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Subject: The 2021-2027 ERDF and the role of large companies in energy transition in France

Large companies in the energy transition sector whose technical expertise is matched by appropriate funding have a key role to play in the decarbonisation of our economy and the successful conclusion of projects in this field.

Excluding them from EU funding, and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in particular, could jeopardise the launch of specific projects set up to demonstrate the technical and economic feasibility of certain promising energy solutions (hydrogen, production of renewable gas, etc.).

With regard to the ongoing negotiations between the Commission and France on the ERDF Partnership Agreement, can the Commission confirm that all economic actors with a decisive role in decarbonisation of our regions, including large companies, will be able to take part in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in the 2021-2027 programming period?