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## COMMISSION DECISION

**amending Commission Decision C(2023)8494 final on the financing of actions under the prerogatives of the Commission and its specific powers in the field of energy: Support activities to the European energy policy and internal energy market, nuclear safeguards, and nuclear safety and protection against radiation and the adoption of the work programme for 2024** *[The text below between inverted commas is replacing the Annex to Commission Decision C(2023)8494 and it will thereafter be part of that Decision. Once the amending act enters into force, it exhausts its effects by changing the text of the original act. It is only the original act as amended that remains and continues to govern the whole of the matter.]*

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### **1. Introduction**

On the basis of the objectives laid down in the budget remarks, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2024 as follows:

- (a) for grants (implemented under direct management);
- (b) for procurement (implemented under direct management);
- (c) for actions implemented under indirect management;
- (d) for other actions or expenditure.

Legal basis

Article 58(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046

Budget line

02 20 04 02 – Support activities for the European energy policy and internal energy market EUR 6 762 600

Objectives pursued

The key objective is to support the design and implementation of EU energy policies aimed at accelerating and facilitating the transition away from fossil fuels towards clean energy technologies, while achieving a more secure, more sustainable and more affordable energy system at EU level. The activities will contribute to ensure security of energy supply, the good functioning of the internal energy market and access to transport networks of energy, integrated governance and monitoring, analysis of modelling including scenarios on the impact of

considered policies and protecting the rights of energy users. The planned activities will support the objectives of the RepowerEU Plan<sup>1</sup> to reduce dependence on Russian fossil fuels and fast forward the green transition. Among these activities are those of the EU Energy Platform for pooling demand, coordinating infrastructure use, negotiating with international partners and preparing for joint gas and hydrogen purchases.

## Expected results

The results stem from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, as provided for in Article 58(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure incurred by the Commission to support the energy policy for collecting and processing information of all kinds needed for the analysis, definition, promotion, monitoring, financing, evaluation and implementation of a competitive, safe and sustainable European energy policy, of the internal energy market and its extension to third countries, of all aspects of energy supply security in a European and global perspective as well as the strengthening of the rights and protection of energy users by supplying quality services at transparent and comparable prices. Expenditure will include the development and maintenance of IT systems and platforms to comply with the requirements of EU legislation.

It is also intended to cover experts' expenditure directly linked to the collection, validation and analysis of necessary information on energy market observation, as well as expenditure on information and communication, digital processing and visualisation of data, conferences and events promoting activities in the energy sector, electronic and paper publications, audio-visual products as well as the development of different web-based and social media activities directly linked to the achievement of the objective of the energy policy. This appropriation will also support an enhanced energy dialogue with the Union's key energy partners and international agencies in the field of energy.

## Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

The actions included in this work programme contribute to the goals set in the European Green Deal for a clean energy transition such as securing affordable energy supplies, investing in renewable energy, prioritising energy efficiency, building interconnected energy systems, empowering consumers and addressing energy poverty.

## **2. Procurement**

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in 2024 under this budget line is EUR 6 612 600.

### **2.1 Support activities for the European energy policy and internal energy market**

General description of the actions envisaged

- Conferences, communication activities and publications

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<sup>1</sup> COM/2022/230 final of 18.5.2022

- Consultancy and studies, including evaluations, impact assessments and public opinion surveys
- Development and maintenance of IT systems, such as the Energy Market Observatory (EMOS), the e-Platform under Article 28 of the Energy Union Governance Regulation<sup>2</sup>, and the EU sustainable transport fuels database under Article 28 of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>3</sup>
- Hosting/housing and maintenance costs for the IT applications/websites of DG Energy
- Purchase of data and information on the energy market
- Technical support to implement and develop energy security rules, bidding zones and resource adequacy
- Translation of energy-related documents
- Framework contract – Design, development, operation and maintenance services for an IT platform for the collection and exchange of market data about demand and supply, demand aggregation and joint purchasing of energy-related products<sup>4</sup>
- Framework contract - Legal, socio-economic and technical assistance in the field of energy
- Framework contract – Impact assessment and evaluation

## Implementation

Directorate-General for Energy. Some of the above actions may be sub-delegated or co-delegated to other Commission's departments such as the Joint Research Centre, the Publications Office (OP), and the Directorates-General for Informatics (DIGIT), Translation (DGT), Interpretation (SCIC) and Communication (COMM).

## Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

The actions included in this section contribute to the goals set in the European Green Deal for a clean energy transition such as securing affordable energy supplies, investing in renewable energy, prioritising energy efficiency, building interconnected energy systems, empowering consumers and addressing energy poverty.

### **3. *Actions implemented in indirect management***

The global budgetary envelope reserved for actions implemented in indirect management in 2024 under this budget line is EUR 100 000.

#### **3.1 Global Flaring and Methane Reduction Partnership**

##### Implementing entity

The World Bank provides financing and technical assistance in the area of sustainable development and is a major actor in the Global Methane Pledge, with unique expertise in financing methane emissions reduction in countries under Official Development Assistance

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of 11.12.2018

<sup>3</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of 11.12.2018

<sup>4</sup> The conclusion of this framework contract is subject to the entry into force of the Regulation on the internal markets for renewable gas, natural gas and for hydrogen, amending Regulations (EU) No 1227/2011, (EU) 2017/1938, (EU) 2019/42 and (EU) 2022/869 and Decision (EU) 2017/684 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 715/2009

(ODA). The World Bank is a pillar-assessed entity.

#### Description, including the objectives pursued and expected results

The action consists in a contribution to the Global Flaring and Methane Reduction Partnership ('the Fund'), a multi-donor stand-alone trust fund providing technical assistance, policy and regulatory reform, institutional building, and mobilising funding to support actions by governments and operators in deploying flaring and methane reduction solutions.

The objective is to support third countries dependent on fossil fuel exports, in particular those in priority regions for the EU, which will be affected by the new requirements of the EU Methane Regulation<sup>5</sup> and the EU transition away from fossil fuels.

The action is expected to result in the reduction of the global anthropogenic methane emissions, notably those generated by flaring at oil production, thus contributing to reaching the objectives of the Global Methane Pledge to reduce global anthropogenic methane emissions by at least 30% by 2030, from 2020 levels.

#### Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Methane has a significant impact on global warming. The action will directly contribute to the quantitative reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to supporting natural environments conducive to preserve and protect biodiversity when used for purposes of the Fund.

#### **4. Other actions or expenditure**

##### **4.1. Commission membership fee as permanent observer to the Latin-American Energy Organisation (OLADE)**

Amount

EUR 50 000

#### Description, including the objectives pursued and expected results

The objective of this action is to become a Permanent Observer of OLADE, which integrates 28 member states in the sub-continent. They develop a high number of energy actions on their countries, produce intelligence on energy developments and are the relay among energy authorities in all countries in the region. OLADE organises at least one meeting a year of Ministers of Energy. As such, this international organisation is deemed an ideal partner with which to develop relations in an efficient and cost-effective way, considering the limited resources available. This should allow the Commission to be in a position to keep relations with all those countries while not allocating unaffordable resources. It would also give a good justification to limit the number of bilateral energy dialogues, while keeping open gates in the relations and building mutual trust within the area.

The present contribution represents the EU membership fee for 2024 for a provisional status as a

<sup>5</sup> Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/942, COM/2021/805 final

basis for the ongoing negotiation with OLADE for a statutory fee.

Legal basis

Article 239 of the Financial Regulation.

Implementation

Directorate-General for Energy

Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Not applicable as this action is a membership fee.

**Budget line(s)**

**12 20 04 01 - Nuclear safeguards EUR 28 937 521**

Objectives pursued

The objective is to fulfil the obligations stemming from the Euratom Treaty, namely Article 77, on the Commission's supervisory role in ensuring that materials used in nuclear activities are not diverted from their intended uses and the provisions relating to supply and any particular safeguarding obligations assumed by the Community under agreements concluded with third countries or international organisations are respected.

Expected results

The results stem from the Commission's supervision rights in the context of safeguards activities as stated in the Euratom Treaty, which include the on-site verification of nuclear material and the verification of nuclear operator declarations pursuant to Regulation 302/2005, both on-site and at Commission headquarters.

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure incurred by the Commission to support:

- the training of inspectors, specific medical controls and the purchase of adequate equipment and other technology to carry out inspections;
- cooperation with Member States, international organisations, nuclear operators and other stakeholders for the continuous development of nuclear safeguards;
- the purchase, maintenance and/or replacement of equipment that is up-to-date with the latest requirements;
- the management of on-site installations and central laboratories to ensure their adequate functioning according to safety and labour standards.
- the transfer of Euratom's decommissioning liabilities to the Operator of the on-site laboratory for Euratom inspectors in La Hague, France.

Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Not applicable as this concerns nuclear-related services.

## 5. Procurement

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement in 2024 under budget line 12 20 04 01 is EUR 11 066 521.

### 5.1 Nuclear safeguards

General description of the actions envisaged

-Development, consultancy and maintenance of IT systems and IT equipments.  
-Training for nuclear safeguard inspectors and technicians.  
-Purchase of inspection equipment, maintenance, transport, etc.

Implementation

Directorate-General Energy. Some of the above actions may be sub-delegated or co-delegated to other Commission's departments such as the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Directorates-General for Informatics (DIGIT) and Human Resources (HR).

## 6. Other actions or expenditure

### 6.1. Inspection – Mission costs

Amount

EUR 2 250 000

Description

Safeguards-related missions including inspections, associated technical missions and meetings held in connection with activities of Directorate-General Energy.

Legal basis: Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, Title II, Chapter 7.

Implementation

Directorate-General for Energy

Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Not applicable as this action covers mission costs.

### 6.2. Reimbursement to nuclear operators and other nuclear related services

Amount

EUR 15 621 000

Description

Operation and maintenance of on-site nuclear laboratory and other tasks resulting from specific powers directly conferred to the European Commission by the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, Title II, Chapter 7, Article 174.

Legal basis: Commission Regulation (Euratom) No 302/2005 of 8 February 2005 article 6 on the application of Euratom safeguards (OJ L 54, 28.2.2005, p. 1).

Transfer of the Euratom decommissioning liabilities to the Operator of the on-site laboratory for Euratom inspectors in La Hague, France. The financing of this operation will not be linked to costs.

#### Implementation

Directorate-General for Energy

#### Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Not applicable as this action concerns nuclear-related services.

#### Budget line(s)

**12 20 04 02 – Nuclear safety and protection against radiation EUR 3 184 237**

#### Objectives pursued

The objectives pursued by the activities carried out by this budget line include protecting workers, the general public and patients against the dangers arising from ionising radiation; ensuring that Member States' national arrangements provide a high degree of nuclear safety; improve nuclear safety in the EU, notably related to operating conditions of EU nuclear installations, the prevention of accidents and the mitigation of accident consequences; ensure that the Euratom legal framework on nuclear safety, radioactive waste management and radiation protection is correctly and effectively transposed and implemented in the EU Member States and providing support as needed; maintaining and developing Commission systems for environmental radiation monitoring and radiation emergency situations (ECURIE, EURDEP, REM); verifying the operation and efficiency of the Member States' installations to monitor radioactivity in the air, water and soil, and ensuring that EU citizens have access to safe, high quality and reliable radiological and nuclear technology in healthcare, in accordance with the Commission's Strategic Agenda for Medical Ionising Radiation Applications (SAMIRA) Action Plan.

#### Expected results

The expected results from the expenditure incurred by the Commission under this budget line are the continuous improvement of safety in nuclear installations, including used fuel and radioactive waste, and of protection of citizens against dangers from ionising radiation; the regular engagement of national nuclear safety regulators through the activities of European Nuclear Safety Regulators group (ENSREG), notably in the organisation of the Topical Peer Review activities; the improved radiation protection of patients based on the SAMIRA Action Plan; the effective operation of the Commission's systems for notification and urgent information

exchange in emergency situations and for collection of data on environmental radioactivity; the effective verification of the compliance of national systems to monitor environmental radioactivity with the Euratom Basic Safety Standards; and the continuous capacity building through scientific seminars for special radiation protection experts.

Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Not applicable as this action concerns nuclear-related services.

## 7. *Grants*

The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this budget line is EUR 850 000.

### 7.1 **Support to national nuclear safety regulatory authorities for a collaborative and coordinated approach to emerging challenges in the nuclear sector**

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

National nuclear regulatory authorities and/or their Technical Support Organisations.

Grant awarded without a call to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly, Art. 195(c) FR. Competent regulatory bodies established by Member States according to Art 5 of Council Directive 2009/71/Euratom are de jure monopolies. Regulatory bodies frequently rely on technical support organisations at national level for technical studies on nuclear safety topics to carry out their work, often research organisations, which are de facto monopolies.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation

In light of the current geopolitical and economic situation, there is a need for national nuclear regulatory authorities to coordinate their approach to respond to regulatory challenges in nuclear safety. This means that the regulatory authorities must perform efficiently and effectively their usual tasks, while maintaining and building up the ability to work together in a coordinated way to maximise efficiencies and synergies in their work. The action is in the European interest of ensuring consistent and utmost respect of nuclear safety objectives everywhere in Europe for the benefit of all Europeans.

The action will provide funding for supporting common approaches among the national nuclear safety regulatory authorities for (1) pooling knowledge, (2) sharing information (e.g., a common secure repository of information and data), (3) optimising assets (e.g., harmonisation of licensing application documents and other aspects; and sharing facilities for testing) for the licensing processes, and (4) commissioning/procuring information and studies of common/wider interest (the action may contribute to the preparation of complementary studies, wherever possible jointly, by national Technical Support Organisations (TSOs) for facilitating technical assessments).

The grants to nuclear safety regulators or their designated technical support organisations (TSO) will be related to the licensing and regulatory oversight of nuclear installations and fuels in the EU.

Implementation



Directorate-General for Energy

Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Not applicable as this action concerns nuclear-related services.

## **8. Procurement**

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in 2024 under this budget line is EUR 2 304 237.

### **8.1 Nuclear safety and protection against radiation**

General description of the actions envisaged

-Conferences, communication activities and publications  
-Studies  
-Development and maintenance of IT systems & IT Equipments

Implementation

Directorate-General Energy.

Some of the above actions may be sub-delegated or co-delegated to other European Commission's departments, such as the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Directorates-General Informatics (DIGIT) and Communication (COMM).

Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Not applicable as this action concerns nuclear-related services.

## **9. Other actions or expenditure**

### **9.1 Verifications as per Article 35 of the Euratom Treaty**

Amount

EUR 30 000

Description

Expenditure related to verifying the operation and efficiency of systems to monitor the level of radioactivity in the air, water and soil and to ensure compliance with the basic standards in the Member States. This expenditure includes, in addition to subsistence allowances and travel (mission) expenses, costs for training, for preparatory meetings and for purchases of equipment to be used for inspections.

Implementation

Directorate-General for Energy

Climate and biodiversity mainstreaming contribution

Not applicable as this action covers inspection costs'