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Establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem (Net Zero Industry Act)

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2023)0161 – C9-0062/2023 – 2023/0081(COD))

Amendment 1

Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Stéphane Bijoux, Susana Solís Pérez, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The Union has committed to the accelerated decarbonisation of its economy and ambitious deployment of renewable energy sources to achieve climate neutrality or net zero emissions (emissions after deduction of removals) by 2050. That objective is at the heart of the European Green Deal, the updated EU Industrial Strategy, and in line with the Union's commitment to global climate action under the Paris Agreement³¹. To reach the climate neutrality goal, Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council³² sets a binding Union climate target to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 compared to 1990. The proposed "Fit for 55"³³ package aims to deliver on the Union's 2030 climate target and revises and updates Union legislation in this respect.

³¹ Council Decision (EU) 2016/1841 of 5 October 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 4.

³² Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and

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amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999 ('European Climate Law') (OJ L 243, 9.7.2021, p. 1).

³³ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. 'Fit for 55': delivering the EU's 2030 Climate Target on the way to climate neutrality. COM(2021) 550, 14.7.2021.

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^{34a} **Regulation (EU) 2021/1056 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 establishing the Just Transition Fund.**

Or. en

Justification

Highlights the importance of just transition in the climate policy in regard to individuals and regions.

Amendment 2 Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Regarding external aspects, in particular regarding emerging markets and developing economies, the EU will seek win-win partnerships ***in the framework of its Global Gateway strategy***, which contribute to the diversification of its raw materials supply chain as well as to partner countries' efforts to pursue twin transition and develop local value addition.

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(3) Regarding external aspects, in particular regarding emerging markets and developing economies, the EU will seek win-win partnerships, which contribute to the diversification of its raw materials supply chain, ***knowledge and technology transfer mechanisms*** as well as to partner countries' efforts to pursue ***a socially balanced*** twin transition and develop local value addition.

Or. en

Amendment 3 Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Susana Solís Pérez, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Green transition can offer new possibilities especially for less developed and transition regions. In this relation, climate policy needs to recognise regions special needs and possibilities. Renewable energy, biomass and other regional natural resources and geographical possibilities in relation to net-zero technologies offer possibilities for regions to participate in achieving common climate goals.

Or. en

Justification

Emphasizes green transitions significance for less developed and transition regions as an opportunity in building more resilient community and sustainable economy and in creating new jobs and business opportunities.

Amendment 4

Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) To fulfil those commitments, the Union must accelerate its pace of transition to clean energy, notably by increasing energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy sources. This will contribute to achieving the EU targets of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan for 2030 of an employment rate of at least 78% and participation in training of at least 60% of adults. It will also contribute to ensuring that the green transition is fair and equitable³⁴.

(4) To fulfil those commitments, the Union must accelerate its pace of transition to clean energy, notably by increasing energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy sources **and support sustainable circular bioeconomy technologies**. This will contribute to achieving the EU targets of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan for 2030 of an employment rate of at least 78% and participation in training of at least 60% of adults. It will also contribute to ensuring that the green transition is fair and equitable³⁴.

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Or. en

Justification

Accelerating sustainable circular bioeconomy is crucial to increase the capacity of supply chains and in decreasing the use of fossil resources. Bioeconomy is vital for many regions in using sustainably their natural resources in achieving common climate goals.

Amendment 5
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The net-zero transformation is already causing huge industrial, economic, and geopolitical shifts across the globe, which will become ever more pronounced as the world advances in its decarbonisation efforts. The road to net zero translates into strong opportunities for the expansion of Union's net-zero industry, making use of the strength of the Single Market, by promoting investment in technologies in the field of renewable energy technologies, electricity and heat storage technologies, heat pumps, grid technologies, renewable fuels of non-biological origin technologies, electrolyzers and fuel cells, fusion, small modular reactors and related best-in-class fuels, carbon capture, utilisation, and storage technologies, and energy-system related energy efficiency technologies and their supply chains, allowing for the decarbonisation of our economic sectors, from energy supply to transport, buildings, and industry. A strong net zero industry within the European Union can help significantly in reaching the Union's climate and energy targets effectively, as well as in supporting other Green Deal objectives, while creating jobs and growth.

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Or. en

Justification

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Amendment 7

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Susana Solís Pérez, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) Renewable, biobased energy resources have the potential to replace fossil energy resources and critical raw materials. These resources are derived from biological materials, which can be replenished naturally. In addition, they emit less greenhouse gas emissions, reduce the dependence on imported fossil fuels, support rural development and create jobs in rural areas and decrease waste and pollution by utilizing agricultural and forestry residues. Additionally, renewable resources lessen our reliance on critical raw materials that are becoming scarce.

Or. en

Justification

Bioeconomy is vital for many regions in using sustainably their natural resources in achieving common climate goals. Emphasizes the significance of biobased, renewable resources in reducing emissions and the need to use critical raw materials, hence increasing the strategic autonomy of the European Union. For instance bio-based lignin, can be used in the production of batteries.

Amendment 8
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) To achieve the 2030 objectives a particular focus is needed on some of the net-zero technologies, also in view their significant contribution towards the path to net zero by 2050. **These** technologies include solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies, onshore and offshore renewable technologies, battery/storage

(10) To achieve the 2030 objectives a particular focus is needed on some of the net-zero technologies, also in view their significant contribution towards the path to net zero by 2050. **Such** technologies include solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies, onshore and offshore renewable technologies, battery/storage

technologies, heat pumps and geothermal energy technologies, electrolyzers and fuel cells, sustainable biogas/biomethane, carbon capture and storage technologies and grid technologies. These technologies play a key role in the Union's open strategic autonomy, ensuring that citizens have access to clean, affordable, secure energy. Given their role, **these** technologies should benefit from **even faster** permitting procedures, **obtain the status of the highest national significance possible under national law** and benefit from additional support to crowd-in investments.

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Or. en

Amendment 9 **Martina Michels**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 11**

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In order to ensure that the Union's future energy system is resilient this scaling-up should be carried out across the whole supply chain of the technologies in question, in **full** complementarity with the Critical Raw Materials Act.

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(11) In order to ensure that the Union's future energy system is resilient, **fair, inclusive and sustainable** this scaling-up should be carried out across the whole supply chain of the technologies in question, in complementarity with the Critical Raw Materials Act, **with international human rights law, international environmental law, and due diligence principles, and meaningful engagement with local communities.**

Or. en

Amendment 10 **Denis Nesci**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 15**

(15) By defining **CO₂** storage sites that contribute to the Union's 2030 target as net-zero strategic projects, the development of **CO₂** storage sites can be accelerated and facilitated, and the increasing industrial demand for storage sites can be channelled towards the most-cost-effective storage sites. An increasing volume of depleting gas and oil fields that could be converted in safe **CO₂** storage sites are at the end of their useful production lifetime. In addition, the oil and gas industry has affirmed its determination to embark on an energy transition and possesses the assets, skills and knowledge needed to explore and develop additional storage sites. To reach the Union's target of 50 million tonnes of annual operational **CO₂** injection capacity by 2030, ***the sector needs to pool its contributions to ensure that carbon capture and storage as a climate solution is available ahead of demand.*** In order to ensure a timely, ***Union-wide*** and cost-effective development of **CO₂** storage sites in line with the EU objective for injection capacity, licensees of oil and gas production in the EU should contribute to this target pro rata of their oil and gas manufacturing capacity, while providing flexibilities to cooperate and take into account other contributions of third parties.

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Or. en

Amendment 11

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

(23) In addition, the Communication on the Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age⁴² sets out a comprehensive approach to support a clean energy technology scale up based on four pillars. The first pillar aims at creating a regulatory environment that simplifies and fast-tracks permitting for new net-zero technology manufacturing and assembly sites and facilitates the scaling up of the net-zero industry of the Union. The second pillar of the plan is to boost investment in and financing of net-zero technology production, through the revised Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework adopted in March 2023 ***and the creation of a European Sovereignty fund to preserve the European edge on critical and emerging technologies relevant to the green and digital transitions.*** The third pillar relates to developing the skills needed to make the transition happen and increase the number of skilled workers in the clean energy technology sector. The fourth pillar focuses on trade and the diversification of the supply chain of critical raw materials. That includes creating a critical raw materials club, working with like-minded partners to collectively strengthen supply chains and diversifying away from single suppliers for critical input.

⁴² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age, COM/2023/62 final, 01.02.2023.

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Or. en

Justification

European Union has established countless funding instruments, for instance InvestEU, Innovation Fund and NextGenEU. EU needs to streamline the use of current instruments for

more effective transmission and targeting of public funding.

Amendment 12

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) Directives 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU and 2014/25/EU already allow contracting authorities and entities awarding contracts through public procurement procedures to rely, in addition to price or cost, on additional criteria for identifying the most economically advantageous tender. Such criteria concern for instance the quality of the tender including social, environmental **and** innovative characteristics. When awarding contracts for net-zero technology through public procurement, contracting authorities and contracting entities should duly assess the tenders' contribution to sustainability and resilience in relation to a series of criteria relating to the tender's environmental sustainability, innovation, system integration and to resilience.

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Or. en

Amendment 13

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) Social sustainability criteria can already be applied under existing

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legislation and can include working conditions and collective bargaining in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights in line with Articles, 30 (3) of Directive 2014/23/EU, 18 (2) of Directive 2014/24/EU and 36 (2) of Directive 2014/25/EU. Contracting authorities should contribute to social sustainability by taking the appropriate measures to ensure that in the performance of public contracts economic operators comply with applicable obligations in the fields of social and labour law established by Union law, national law, collective agreements or by the international environmental, social and labour law provisions listed in Annex X of Directive 2014/23/EU, Annex X of Directive 2014/24/EU and Annex XIV of Directive 2014/25/EU⁴³.

⁴³ Commission Notice "Buying Social - a guide to taking account of social considerations in public procurement (2nd edition)", C(2021) 3573 final.

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⁴³ Commission Notice "Buying Social - a guide to taking account of social considerations in public procurement (2nd edition)", C(2021) 3573 final.

Or. en

Amendment 14

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) The weighting of criteria on the sustainability ***and*** resilience contribution of the tender in relation to public procurement procedures is without prejudice to the possibility for contracting authorities and contracting entities to set a higher threshold for the criteria relating to environmental sustainability and innovation, in line with Article 41 (3) and Recital 64 of Directive 2014/23/EU of the

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European Parliament and of the Council⁵⁰, Article 67 (5) of Directive 2014/24/EU and Article 82 (5) of Directive 2014/25/EU.

innovation, in line with Article 41 (3) and Recital 64 of Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵⁰, Article 67 (5), **Article 36** of Directive 2014/24/EU and Article 82 (5) of Directive 2014/25/EU.

⁵⁰ Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the award of concession contracts (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 1).

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Or. en

Amendment 15

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) Households and final consumers are an essential part of the Union's demand for net-zero technologies final products and public support schemes to incentivize the purchase of such product by households, in particular for vulnerable low- and lower middle-class income households and consumers, are important tools to accelerate the green transition. **Under** the solar rooftop initiative announced in the EU solar strategy⁵², Member States should for instance set-up national programmes to support the massive deployment of rooftop solar energy. In the REPowerEU plan, the Commission called Member States to make full use of supporting measures which encourage switching to heat pumps. Such support schemes set up nationally by Member States or locally by local or regional authorities should also contribute to improving the sustainability and resilience of the EU net-zero technologies. Public authorities should for instance provide higher financial compensation to beneficiaries for the purchase of net-zero

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technology final products that will make a higher contribution to resilience in the Union. Public authorities should ensure that their schemes are open, transparent and non-discriminatory, so that they contribute to increase demand for net-zero technology products in the Union. Public authorities should also limit the additional financial compensation for such products so as not to slow down the deployment of the net-zero technologies in the Union. To increase the efficiency of such schemes Member States should ensure that information is easily accessible both for consumers and for net-zero technology manufacturers on a free website. The use by public authorities of the sustainability and resilience contribution in schemes targeted at consumers or households should be without prejudice to State aid rules and to WTO rules on Subsidies.

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⁵² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions : EU Solar Energy Strategy, COM(2022) 221 final, 18.05.2022.

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Or. en

Amendment 16

Niklas Nienäß

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) Member States can provide support from cohesion policy programmes in line with applicable rules under Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵⁷ to encourage the take up of net-zero strategic projects in less developed and transition regions through investment packages of infrastructure, productive investment in innovation, manufacturing capacity in SMEs, services, training and upskilling measure, including support to capacity building of the public authorities and promoters. The applicable co-financing rates set in programmes may be up to 85% for less developed regions and up to 60% or 70% for transition regions depending on the fund concerned and the status of the region but Member States may exceed these ceilings at the level of the project concerned, where feasible under State aid rules. The Technical Support Instrument can help Member States and regions in preparing net-zero growth strategies, improve the business environment, reducing red tape and accelerating permitting. Member States should be encouraged to promote the sustainability of net-zero strategic projects by embedding these investments in European value chains, building notably on interregional and cross border cooperation networks.

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Eric Minardi, Alessandro Panza

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Or. en

Amendment 18

Matthias Ecke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) Member States **can** provide support from cohesion policy programmes in line with applicable rules under Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵⁷ to encourage the take up of net-zero strategic projects in less developed **and** transition regions through investment packages of

Amendment

(45) Member States **should** provide support from cohesion policy programmes in line with applicable rules under Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵⁷ to encourage the take up of net-zero strategic projects in **all regions, especially in** less developed, transition regions **and**

infrastructure, productive investment in innovation, manufacturing capacity in **SMEs**, services, training and upskilling measure, including support to capacity building of the public authorities and promoters. The applicable co-financing rates set in programmes may be up to 85% for less developed regions and up to 60% or 70% for transition regions depending on the fund concerned and the status of the region but Member States may exceed these ceilings at the level of the project concerned, where feasible under State aid rules. The Technical Support Instrument can help Member States and regions in preparing net-zero growth strategies, improve the business environment, reducing red tape and accelerating permitting. Member States should be encouraged to promote the sustainability of net-zero strategic projects by embedding these investments in European value chains, building notably on interregional and cross border cooperation networks.

Just Transition Fund Territories, through investment packages of infrastructure, productive investment in innovation, manufacturing capacity in **companies**, services, training and upskilling measure, including support to capacity building of the public authorities and promoters. The applicable co-financing rates set in programmes may be up to 85% for less developed regions and up to 60% or 70% for transition regions **and 40% to 50% for more developed regions**, depending on the fund concerned and the status of the region but Member States may exceed these ceilings at the level of the project concerned, where feasible under State aid rules. The Technical Support Instrument can help Member States and regions in preparing net-zero growth strategies, improve the business environment, reducing red tape and accelerating permitting. Member States should be encouraged to promote the sustainability of net-zero strategic projects by embedding these investments in European value chains, building notably on interregional and cross border cooperation networks.

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Or. en

Justification

Support by cohesion policy funds in the take up of net-zero strategic projects should be possible in all regions in line with applicable rules under Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the

European Parliament and of the Council. Furthermore, support through cohesion policy funding for manufacturing capacities should in principle not be restricted to SMEs but also available to bigger sized companies so that they can expand their know-how especially in the least favored regions. This approach would help reduce disparities, tackle unemployment and create jobs. It would contribute to remaining globally competitive and help to reach the EU's goals for independence in net-zero technologies and meet the climate targets.

Amendment 19

Eric Minardi, Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 21

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

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Or. en

Amendment 22

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47

(47) *A European Sovereignty Fund would provide a structural answer to the investment needs. It will help preserving a European edge on critical and emerging technologies relevant to the green and digital transitions, including net-zero technologies. This structural instrument will build on experience of coordinated multi-country projects under the IPCEIs and seek to enhance all Member States' access to such projects, thereby safeguarding cohesion and the Single Market against risks caused by unequal availability of State Aids.*

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Or. en

Justification

European Union has established countless funding instruments, for instance InvestEU, Innovation Fund and NextGenEU. EU needs to streamline the use of current instruments for more effective transmission and targeting of public funding.

Amendment 23 **Martina Michels**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 47**

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(47) ***The*** European Sovereignty Fund ***will*** provide a structural answer to the investment needs. It will help preserving a European edge on critical and emerging technologies relevant to the green and digital transitions, including net-zero technologies. This structural instrument, ***built*** on experience of coordinated multi-country projects under, ***among other***, the IPCEIs and ***seeking*** to enhance all Member States' access to such projects, thereby safeguarding cohesion and the Single Market against risks caused by unequal availability of State Aids, ***will provide a key part of the necessary additional***

funding indispensable for tackling the challenges related to the twin transition.

Or. en

Amendment 24

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(47a) In order to avoid further divergence in the social, economic and territorial cohesion , the Commission shall set out a calculation method to identify an individual state aid threshold for each Member State. This shall mitigate the risk of advantages due to greater financial resources that do not reflect the share of industries present in certain Member States. The calculation method shall take into account indicators such as population data, industrial capacities and infrastructure, and economic performance.

Or. en

Amendment 25

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(47a) In order to avoid further divergence in territorial, social and economic cohesion, the Commission shall present measures that are suitable to mitigate the risks of unequal abilities of Member States to provide state aid due to greater financial resources.

Amendment 26
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

(48) To overcome the limitations of the current fragmented public and private investments efforts, facilitate integration and return on investment, the Commission, and Member States should better coordinate and create synergies between the existing funding programmes at Union and national level as well as ensure better coordination and collaboration with industry and key private sector stakeholders. The Net-Zero Europe Platform has a key role to play to build a comprehensive view of available and relevant funding opportunities and to discuss the individual financing needs of net-zero strategic projects.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 27
Niklas Nienäß
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 48 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(48a) In order to ensure strategic territorial development and cohesion, municipalities should be granted shareholder rights of Net-Zero projects located in their NUTS 2 region. The shareholding would allow a direct benefit

for the regions, contribute to their social and economic development and ensure a green and sustainable transition.

Or. en

Amendment 28

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

(58) Land use conflicts can create barriers to the deployment of net zero technologies manufacturing projects. Well-designed plans, including spatial plans and zoning, that take into account the potential for implementing net-zero technologies manufacturing projects and whose potential environmental impacts are assessed, have the potential to help balance public goods and interests, decreasing the potential for conflict and accelerating the sustainable deployment of net-zero technologies manufacturing projects in the Union. Responsible national, regional and local authorities should therefore consider the inclusion of provisions for net-zero technologies manufacturing projects when developing relevant plans.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 29

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 30

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 69

Text proposed by the Commission

(69) At Union level, a Net-Zero Europe Platform, should be established, composed of the Member States and chaired by the Commission. The Net-Zero Europe Platform may advise and assist the Commission and Member States on specific questions and provide a reference body, in which the Commission and Member States coordinate their action and facilitate the exchange of information on issues relating to this Regulation. The Net-Zero Europe Platform should further perform the tasks outlined in the different Articles of this Regulation, notably in relation to permitting, including one-stop shops, Net-Zero Strategic Projects,

Amendment

(69) At Union level, a Net-Zero Europe Platform, should be established, composed of the Member States and chaired by the Commission. The Net-Zero Europe Platform may advise and assist the Commission and Member States on specific questions and provide a reference body, in which the Commission and Member States coordinate their action and facilitate the exchange of information on issues relating to this Regulation. The Net-Zero Europe Platform should further perform the tasks outlined in the different Articles of this Regulation, notably in relation to permitting, including one-stop shops, Net-Zero Strategic Projects,

coordination of financing, access to markets and skills as well as innovative net-zero technologies regulatory sandboxes. Where necessary, the Platform may establish standing or temporary subgroups and invite third parties, *such as* experts or representatives from net-zero industries.

coordination of financing, access to markets and skills as well as innovative net-zero technologies regulatory sandboxes. ***Additionally, the Net-Zero Platform should assess the progress of NUTS 2 regions and support their development to ensure social, economic and territorial cohesion.*** Where necessary, the Platform may establish standing or temporary subgroups and invite third parties, ***notably the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of the Regions, as well as social partners, civil society organisations, and*** experts or representatives from net-zero industries.

Or. en

Amendment 31

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 70

Text proposed by the Commission

(70) As part of the Green Deal Industrial Plan the Commission announced its intention to conclude Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships covering net-zero technologies, to adopt net-zero technologies globally and to support the role of EU industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition. The Commission and Member States ***may*** coordinate within the Platform the Partnerships, discussing existing relevant partnerships and processes, such as green partnerships, energy dialogues and other forms of existing bilateral contractual arrangements, as well as potential synergies with relevant Member States' bilateral agreements with third countries.

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 71

Text proposed by the Commission

(71) The Union should aim to diversify international trade and investments in net-zero technologies and to promote globally high social and environmental standards ***should be done*** in close cooperation and partnership with like-minded countries. Similarly, stronger research and innovation efforts to develop and deploy net-zero technologies should be pursued in close cooperation with partner countries in an open but assertive approach.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 33

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. This Regulation establishes the framework of measures for innovating and scaling up the manufacturing capacity of net-zero technologies in the Union to support the Union's 2030 target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55 % relative to 1990 levels and the Union's 2050 climate neutrality target, as defined by Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, and to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of net-zero technologies needed to safeguard the resilience of the Union's energy system and to contribute to the creation of quality jobs.

Amendment

1. This Regulation establishes the framework of measures for innovating and scaling up the manufacturing capacity of net-zero technologies in the Union to support the Union's 2030 target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55 % relative to 1990 levels and the Union's 2050 climate neutrality target, as defined by Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, and to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of net-zero technologies needed to safeguard the resilience of the Union's energy system and to contribute to the creation ***and maintenance*** of quality jobs.

Amendment 34**Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș****Proposal for a regulation****Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a***Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) ‘net-zero technologies’ means renewable energy technologies⁶⁶ ; electricity and heat storage technologies; heat pumps; grid technologies; renewable fuels of non-biological origin technologies; sustainable alternative fuels technologies⁶⁷ ; electrolyzers and fuel cells; advanced technologies to produce energy from nuclear processes with minimal waste from the fuel cycle, small modular reactors, and related best-in-class fuels; carbon capture, utilisation, and storage technologies; and energy-system related energy efficiency technologies. They refer to the final products, specific components and specific machinery primarily used for the production of those products. They shall have reached a technology readiness level of at least 8.

⁶⁶ ‘renewable energy’ means ‘renewable energy’ as defined in 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

⁶⁷ ‘sustainable alternative fuels’ means fuels covered by the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport, COM/2021/561 final and by the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and Council on the use of renewable and low-carbon fuels in

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Justification

Accelerating sustainable circular bioeconomy is crucial to increase the capacity of supply chains and in decreasing the use of fossil resources. Bioeconomy is vital for many regions in using sustainably their natural resources in achieving common climate goals.

Amendment 35

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. en

Justification

Lowers technology readiness level from 8 to 7. Innovation and energy policy needs to emphasize more development and early-stage investments in substitution of direct, production related state aid.

Amendment 36

Ondřej Knotek, Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

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⁶⁷ ‘sustainable alternative fuels’ means fuels covered by the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport, COM/2021/561 final and by the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and Council on the use of renewable and low-carbon fuels in maritime transport COM/2021/562 final.

of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources

⁶⁷ ‘sustainable alternative fuels’ means fuels covered by the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport, COM/2021/561 final and by the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and Council on the use of renewable and low-carbon fuels in maritime transport COM/2021/562 final.

Or. en

Justification

For some regions, nuclear power is a vital part of energy production, on the terms of which energy-related infrastructure have also been built. Areas must not be placed in unequal positions by excluding some significant energy production methods.

Amendment 37

Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Stéphane Bijoux, Susana Solís Pérez, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ‘component’ means a small part of a net-zero technology that is manufactured and traded by a company starting from processed materials;

Amendment

(b) ‘component’ means a small part of a net-zero technology that is manufactured and traded by a company starting from processed materials ***and recycled components***;

Or. en

Justification

Accelerating the circular economy is crucial to increase the capacity of supply chains.

Amendment 38

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) ‘innovative net-zero technologies’ means technologies which satisfy the definition of ‘net-zero technologies’, except that they have not reached a technology readiness level of at least 8, and that comprise genuine innovation which are not currently available on the market and are advanced enough to be tested in a controlled environment.

Amendment

(c) ‘innovative net-zero technologies’ means technologies which satisfy the definition of ‘net-zero technologies’, except that they have not reached a technology readiness level of at least 7, and that comprise genuine innovation which are not currently available on the market and are advanced enough to be tested in a controlled environment.

Or. en

Justification

Lowers technology readiness level from 8 to 7. Innovation and energy policy needs to emphasize more development and early-stage investments in substitution of direct, production related state aid.

Amendment 39
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The national competent authority shall ensure that applicants have easy access to information on and simple procedures for the settlement of disputes concerning the permit-granting process and the issuance of permits to construct or expand projects, including, where applicable, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

Amendment

6. The national competent authority shall ensure that applicants have easy access to information on **and clear** and simple procedures for the settlement of disputes concerning the permit-granting process and the issuance of permits to construct or expand projects, including, where applicable, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

Or. en

Amendment 40
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) business support services, including but not limited to corporate tax declaration, local tax *laws, labour law*.

Amendment

(d) business support services, including but not limited to corporate tax declaration, ***national, regional, and*** local tax ***legislation, labor law, state aid and competition legislation, and other relevant legislative components***.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where an environmental impact assessment must be carried out in accordance with Articles 5 to 9 of Directive 2011/92/EU, the project promoter concerned shall request an opinion to the competent authority referred to in Article 4 on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the environmental impact assessment report pursuant to Article 5(1) of that Directive. ***The national competent authority*** shall ensure that the opinion referred to in the first subparagraph is issued as soon as possible and within a period of time not exceeding **30** days from the date on which the project promoter submitted its request.

Amendment

1. Where an environmental impact assessment must be carried out in accordance with Articles 5 to 9 of Directive 2011/92/EU, the project promoter concerned shall request an opinion to the competent authority referred to in Article 4 on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the environmental impact assessment report pursuant to Article 5(1) of that Directive. ***Member States, in accordance with the respective national legal system, shall ensure that in parallel the public concerned is consulted according to Art. 11 of Directive 2011/92/EU, and*** that the opinion referred to in the first subparagraph is issued as soon as possible and within a period of time not exceeding **90** days from the date on which the project promoter submitted its request.

Or. en

Amendment 42

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where an environmental impact assessment must be carried out in accordance with Articles 5 to 9 of Directive 2011/92/EU, the project promoter concerned shall request an opinion to the competent authority referred to in Article 4 on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the environmental impact assessment report pursuant to Article 5(1) of that Directive. The national competent authority shall ensure that the opinion referred to in the first subparagraph is issued as soon as possible and within a period of time not exceeding 30 days from the date on which the project promoter submitted its request.

Amendment

1. Where an environmental impact assessment must be carried out in accordance with Articles 5 to 9 of Directive 2011/92/EU, the project promoter concerned shall request an opinion to the competent authority referred to in Article 4 on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the environmental impact assessment report pursuant to Article 5(1) of that Directive. The national competent authority shall ensure that the opinion referred to in the first subparagraph is issued as soon as possible and within a period of time not exceeding 30 days from the date on which the project promoter submitted its request, ***without requesting further clarifications from the initiator beyond this deadline.***

Or. en

Amendment 43

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Under the coordinated procedure referred to in the first subparagraph, the national competent authority shall coordinate the various individual assessments of the environmental impact of a particular project required by the applicable Union legislation.

Amendment

Under the coordinated procedure referred to in the first subparagraph, the national competent authority shall, ***with the involvement of local and regional authorities, as well as social partners and civil society organisations,*** coordinate the various individual assessments of the environmental impact of a particular project required by the applicable Union legislation.

Amendment 44
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The national competent authority shall ensure that the authorities concerned issue a reasoned conclusion as referred to in Article 1(2), point (g)(iv) of Directive 2011/92/EU on the environmental impact assessment within three months of receiving all **necessary** information gathered pursuant to Articles 5, 6 and 7 of that Directive and completing the consultations referred to in Articles 6 and 7 of that Directive.

Amendment

3. The national competent authority shall ensure that the authorities concerned issue a reasoned conclusion as referred to in Article 1(2), point (g)(iv) of Directive 2011/92/EU on the environmental impact assessment within three months of receiving all **requested** information gathered pursuant to Articles 5, 6 and 7 of that Directive , **validating their sufficient quality** and completing the consultations referred to in Articles 6 and 7 of that Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The timeframes for consulting the public concerned on the environmental report referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 2011/92/EU shall not be longer than **45** days. In cases falling under the second sub-paragraph of Article 6(4), this period **shall** be extended **to 90 days**.

Amendment

4. The timeframes for consulting the public concerned on the environmental report referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 2011/92/EU shall not be longer than **90** days. In cases falling under the second sub-paragraph of Article 6(4), this period **may** be extended **on a case-by-case basis**.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The timeframes for consulting the public concerned on the environmental report referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 2011/92/EU shall not be longer than 45 days. In cases falling under the second sub-paragraph of Article 6(4), this period **shall** be extended **to 90 days**.

Amendment

4. The timeframes for consulting the public concerned on the environmental report referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 2011/92/EU shall not be longer than 45 days. In cases falling under the second sub-paragraph of Article 6(4), this period **may** be extended **on a case-by-case basis**.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When preparing plans, **including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans**, national, regional and local authorities **shall, where appropriate, include in those plans provisions for** the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including **net-zero** strategic projects. **Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry.**

Amendment

1. When preparing **national and regional** plans, **Member States shall ensure** national **cooperation between** regional and local authorities **to promote** the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including strategic **net-zero** projects.

Or. en

Justification

A significant amount of EU regulation is implemented in practice by municipalities and their authorities. It is important that legislation allows to take into account of the possibilities of participation and environmental requirements in regional and local level. Obtaining local acceptability and taking into account local environmental impacts must therefore be an

important part of the preparatory work.

Amendment 48
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, national, regional and local authorities shall, ***where appropriate***, include in those plans provisions for the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including net-zero strategic projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry.

Amendment

1. When preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, national, regional and local authorities shall, ***taking into consideration the results of consultation with civil society in the respective territory***, include in those plans provisions for the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including net-zero strategic projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry. ***Natura 2000 sites shall be strictly excluded.***

Or. en

Amendment 49
Niklas Nienaaß
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, national, regional and local authorities shall, where appropriate, include in those plans provisions for the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including net-zero strategic projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate,

Amendment

1. When preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, national, regional and local authorities, ***in cooperation with social partners and civil society organisations in the respective territory***, shall, where appropriate, include in those plans provisions for the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including net-zero strategic projects. Priority shall be given to

greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry.

artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, national, regional and local authorities shall, where appropriate, include in those plans provisions for the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including net-zero strategic projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry.

Amendment

1. When preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, **as well as action plans for sustainable energy and energy efficiency strategies**, national, regional and local authorities shall, where appropriate, include in those plans provisions for the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including net-zero strategic projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Where plans include provisions for the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including net-zero strategic projects, are subject to an assessment pursuant to Directive 2001/42/EC and pursuant to Article 6 of

Amendment

2. Where plans include provisions for the development of net-zero technology manufacturing projects, including net-zero strategic projects, are subject to an assessment pursuant to Directive 2001/42/EC and pursuant to Article 6 of

Directive 92/43/EEC, those assessments shall be combined. Where relevant, that combined assessment shall also address the impact on potentially affected water bodies and verify whether the plan potentially prevent a water body from achieving good status or good potential or cause deterioration of status or of potential referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2000/60/EC or would potentially hamper that a water body achieves good status or good potential. Where relevant Member States are required to assess the impacts of existing and future activities on the marine environment, including land-sea interactions, as referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2014/89/EU, these impacts shall also be covered by the combined assessment.

Directive 92/43/EEC, those assessments shall be combined. Where relevant, that combined assessment shall also address the impact on potentially affected water bodies and verify whether the plan potentially prevent a water body from achieving good status or good potential or cause deterioration of status or of potential referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2000/60/EC or would potentially hamper that a water body achieves good status or good potential. Where relevant Member States are required to assess the impacts of existing and future activities on the marine environment, including land-sea interactions, as referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2014/89/EU, these impacts shall also be covered by the combined assessment. ***The combination of assessment pursuant to this paragraph shall not lower nor endanger the quality of either of the assessments.***

The Commission shall issue guidelines on how to combine assessments pursuant to the first subparagraph.

Or. en

Amendment 52

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Susana Solís Pérez, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. In support of achieving strategic autonomy, the EU commission develops a strategic action plan on how sustainable bioeconomy can contribute to the NZIA ambitions, including a strategic agenda for bio-based materials in the EU; outlining the materials needed, their sources, and manufacturing processes.

(Will be added as a new paragraph.)

Or. en

Justification

EU needs a diverse set of different energy sources in order to achieve set goals in climate policy and in regard strengthening strategic autonomy. Bioeconomy is vital for many regions in using sustainably their natural resources in achieving common climate goals.

Amendment 53 **Martina Michels**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 9 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The provisions set out in this Regulation are without prejudice to the obligations ***under Articles 6 and 7*** of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, signed at Aarhus on 25 June 1998, and under the UNECE Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context, signed at Espoo on 25 February 1991.

Amendment

1. The provisions set out in this Regulation are without prejudice to the obligations of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, signed at Aarhus on 25 June 1998, and under the UNECE Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context, signed at Espoo on 25 February 1991.

Or. en

Amendment 54 **Martina Michels**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 9 – paragraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

2. All decisions adopted pursuant to this Section and Articles 12 ***and 13*** shall be made publicly available.

Amendment

2. All decisions adopted pursuant to this Section and Articles 12, ***13, 14 and 21*** shall be made publicly available.

Or. en

Amendment 55 **Martina Michels**

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall recognise as net-zero strategic projects net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex and located in the Union that contributes to the realisation of the objectives set out in Article 1 of this Regulation and meet at least one of the following criteria:

Amendment

1. Member States ***in consultation with local and regional authorities*** shall recognise as net-zero strategic projects net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex and located in the Union that contributes to the realisation of the objectives set out in Article 1 of this Regulation and meet at least one of the following criteria:

Or. en

Amendment 56

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the net-zero technology manufacturing project contributes to the technological and industrial resilience of the Union's energy system by increasing the manufacturing capacity of a component or part in the net-zero technology value chain for which the Union heavily depends on imports coming from a single third country ;

Amendment

(a) the net-zero technology manufacturing project contributes to the technological and industrial resilience of the Union's energy system by ***sustainably and strategically*** increasing the manufacturing capacity of a component or part in the net-zero technology value chain for which the Union heavily depends on imports coming from a single third country ;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) it manufactures technologies with improved sustainability and performance;

Amendment

(ii) it manufactures technologies with ***significantly*** improved sustainability and performance;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) it puts into place measures to attract, upskill or reskill a workforce required for net-zero technologies, including through apprenticeships, in close cooperation with social partners;

Amendment

(iii) it puts into place measures to attract, upskill or reskill a workforce required for net-zero technologies, including through apprenticeships, in close cooperation with social partners; ***pays attention to social considerations, promotes inclusiveness, contributes to better territorial cohesion by creating job equal opportunities to all, including socially vulnerable groups***

Or. en

Amendment 59

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) it puts into place measures to attract, upskill or reskill a workforce required for net-zero technologies, including through apprenticeships, in close cooperation with social partners;

Amendment

(iii) it puts into place measures to attract, upskill or reskill a workforce required for net-zero technologies, including through apprenticeships, in close cooperation with social partners, ***fostering quality, healthy and stable employment and decent wages;***

Or. en

Amendment 60
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) it adopts comprehensive **low-carbon** and circular manufacturing practices, including waste heat recovery.

Amendment

(iv) it adopts comprehensive **zero-carbon, non-toxic, resource efficient** and circular manufacturing practices, including waste heat **and materials** recovery, **especially the recovery of critical raw materials pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2023/1815 of the European Parliament and of the Council [Critical Raw Materials Regulation]. The net-zero technology manufacturing project shall adopt manufacturing practices that reflect at least the level of current best available solutions in field of the particular net-zero technology manufacturing project.**

Or. en

Amendment 61
Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Susana Solís Pérez, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) it adopts comprehensive low-carbon and circular manufacturing practices, including waste heat recovery.

Amendment

(iv) it adopts comprehensive low-carbon and circular manufacturing practices, including waste heat recovery, **side streams valorisation and water efficiency.**

Or. en

Justification

Waste recovery is important but so is also the water efficiency, side streams valorisation and others.

Amendment 62
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) it adopts comprehensive low-carbon and circular manufacturing practices, including waste heat recovery.

Amendment

(iv) it adopts comprehensive low-carbon and circular manufacturing practices, including waste heat recovery **and utilization.**

Or. en

Amendment 63
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. *Member States shall recognise as net-zero strategic projects* CO₂ storage projects that meet the following cumulative criteria:

Amendment

2. **Only such** CO₂ storage projects **in line with the "do no significant harm assessment within the meaning of art. 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 and** that meet the following cumulative criteria **may be recognised as net-zero strategic projects:**

Or. en

Amendment 64
Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall recognise as net-zero strategic projects **CO₂** storage projects that meet the following cumulative

Amendment

2. Member States shall recognise as net-zero strategic projects **CO₂ capture projects, and CO₂ infrastructure projects necessary for the transport of captured**

criteria:

CO₂ to CO₂ storage sites, and CO₂
storage projects that meet the following
cumulative criteria:

Or. en

Amendment 65

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. **Member States** shall recognise as net-zero strategic projects CO₂ storage projects that meet the following cumulative criteria:

Amendment

2. **The Commission** shall recognise as net-zero strategic projects CO₂ storage projects that meet the following cumulative criteria:

Or. en

Amendment 66

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) (d) the CO₂ storage project is not combined with Enhanced Hydrocarbon Recovery (EHR)

(e) the CO₂ storage project has an agreement to store CO₂ only from residual emissions of hard-to-abate industrial processes defined in a delegated act referred to in Article 16(1).

(f) the project promoter has no previous significant violations of Union law or laws of third countries, particularly in the field of environment, human and labour rights or tax evasion.

Or. en

Amendment 67

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. the CO₂ capture project and the CO₂ infrastructure projects necessary to transport the captured CO₂ to CO₂ storage sites relevant for the rollout of the plans referred to in Article 18 (4)

Or. en

Amendment 68

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex located in ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules, shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero strategic projects under Article 11(3) upon request of the project promoter without the project promoter having to submit a formal application under Article 11(2).

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Or. en

Amendment 69

Eric Minardi, Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex located in ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules, shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero strategic projects under Article 11(3) upon request of the project promoter without the project promoter having to submit a formal application under Article 11(2).

Amendment

3. Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex located in ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules, shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero strategic projects under Article 11(3) upon request of the project promoter without the project promoter having to submit a formal application under Article 11(2). ***This recognition should be without prejudice to and with respect for the harmony of landscapes, biodiversity and ecosystems, the physical and moral well-being of inhabitants and the integrity of heritage.***

Or. en

Amendment 70

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex located in ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules, shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero strategic projects under Article 11(3) upon request of the project promoter without the project promoter having to submit a formal application under Article

Amendment

3. Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex located in ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules, shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero strategic projects under Article 11(3) upon request of the project promoter without the project promoter having to submit a formal application under Article

11(2).

11(2). *The Commission shall nevertheless verify the adherence to the technologies listed in the Annex.*

Or. en

Amendment 71

Matthias Ecke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex located in ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules, shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero strategic projects under Article 11(3) upon request of the project promoter without the project promoter having to submit a formal application under Article 11(2).

Amendment

3. Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex **and** located **within the EU, especially** in ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules, shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero strategic projects under Article 11(3) upon request of the project promoter without the project promoter having to submit a formal application under Article 11(2).

Or. en

Amendment 72

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex or the key actions in the European Strategic Technology (SET) plan, located in ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero

strategic projects.

Or. en

Justification

Exceptional measures and flexibility are needed to achieve balanced regional development goals including the principle, that no region is left behind, as stated in the Just Transition Mechanism. The SET Plan was established in 2007 to support the EU's energy and climate goals and make Europe a global leader in low-carbon energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Amendment 73

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3 – point 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) Net-zero technology manufacturing projects corresponding to a technology listed in the Annex located in all regions and eligible under cohesion policy rules shall be recognised by Member States as net-zero strategic projects under Article 11(3) upon request of the project promoter without the project promoter having to submit a business plan as listed under Article 11(2b).

Or. en

Amendment 74

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3 – point 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) Regarding net-zero energy technology projects in the outermost regions and northern sparsely populated areas, shortfalls in funding will be

compensated by granting the maximum amount allowed by EU regulations for cohesion funding or other financial instruments affiliated with the Net Zero Industry Act.

Or. en

Justification

The regions are in an unequal position in relation to each other regarding funding opportunities. EU regulations should equalize the differences in funding between different regions, so that NZIA goals can be widely promoted throughout the EU.

Amendment 75

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 10a

State aid thresholds for Member States for Net-Zero project investments

1. In order to ensure the proportional disbursement of state aid by the individual Member States, the Commission shall identify an individual threshold for state aid per Member State that reflects the average investment amount to prevent further divergence in the development of regions.

2. The Commission shall propose a method of calculation for the threshold that takes into account indicators of possible unequal distribution of state aid between Member States, such as financial resources, share of industries and population data in EU-average.

Or. en

Amendment 76

Niklas Nienäß
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Applications for recognition of net-zero technology projects as net-zero strategic projects shall be submitted by the project promoter to the relevant Member State.

Amendment

1. Applications for recognition of net-zero technology projects as net-zero strategic projects shall be submitted by the project promoter to the relevant Member State, ***who shall submit all approved projects to the Commission for confirmation.***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission ***may*** provide its opinion on the approved ***projects***. In the case of a rejection of the application by a Member State, the applicant shall have the right to submit the application to the Commission, which shall assess the application within 20 working days.

Amendment

4. The Commission ***shall*** provide its opinion on the ***projects*** approved ***by a Member State in consultation with local and regional authorities.*** In the case of a rejection of the application by a Member State, the applicant shall have the right to submit the application to the Commission, which shall assess the application within 20 working days.

Or. en

Amendment 78
Niklas Nienäß
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The Commission **may** provide its opinion on the approved projects. In the case of a rejection of the application by a Member State, the applicant shall have the right to submit the application to the Commission, which shall assess the application within 20 working days.

4. The Commission **shall** provide its opinion on the approved projects **of the Member State**. In the case of a rejection of the application by a Member State, the applicant shall have the right to submit the application to the Commission, which shall assess the application within 20 working days.

Or. en

Amendment 79

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7. Projects which are no longer recognised as net-zero strategic project shall lose all rights connected to that status under this Regulation.

7. Projects which are no longer recognised as net-zero strategic project **referred to in paragraph 6 and in accordance with Art. 35 (1a)** shall lose all rights connected to that status under this Regulation.

Or. en

Justification

The criteria set out in Article 10.1, which require verification of administrative and bureaucratic burdens, may be verified ex-post if promoters commit to their compliance. Actual compliance would be monitored on a regular basis. Non-compliance would lead to withdrawal of the status of a strategic net-zero project and to penalties.

Amendment 80

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8. The Commission shall set up and

8. **Both** the Commission, **and the**

maintain an openly available registry of net-zero strategic projects.

Member States shall set up and maintain an openly available registry of net-zero strategic projects.

Or. en

Amendment 81
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Without prejudice to obligations provided for in Union law, Member States shall grant net-zero strategic projects the status of the highest national significance possible, where such a status exists in national law, and be treated accordingly in the permit-granting processes including those relating to environmental assessments and if national law so provides, to spatial planning.

Amendment

2. Without prejudice to obligations provided for in Union law, Member States shall grant net-zero strategic projects the status of the highest national significance possible, where such a status exists in national law, and be treated accordingly in the permit-granting processes including those relating to environmental assessments and if national law so provides, to spatial planning. ***Local and regional authorities, within their legal competencies, provide maximum support to national authorities in environmental procedures, spatial planning, and other obligations derived from the domestic law of the Member States.***

Or. en

Amendment 82
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. ***Net-zero strategic projects shall be considered to contribute to the security of supply of strategic net-zero technologies in the Union and therefore to be in the public interest. With regard to the***

Amendment

deleted

environmental impacts addressed in Articles 6(4) and 16(1)I of Directive 92/43/EEC, Article 4(7) of Directive 2000/60/EC and Article 9(1)(a) of Directive 2009/147/EC, net-zero strategic projects in the Union shall be considered as being of public interest and may be considered as having an overriding public interest provided that all the conditions set out in those Directives are fulfilled.

Or. en

Amendment 83

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission and the Member States shall undertake activities to accelerate and crowd-in private investments in net-zero strategic projects. Such activities may, without prejudice to Article 107 and Article 108 of the TFEU, include providing and coordinating support to net-zero strategic projects facing difficulties in accessing finance.

Amendment

1. The Commission and the Member States shall undertake activities to accelerate and crowd-in private investments in net-zero strategic projects. Such activities may, without prejudice to Article 107 and Article 108 of the TFEU, include providing and coordinating **administrative** support to net-zero strategic projects facing difficulties in accessing finance.

Or. en

Justification

EU has many existing instruments from which member states can apply funding for net-zero projects. Focus in support should therefore be in increasing promptness on existing instruments and financial admissions through, among other things, administrative support.

Amendment 84

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States may provide administrative support to net-zero strategic projects to facilitate their rapid and effective implementation, including by providing:

Amendment

2. Member States may provide administrative support, ***through institutions with appropriate competencies*** to net-zero strategic projects to facilitate their rapid and effective implementation, including by providing:

Or. en

Amendment 85

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) assistance to project promoters to further increase the public acceptance of the project.

Amendment

(b) assistance to project promoters to further increase the public acceptance of the project. ***The support must be point to ‘less developed and transition regions’ and Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules, especially outermost regions and northern sparsely populated areas.***

Or. en

Justification

Support should be focused on the regions which need it the most.

Amendment 86

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. 3. In order to accelerate implementation of projects to meet the EU objective set by Article 16, it shall be possible for Member States to cooperate on joint carbon dioxide storage projects

Amendment 87
Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Net-Zero Europe Platform as established in Article 28 shall discuss financial needs and bottlenecks of net-zero strategic **projects**, potential best practices, in particular to develop EU cross-border supply chains, notably based on regular exchanges with the relevant industrial alliances.

Amendment

1. The Net-Zero Europe Platform as established in Article 28 shall discuss financial needs and bottlenecks of net-zero strategic **technologies**, potential best practices, in particular to develop EU cross-border supply chains, notably based on regular exchanges with the relevant industrial alliances. .

Amendment 88
Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Net-Zero Europe Platform shall, **at the request of the net-zero strategic project promoter**, discuss and advise on how the financing of its project can be completed, taking into account the funding already secured and considering at least the following elements:

Amendment

2. The Net-Zero Europe Platform shall, discuss and advise on how the financing of its project can be completed, taking into account the funding already secured and considering at least the following elements:

Amendment 89
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Net-Zero Europe Platform shall, at the request of **the** net-zero strategic project promoter, discuss and advise on how the financing of its project can be completed, taking into account the funding already secured and considering at least the following elements:

Amendment

2. The Net-Zero Europe Platform shall, at the request of **regions, municipalities or a** net-zero strategic project promoter, discuss and advise on how the financing of its project can be completed, taking into account the funding already secured and considering at least the following elements:

Or. en

Amendment 90

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 – point d – point i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

i) e) other legally recognized sources of funding in the legislation of the Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 91

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) The Net-Zero Europe Platform shall propose the creation of an additional funding instrument at European Union level. This instrument shall provide an ambitious and accelerated financial support for large-scale net-zero technologies projects, both in terms of

capital and operational expenditure for the entire supply chains, to create a competitive and attractive environment in the European Union and conditions of fair competition with third countries

Or. en

Amendment 92

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 15a

Net-Zero project share gains

Those municipalities and NUTS 2 regions with entities that receive investments due to the classification as strategic Net-Zero projects shall be entitled to become shareholders depending on the market value and the amount of investments received. Member States shall, in coordination with the Commission, specify the appropriate shareholder proportion.

Or. en

Justification

Label as NZ strategic project is likely to increase the companies' share value. Share acquisition will enable MS to benefit from this & will also provide an incentive for MS to carefully select the most promising projects. While derisking investments via industrial policy can be favorable from a financing perspective and can attract investments, it can be problematic from a societal perspective. When risks are socialised and defaults are paid by taxpayers, while profits are privatised, it creates a societal burden. When supporting private ventures, MS should profit from the success.

Amendment 93

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall assess reports referred to in Article 18 (4) and submitted by entities referred to in Article 18 (1) by 31 January 2025 and shall adjust the target date of 2030 if necessary, with the aim of reflecting objective commercial, financial, technical, legal, and environmental limitations outside the control of the entities

Or. en

Amendment 94
Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. By **3** months from the entry into force of this Regulation, Member States shall:

1. By **6** months from the entry into force of this Regulation, Member States shall:

Or. en

Amendment 95
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) make publicly available data on areas where CO₂ storage sites can be permitted on their territory.

(a) make publicly available data on areas where CO₂ storage sites can be permitted on their territory. ***An online registry of CO₂ storage sites will be managed by the competent authority of each Member State and the Commission.***

Amendment 96

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) make publicly available data on areas where CO₂ storage sites can be permitted on their territory.

Amendment

(a) make publicly available data on areas where CO₂ storage sites can be permitted on their territory, **including saline aquifers** .

Or. en

Amendment 97

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **oblige entities holding** an authorisation **as defined** in Article 1, point 3, **of** Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁷¹ on their territory to make **publicly** available all geological data relating to production sites that have been decommissioned or whose decommissioning has been notified to the competent **authority**.

Amendment

(b) **Call for holders of** an authorisation in **accordance with** Article 1, point 3), Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council 71 on their territory to make available **to the public** all geological data relating to production sites that have been decommissioned or whose decommissioning has been notified to the **Authority** competent

⁷¹ Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorizations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons (OJ L 164, 30.6.1994, p. 3).

Or. en

Amendment 98
Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) For the ***purposes of point (a)***, the data ***shall include at least the*** information requested in the Commission ***Notice on the Guidance*** to Member States for the ***update*** of the ***2021-2030*** National Energy and Climate Plans.

Amendment

(c) for the ***disclosure of*** the data ***referred to point a)*** ***will refer to*** information requested in the Commission ***Communication on guidelines*** to Member States for the ***updating*** of the National Energy and Climate Plans ***2021 - 2030***.

Or. en

Amendment 99
Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. By ***six*** months from the entry into force of this Regulation and each year thereafter, each Member State shall submit to the Commission a report describing:

Amendment

2. By ***nine*** months from the entry into force of this Regulation and each year thereafter, each Member State shall submit to the Commission a report describing:

Or. en

Amendment 100
Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the national support measures that could be ***adopted to prompt*** projects ***referred to in points (a) and (b)***.

Amendment

(c) ***Member States are invited to indicate*** the national support measures that could be ***taken to promote CO2 capture and storage*** projects. ***However, such reporting is optional, and Member States may only provide information on specific***

measures if they are considered relevant to the national situation in the annual reports.

Or. en

Amendment 101

Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Contracting authorities or contracting entities shall base the award of contracts for net-zero technology listed in the Annex in a public procurement procedure on the most economically advantageous tender, which shall include the best price-quality ratio, comprising at least the ***sustainability and resilience*** contribution of the tender, in compliance with Directives 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU, or 2014/25/EU and applicable sectoral legislation, as well as with the Union's international commitments, including the GPA and other international agreements by which the Union is bound.

Amendment

1. Contracting authorities or contracting entities shall base the award of contracts for net-zero technology listed in the Annex in a public procurement procedure on the most economically advantageous tender, which shall include the best price-quality ratio, comprising at least the contribution of the tender ***to sustainability, quality of employment, resilience and to regional development***, in compliance with Directives 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU, or 2014/25/EU and applicable sectoral legislation, as well as with the Union's international commitments, including the GPA and other international agreements by which the Union is bound.

Or. en

Amendment 102

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The tender's sustainability and resilience contribution shall be based on the following cumulative criteria which shall be objective, transparent and non-discriminatory:

Amendment

2. The tender's sustainability and resilience contribution shall be based on the following cumulative criteria which shall be objective, transparent, ***inclusive*** and non-discriminatory:

Amendment 103

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Contracting authorities and contracting entities shall give the tender's sustainability and resilience contribution a weight between 15% and 30% of the award criteria, without prejudice of the application of Article 41 (3) of Directive 2014/23/EU, Article 67 (5) of Directive 2014/24/EU or Article 82 (5) of Directive 2014/25/EU for giving a higher weighting to the criteria referred to in paragraph 2, points (a) and (b).

Amendment

3. Contracting authorities and contracting entities shall give the tender's sustainability and resilience contribution a weight between 15% and 30% of the award criteria, without prejudice of the application of Article 41 (3) of Directive 2014/23/EU, Article 67 (5) of Directive 2014/24/EU or Article 82 (5) of Directive 2014/25/EU for giving a higher weighting to the criteria referred to in paragraph 2, points (a) and (b).

Or. en

Amendment 104

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. where applicable, the tender's contribution to territorial cohesion, job creation and equal opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1

1. Without prejudice to Article 4 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 and Articles 107 and 108 the Treaty, and to the Union's international commitments including the GPA and other international agreements by which the Union is bound, Member States, regional or local authorities, bodies governed by public law or associations formed by one or more such authorities or one or more such bodies governed by public law, shall assess the sustainability and resilience contribution as referred to in Article 19(2) of this Regulation when designing the criteria used for ranking bids in the framework of auctions, the aim of which is to support the production or consumption of energy from renewable sources as defined in Article 2, point (1) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001.

1. Without prejudice to Article 4 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 and Articles 107 and 108 the Treaty, and to the Union's international commitments including the GPA and other international agreements by which the Union is bound, Member States, regional or local authorities, bodies governed by public law or associations formed by one or more such authorities or one or more such bodies governed by public law, shall assess the sustainability and resilience contribution as referred to in Article 19(2) of this Regulation when designing the criteria used for ranking bids in the framework of auctions, the aim of which is to support the production or consumption of energy from renewable sources as defined in Article 2, point (1) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001. ***Member States may prioritize the public funding, including European funds, of entities that contribute to the net-zero emissions objective listed in the annex.***

Or. en

Amendment 106

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 1

1. Without prejudice to Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty and Article 4 of Directive 2018/2001⁷³ and in line with the Union's international commitments, when deciding to set up schemes benefitting households or consumers which incentivise the purchase of net-zero technology final products listed in the Annex, Member States, regional or local authorities, bodies governed by public law or associations formed by one or more such authorities or one or more such bodies governed by

1. Without prejudice to Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty and Article 4 of Directive 2018/2001⁷³ and in line with the Union's international commitments, when deciding to set up schemes benefitting households or consumers which incentivise the purchase of net-zero technology final products listed in the Annex, Member States, regional or local authorities, bodies governed by public law or associations formed by one or more such authorities or one or more such bodies governed by

public law, shall design them in such a way as to promote the purchase by beneficiaries of net-zero technology final products with a high sustainability and resilience contribution as referred in Article 19(2), by providing additional proportionate financial compensation.

public law, shall design them in such a way as to promote the purchase by beneficiaries of net-zero technology final products with a high sustainability and resilience contribution as referred in Article 19(2), by providing additional proportionate financial compensation. ***No one should be left behind, those in needs should have also benefit from net-zero technology.***

⁷³ Directive 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

⁷³ Directive 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

Or. en

Amendment 107

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall support, including through the provision of seed-funding, the establishment of European Net Zero Industry Academies, ***which*** have as their objectives to:

Amendment

1. The Commission shall support, including through the provision of seed-funding, the establishment of European Net Zero Industry Academies, ***with priority given to transition and less developed regions according to cohesion policy rules. The Academies shall*** have as their objectives to:

Or. en

Amendment 108

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) develop learning programmes, content and learning and training materials for training and education on developing, producing, installing, commissioning, operating, maintaining and recycling net-zero technologies, on raw materials, as well as to support the capacities of public authorities competent to issue permits and authorisations referred to in Chapter II and contracting authorities referred to in Chapter IV of this Regulation;

(a) develop learning programmes, content and learning and training materials for training and education on developing, producing, installing, commissioning, operating, maintaining and recycling net-zero technologies, on raw materials, as well as to support the capacities of public authorities competent to issue permits and authorisations referred to in Chapter II and contracting authorities referred to in Chapter IV of this Regulation. ***The Commission will involve relevant actors with proven practical experience in the development of educational content, as well as any enterprise or consortium of enterprises developing a technology production project that contributes to the net-zero emissions objective or a strategic project that contributes to the net-zero emissions objective.***

Or. en

Amendment 109 **Mircea-Gheorghe Hava**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point b**

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) enable and promote the use of the learning programmes, content and materials by education and training providers in the Member States, among others by training trainers and develop mechanisms to ensure the quality of the training offered by education and training providers in the Member States based on the above learning programmes, content and materials;

Amendment

(b) enable and promote the use of the learning programmes, content and materials by education and training providers in the Member States, among others by training trainers and develop mechanisms to ensure the quality ***and adequate monitoring*** of the training offered by education and training providers in the Member States based on the above learning programmes, content and materials;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) develop and deploy credentials, including micro-credentials, to facilitate the transparency of skills acquired and enhance the transferability between jobs and the cross-border mobility of the workforce, and to promote matching with relevant jobs through tools such as the European Employment Services (EURES) network and EURAXESS.

Amendment

(c) develop and deploy credentials, including micro-credentials, to facilitate the transparency of skills acquired and enhance the transferability between jobs and the cross-border mobility of the workforce, and to promote matching with relevant jobs through tools such as the European Employment Services (EURES) network and EURAXESS, ***promote equal opportunities and encourage greater participation of long term unemployed and socially disadvantaged groups in upskilling and reskilling***

Or. en

Amendment 111

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Susana Solís Pérez, Vlad-Marius Botoş

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) Make use of the best practices already in use in the member states, especially with regard to regional continuing education or additional training.

Or. en

Justification

EU should make to the use of existing, effective practices in providing educational opportunities to different regions.

Amendment 112

Niklas Nienä

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. In order to identify regions with a particular need for European Net-Zero Academies, Member States shall evaluate the number of applications and realised strategic Net-Zero projects at NUTS 2 level and assess, in coordination with the Net-Zero Platform according to Art. 28 (4d), the establishment of their Net-Zero Academies in those regions.

Or. en

Amendment 113

Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Susana Solís Pérez, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Special needs and support related to education should emphasize the less developed and transition regions, Just Transition Fund Territories and eligible for funding under cohesion policy rules.

Or. en

Justification

Less developed and transition regions suffer commonly from lower educational attainment and migration loss. Net Zero Industry Academies could aid the regions in answering to these challenges.

Amendment 114

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 1

1. By 31 December 2024 and every two years thereafter, Member States shall identify whether the learning programmes developed by the European net-zero industry academies are equivalent to the specific qualifications required by the host Member State to access regulated activities within the scope of a profession with particular interest for the net-zero industry. Member States shall ensure that the results of the assessments are made public and easily accessible online.

1. By 31 December 2024 and every two years thereafter, Member States shall identify whether the learning programmes developed by the European net-zero industry academies are equivalent to the specific qualifications required by the host Member State to access regulated activities within the scope of a profession with particular interest for the net-zero industry. Member States shall ensure that the results of the assessments are made public and easily accessible online ***to all relevant stakeholders. Member States shall implement specific equivalence measures in compliance with their domestic legal framework and in consultation with relevant actors from the training system, social partners, and industries that contribute to the net-zero emissions objectives.***

Or. en

Amendment 115
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point 5

(5) facilitate the development of European occupation profiles consisting of a common set of knowledge, skills and competences for key professions in the net-zero technologies, drawing inter alia upon the learning programmes developed by the European Net-Zero Industry Academies, and, where appropriate, using the terminology provided by the European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations (ESCO) classification to facilitate transparency and mobility between jobs and across internal market borders;

(5) facilitate the development of European ***standards and*** occupation profiles consisting of a common set of knowledge, skills and competences for key professions in the net-zero technologies, drawing inter alia upon the learning programmes developed by the European Net-Zero Industry Academies, and, where appropriate, using the terminology provided by the European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations (ESCO) classification to facilitate transparency and mobility between jobs and across internal market borders;

Amendment 116
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) promote adequate working conditions in jobs in net-zero technology industries, the activation of youth, women and seniors to the labour market for net-zero technology industries, and the attraction of skilled workers from third countries, and thereby achieve a more diverse workforce;

Amendment

(6) promote adequate working conditions in jobs in net-zero technology industries, the activation of youth, women and seniors to the labour market for net-zero technology industries, and the attraction of skilled workers from third countries, and thereby achieve a more diverse workforce, ***without risking the occurrence of imbalances in the labor markets of the Member States.***

Or. en

Amendment 117
Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) promote adequate working conditions in jobs in net-zero technology industries, the activation of youth, women and seniors to the labour market for net-zero technology industries, and the attraction of skilled workers from third countries, and thereby achieve a more diverse workforce;

Amendment

(6) promote adequate working conditions in jobs in net-zero technology industries, the activation of youth, women and seniors, ***socially vulnerable groups, long term unemployed*** to the labour market for net-zero technology industries, and the attraction of skilled workers from third countries, and thereby achieve a more diverse workforce;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation

Article 27 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) organise awareness raising activities about participation to the regulatory sandboxes by small and medium enterprises;

Amendment

(b) organise **information and** awareness raising activities about participation to the regulatory sandboxes by small and medium enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation

Article 28 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission and Member States may coordinate within the Platform on the Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships and also with relevant third countries to help promote the adoption of net-zero technologies globally and to support the role of Union industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition, in line with the overall objectives of this Regulation stemming from Article 1 of this Regulation. The Platform may periodically discuss:

Amendment

4. The Commission and Member States may coordinate within the Platform on the Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships and also with relevant third countries to help promote the adoption of net-zero technologies globally, ***to collaborate in the development of innovative technologies as defined under this act*** and to support the role of Union industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition, in line with the overall objectives of this Regulation stemming from Article 1 of this Regulation. The Platform may periodically discuss: ***(a) how to improve cooperation along the net-zero value chain between the Union and third countries; (b) how to address non-tariff barriers to trade, such as through mutual recognition of conformity assessment or commitments to avoid export restrictions; (c) which third countries should be prioritised for the conclusion of Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships, taking into account the following: i) the potential contribution to security of supply, taking into account their manufacturing capacity***

*of net-zero and innovative technologies ;
ii) whether there are existing cooperation
agreements between a third country and
the Union.*

Or. en

Amendment 120
Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission and Member States may coordinate within the Platform on the Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships and also with relevant third countries to help promote the adoption of net-zero technologies globally and to support the role of Union industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition, in line with the overall objectives of this Regulation stemming from Article 1 of this Regulation. The Platform may periodically discuss:

Amendment

4. The Commission and Member States may coordinate within the Platform on the Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships and also with relevant third countries to help promote the adoption of net-zero technologies globally *to collaborate in the development of innovative technologies as defined under this act* and to support the role of Union industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition, in line with the overall objectives of this Regulation stemming from Article 1 of this Regulation. The Platform may periodically discuss:

Or. en

Amendment 121
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission and Member States *may* coordinate within the Platform on the Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships and also with relevant third countries to help promote the adoption of net-zero

Amendment

4. The Commission and Member States coordinate *themselves* within the Platform on the Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships and also with relevant third countries to help promote the adoption of

technologies globally and to support the role of Union industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition, in line with the overall objectives of this Regulation stemming from Article 1 of this Regulation. The Platform may periodically discuss:

net-zero technologies globally and to support the role of Union industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition, in line with the overall objectives of this Regulation stemming from Article 1 of this Regulation. The Platform may periodically discuss:

Or. en

Amendment 122

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 28 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission and Member States may coordinate within the Platform on the Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships and also with relevant third countries to help promote the adoption of net-zero technologies globally and to support the role of Union industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition, in line with the overall objectives of this Regulation stemming from Article 1 of this Regulation. The Platform **may** periodically discuss:

Amendment

4. The Commission and Member States may coordinate within the Platform on the Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships and also with relevant third countries to help promote the adoption of net-zero technologies globally and to support the role of Union industrial capabilities in paving the way for the global clean energy transition, in line with the overall objectives of this Regulation stemming from Article 1 of this Regulation. The Platform **shall** periodically discuss:

Or. en

Amendment 123

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 28 – paragraph 4 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) how to support Member States in improving the development of their

regions at NUTS 2 level by assessing projects no longer considered as strategic Net-Zero projects according to Art. 11 (7) and Art. 35 (1a) in order to identify bottlenecks and challenges, build up more resilient and sustainable structures, and attract new projects to the area.

Or. en

Amendment 124

Denis Nesci

Proposal for a regulation Article 28 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Member States ***shall support*** the Commission ***in*** the implementation of the cooperation measures set out in the Net-Zero Industrial Partnership. Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships will have the objective of facilitating trade among participants, including by favouring necessary investments within the Union and in third countries, enhancing resilience and sustainability of the supportive value chains, and guaranteeing a level playing field.

Amendment

5. Member states ***and*** the Commission ***support*** the implementation of the cooperation measures set out in the Net-Zero Industrial Partnership. Net-Zero Industrial Partnerships will have the objective of facilitating trade among participants, including by favouring necessary investments within the Union and in third countries, enhancing resilience and sustainability of the supportive value chains ***promoting industrial application of high-tech strategic options***, and guaranteeing a level playing field.

Or. en

Amendment 125

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 126
Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The Platform shall invite representatives of the European Parliament to attend, as observers, its meetings, including of the standing or temporary sub-groups referred to in paragraph 6.

Amendment

7. The Platform shall invite representatives of the European Parliament, ***the European Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee*** to attend, as observers, its meetings, including of the standing or temporary sub-groups referred to in paragraph 6.

Or. en

Amendment 127
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The Platform shall invite representatives of the European Parliament to attend, as observers, its meetings, including of the standing or temporary sub-groups referred to in paragraph 6.

Amendment

7. The Platform shall invite representatives of the European Parliament to attend, as observers, its meetings, including of the standing or temporary sub-groups referred to in paragraph 6. ***The platform presents an annual activity report to the European Parliament.***

Or. en

Amendment 128
Niklas Nienä
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. ***Where appropriate***, the Platform or the Commission ***may*** invite experts and other third parties to Platform and sub-group meetings or to provide written contributions.

Amendment

8. ***On a regular basis***, the Platform or the Commission ***shall*** invite ***representatives of the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of the Regions, social partners and civil society organisations, as well as*** experts and other third parties to Platform and sub-group meetings or to provide written contributions.

Or. en

Amendment 129
Niklas Nienäß
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. On the basis of the reports submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article, the Commission shall monitor the Union's progress referred to paragraph 1, point (a) and publish related ***reccomendations*** on an annual basis as part of the Annual Reports on Competitiveness of Clean Energy Technologies, pursuant to Article 35 (2), point (m) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.

Amendment

6. On the basis of the reports submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article, the Commission shall monitor the Union's progress referred to paragraph 1, point (a) and publish related ***recommendations*** on an annual basis as part of the Annual Reports on Competitiveness of Clean Energy Technologies, pursuant to Article 35 (2), point (m) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.

Or. en

Amendment 130
Niklas Nienäß
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. By...[3 years after the date of application of this Regulation], and every 3 years thereafter, the Commission shall evaluate this Regulation and present a report on the main findings to the European Parliament, the Council **and** the European Economic and Social Committee.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 131

Niklas Nienäß

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Commission shall, two years after the start of a Net-Zero strategic project, perform an ex-post evaluation, taking into account the fulfilment of social standards, CO2 emissions, environmental compatibility, and economic development. 20% of the weakest performing projects within the respective Member State at NUTS 2 level shall be no longer considered as strategic Net-Zero projects.

Or. en

Justification

By reducing ex ante bureaucracy to a minimum, procedures would be greatly expedited. At the same time, environmental and social effectiveness would be even higher, as promoters would not only have to comply with the ex-ante guidelines but would also have to demonstrate ex-post that they are complying with them in a sustainable manner. The roll-out of net-zero technologies would

be substantially accelerated. Ex-post compliance checks and potential penalties would ensure actual compliance with social and environmental standards.

Amendment 132

Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – subheading 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Strategic net-zero technologies

Amendment

Strategic net-zero technologies

Table:

- 1. Solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies***
- 2. Onshore wind and offshore renewable technologies***
- 3. Battery/storage technologies***
- 4. Heat pumps and geothermal energy technologies***
- 5. Electrolysers and fuel cells***
- 6. Sustainable biogas/biomethane technologies***
- 7. Carbon Capture, storage (CCS / BECCS) and carbon utilization (CCU) technologies***
- 8. Grid technologies***
- 9. Renewable bioenergy technologies***

(Complements the original annex list.)

Or. en

Justification

Widens the list of strategic technologies in order to consider the regional specifics of energy production, resources and infrastructure.

Amendment 133

Ondřej Knotek, Mauri Pekkarinen, Stéphane Bijoux, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – subheading 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Strategic net-zero technologies

Amendment

Strategic net-zero technologies

- 9. Nuclear technologies***
- 10. Energy fusion technologies***

Justification

Widens the list of strategic technologies in order to consider the regional specifics of energy production, resources and infrastructure.