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amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a list of selected cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 ([1]), and in particular Article 7(1) and Article 25(1)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 established a category of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (renewable energy cross-border projects) that contribute to decarbonisation, to completing the internal energy market and to enhancing the security of supply. Those projects are set up by a cooperation agreement between two or more Member States or between one or more Member States and one or more third countries as set out in Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]).

(2) The selection of those projects is subject to the general criteria and procedures set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and further detailed in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342 ([3]).

(3) The renewable energy cross-border projects are selected and included in a dedicated list, adopted by the Commission by means of delegated act. The first list was adopted by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 ([4]). The inclusion of the projects in the list renders them eligible to apply for funding under the Connecting Europe Facility. In addition, the inclusion in the list brings benefits to the projects in terms of higher visibility.

(4) The new renewable energy cross-border projects in the updated list were selected following a call for proposals published on 10 January 2023 and closed on 3 May 2023. The projects that applied were assessed by external experts and by experts from the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency and the European Commission.

(5) The Commission notified the evaluation results to the Expert Group on the preparation and the drawing-up of the delegated act supplementing the Connection Europe Facility with respect to identification criteria and process for cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy. Following the agreement by the expert group on a draft list of renewable energy cross-border projects, the Commission adopts the final list.

(6) The list of renewable energy cross-border projects contains projects that contribute to the cost-effective exploitation of renewable energy in the electricity sector and will be implemented through different renewable technologies, including offshore and onshore wind.

([1]) OJ L 249, 14.7.2021, p. 38.
([2]) Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82).
([3]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/342 of 21 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the specific selection criteria and the details of the process for selecting cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L 62, 1.3.2022, p. 1).
([4]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2202 of 29 August 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a list of selected cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy (OJ L 293, 14.11.2022, p. 1).

(7) The inclusion of projects on the list of renewable energy cross-border projects is without prejudice to their compliance with applicable EU law, including with the outcome of the relevant environmental assessment and permit procedures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

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

Project number	Project name	Project developers	Participating countries
2022-05	ELWIND – Estonian Latvian joint hybrid offshore wind project	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia; The Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia	Estonia and Latvia
2022-07	CEO – Alliance Cross-Border-European Green Hydrogen Value Chain	EON.SE; ENEL Green Power Spa; IBERDROLA CLIENTES S.A.U.	Germany, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands
2022-10	Climate-neutral district heating in the European city Goerlitz Zgorzelec	Stadtwerke Görlitz AG; SEC Zgorzelec Sp. z o.o.	Germany and Poland
2023-2	ULP-RES WP	Utilitas Wind SIA; Utilitas Wind OÜ	Latvia and Estonia
2023-3	SLOWP	Utilitas Wind OÜ	Luxembourg and Estonia'

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 19 September 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN