eligible to apply for funding under the Connecting Europe Facility.
- (5) Following a call for proposals published on 2 September 2025 and closed on 5 February 2026, three new renewable energy cross-border projects were selected. The selected projects were assessed by external experts and by experts from the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency and the European Commission. The assessment examined in particular the cost-effective exploitation of renewable energy and implementation of the projects through different renewable

¹ OJ L 249, 14.7.2021, p. 38, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1153/oj>.

² Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2018/2001/oj>).

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342 of 21 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the specific selection criteria and the details of the process for selecting cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L 62, 1.3.2022, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/del/2022/342/oj>).

energy technologies, including geothermal energy, onshore wind and solar photovoltaic.

- (6) The Commission notified the assessment results relating to the selected new renewable energy cross-border projects to the Expert Group for renewable energy cross-border projects⁴ ('the Expert Group'). Following the agreement of the Expert Group, the selected new renewable energy cross-border projects should be included in the list.
- (7) The inclusion of projects in the list of renewable energy cross-border projects is subject to their compliance with Union law, including with the outcome of the relevant environmental assessment and permit procedures.
- (8) For the purposes of implementing Part IV, point 4(h), of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2021/1153, the Commission submitted to the Expert Group the annual progress report on the projects already in the list of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy. The progress report identified one project for which implementation will not be continued in its current cross-border configuration due to significant challenges and uncertainties. Following the agreement of the group, that renewable energy cross-border project should be withdrawn from the list.
- (9) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202⁵ should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The list of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy selected pursuant to Part IV, point 4(g), of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 shall be as follows:

Project number	Project name	Project developers	Participating countries
2022-05	ELWIND – Estonian Latvian joint hybrid offshore wind project	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia; The Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia	Estonia and Latvia
2022-07	CICERONE – CEO-	Essent Hydrogen	Germany, the

⁴ Referred to in Part IV, point 4(b), of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and further specified in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342 of 21 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 with regard to the specific selection criteria and the details of the process for selecting cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy.

⁵ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 of 29 August 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a list of selected cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L 293, 14.11.2022, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/2202/oj).

	alliance Cross-border-European gReen hydrOgen value chain	B.V.; IBERDROLA CLIENTES S.A.U.	Netherlands, and Spain
2022-10	UNITED HEAT – Climate-neutral district heating in the European city Goerlitz Zgorzelec –	Stadtwerke Görlitz AG; SEC Zgorzelec Sp. z o.o.	Germany and Poland
2023-2	ULP-RES WP – Utilitas Lode-Penuja RES Wind park	Utilitas Wind SIA; Utilitas Wind OÜ	Estonia and Latvia
2023-3	SLOWP – Saare-Liivi Offshore Wind Park	Utilitas Wind OÜ	Estonia and Luxembourg
2023-6	TMNHSA – Turnu Magurele – Nikopol Hydraulic Structures Assembly	Natsionalna Elektrieska Kompania EAD; S.P.E.E.H. HIDROELECTRICA S.A.	Bulgaria and Romania
2023-7	BEI – Bornholm Energy Island	Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities	Denmark and Germany
2024-1	CORES – Comprehensive Offshore Renewable Energy Potential Studies	DGEG – Direção Geral de Energia e Geologia	Luxembourg and Portugal
2024-2	Medlink Renewable Generation – MedGen	Zhero Europe B.V: Private legal entity in MS (NL – coordinator) Medlinks Algeria B.V.: Private legal entity in MS (NL – promoter) Medlinks Tunisia B.V Private legal entity in a MS (NL – promoter)	Algeria, Italy and Tunisia
2024-3	Utilitas Eleja-Joniski Wind Park – UELJO WP	Utilitas Wind SIA; Utilitas Wind UAB	Latvia and Lithuania
2024-4	LiiviBay Offshore Wind park	Enefit Green AS	Estonia and Latvia

2024-6	Green transformation of district heating in the twin cities of Słubice & Frankfurt (Oder) – Twin Heat	SEC Region Sp. z o.o and Stadtwerke Frankfurt (Oder) GmbH	Germany and Poland
2025-2	Wind Integration for Network Decarbonization – WIND	DTEK	Romania and Ukraine
2025-4	Decarbonization of Industrial Clusters at the Polish German Border Region via the Deployment of an Integrated Cross-Border Power Plant – DEPLOY	ENERTRAG SE	Germany and Poland
2025-5	Zero Emission heat network linking Germany and Austria – ZEGA-LINNK	Geothermie-Wärmegesellschaft Braunau-Simbach mbH	Austria and Germany'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2.7.2026

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN