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Consultation on the draft new State aid Framework to support the Clean Industrial Deal (Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework – CISAF)

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Introduction

Following the adoption of the <u>Clean Industrial Deal</u> Communication on 26 February 2025, the Commission is consulting the general public on a draft new State aid framework.

The Commission invites you to provide your views on the draft Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework via the form below. The Commission is particularly interested in views on those parts marked in []. In case you consider any such parts not appropriate in their current form and want to propose alternatives, please ensure to submit relevant data and evidence to substantiate your view.

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General comments

Please provide any comments you may wish to bring to the Commission's attention in relation to the draft proposal for a new Clean Industrial Deal State aid Framework.

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Esitatavad seisukohad on esitamise hetkel mitteametlikud ega ole läbinud kõiki nõutud siseriiklikke kinnitustasandeid. Ametlikud seisukohad saab Eesti esitada eeldatavalt ligikaudu 3 nädala jooksul. Üldjoontes toetame puhta tööstuse riigiabi raamistiku eelnõud, mis võimaldab raamistikus toodud juhtudel saada Euroopa Komisjonilt kiiresti riigiabi lubavat otsust. Leiame, et raamistikus võiks olla rohkem võimalusi puhta tööstuse kokkuleppe muude eesmärkide (ringmajandus, taastuvelektrit tarbivad tehnoloogiad) toetamiseks ja olla paindlikumate tingimustega. Toetame riigiabi reeglite lihtsustamist ja riigiabi menetluste kiirendamist, sealjuures puhaste tehnoloogiate väljatöötamisel, taastuvenergias ja tööstuse dekarboniseerimiseks, kuid tavareeglite raames. Riigiabi peab olema piiratud ja sihipärane.

Aid to accelerate the rollout of renewable energy

Please provide any comments specific to section 4.1 of the draft framework ("Aid schemes to accelerate the rollout of renewable energy").

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Toetame riigiabi taastuvenergia kasutuselevõtu kiirendamiseks antava abi andmise tingimusi.

If you consider the proposed completion deadlines or exemptions therefrom (see point (37)) are not appropriate, please provide concrete justification for any alternative timeline or other exemptions you would consider more appropriate.

Leiame, et tähtajad on piisavad, välja arvatud vääramatu jõu olukorras.

Please provide any comments specific to section 4.2 of the draft framework ("Aid for non-fossil flexibility support schemes").

5000 character(s) maximum

N/A

Please provide any comments specific to section 4.3 and Annex I of the draft framework ("Aid for capacity mechanisms following a target model").

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Küsimustikule vastamise ajaks ei ole seisukohta jõutud kujundada. Eesti jaoks on võimsusmehhanisme puudutav olulise tähtsusega seoses energiajulgeoleku tagamisega, mistõttu esitatab Eesti seisukohad eraldi kirjaga.

Aid to deploy industrial decarbonisation

Please provide any comments specific to section 5 of the draft framework ("Aid to deploy industrial decarbonisation").

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Üldiselt toetame tööstuse CO2 heite vähendamiseks antava riigiabi tingimusi, kuid leiame, et pole põhjendatud nõuda liikmeriikidelt põhjendusi, kui abikavad on piiratud vaid teatud sektoritega ja karistada investeeringute valmimise tähtaegade ületamise eest kui see on tingitud abisaajast sõltumatutest asjaoludest. Teeme ettepaneku lisada eelnõusse ka võimalus toetada CO2 ladustamise/säilitamise taristut tervikuna.Lisaks palume rakendada raamistikus läbivalt VKE-dele ühesugused abi osakaalude suurendamise võimalusi: väikeettevõtjatele 20 protsendipunkti ja keskmise suurusega ettevõtjatele 10 protsendipunkti (raamistiku eelnõu punktid 42, 91, 127 ja 128).

If you consider that the prioritisation of technologies for decarbonisation of industrial heat in this section on decarbonisation and energy efficiency is not appropriate (see point (73)), please explain and provide evidence for other criteria you would consider more appropriate.

N/A

For aid schemes covering investments relying wholly or partly on the use of hydrogen, section 5, point (82), the new framework takes into account the fact that Article 22a of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (RED) establishes targets for renewable fuels of non-biological origin (RFNBO) for hydrogen in industry. The draft framework does so by laying down a minimum share of renewable hydrogen calculated by reference to the average share of electricity from renewable sources in the Member State concerned, as such project-level contribution to meeting national targets established by EU law is considered a positive effect in the balancing exercise under Article 107(3) (c) TFEU. If you consider that the scope for aid for investments for industrial use of hydrogen should be defined differently, please provide justification and any available evidence for the scope of projects for which you consider that State aid for other types or combinations of hydrogen is required.

N/A

If you consider that the zero indirect emissions presumption for electrification projects in this section on decarbonisation and energy efficiency is not appropriate (see point (98)), please explain and provide evidence for an alternative presumption you would consider more appropriate.

N/A

If you consider that the safe harbour for natural gas based projects in this section on decarbonisation and energy efficiency is not appropriate (see point (101)), please explain and provide evidence for an alternative presumption you would consider more appropriate.

N/A

The draft framework allows to provide support for investment costs related directly to the achievement of the greenhouse gas emission savings or energy efficiency. Such support for these investment costs does not cover production capacity increases, but it also does not prevent companies from proceeding at the same time with capacity increases insofar as the increases are not financed by State aid under the decarbonisation section. This is without prejudice to the compatibility of aid for such capacity increases under other sections of the framework, other frameworks or the Treaty. For simplification reasons, the draft framework nevertheless allows increases of capacity up to 5% without having to differentiate between costs for decarbonisation and those related to capacity increases (see point (103)). Do you think the 5% flexibility margin proposed to be appropriate? If not, please substantiate your view with concrete evidence and data.

N/A

Aid to ensure sufficient manufacturing capacity in clean technologies

Please provide any comments specific to section 6 of the draft framework ("Aid to ensure sufficient manufacturing capacity in clean technologies").

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Toetame riigiabi raamistiku eelnõu võimalust abi andmiseks puhta tehnoloogia piisava tootmisvõimsuse tagamiseks, mis mh hõlmab süsinikdioksiidi kogumise, kasutamise ja säilitamise (carbon capture usage and storage, CCUS) seadmete tootmist. Tehnoloogia operatiivne rakendamine on vajalik, arvestades ambitsioonikaid kliimaeesmärke ja kriitiliste toorainete varustuskindluse vajadust. Tuleb tagada, et innovatiivsed lahendused sobituksid regulatiivsse raamistikku. On ülioluline, et erinevad regulatiivsed aktid oleksid CCUS-i osas täielikult kooskõlas, näiteks sertifitseerimise regulatsioon ja ELi heitkogustega kauplemise süsteem (EU ETS).

The list of clean technologies in point (122) eligible for manufacturing aid should be defined by reference to identifiable market failures in ensuring resilient supply of such technologies. Please indicate whether you consider that the scope for aid for clean tech manufacturing equipment and components activities under section 6 should be aligned with the scope of the corresponding section of the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework (as set out in the draft for consultation of stakeholder views), with the scope of the Annex of the Net Zero Industry Act, or with some other sub-set of such technologies. Please provide justification and any available evidence for the scope of projects for which you consider that State aid for additional manufacturing capacity is required.

N/A

Aid to reduce risks of private investments

Please provide any comments specific to section 7 of the draft framework ("Aid to reduce risks of private investments in renewable energy, industrial decarbonisation, clean technology manufacturing and energy infrastructure").

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Toetame erainvesteeringute riskide vähendamise meetmeid, mis võimaldaks tuua uusi tehnoloogiaid kasutavaid energiataristu investeeringuid läbi võimaluse pakkuda riskikapitali investeeringutele riiklikke garantiisid.

Do you agree that the inclusion of aid to investors in energy infrastructure projects as foreseen in point (146) is necessary?

- Yes
- O No
- I don't know

Thank you!

Your contribution is highly welcome. Thank you very much for sharing your views!

If you want to provide additional evidence to support your replies above, please upload here.

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