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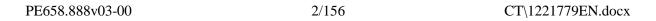
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Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 (Text with EEA relevance)

	COMMISSION PROPOSAL COM(2018) 438 FINAL	EP FIRST READING POSITION	COUNCIL NEGOTIATION MANDATE ST 10418/3/20	COMMON UNDERSTANDING / COMPROMISE TEXT
1.	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 ¹	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014
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11.	(1) In order to achieve smart,	(1) In order to achieve smart,	(1) In order to achieve smart,	(1) In order to achieve smart,
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	Union needs an up-to-date, high-	to respect the long-term	to respect the long-term	to respect the long-term
	performance infrastructure to	decarbonisation commitments,	decarbonisation commitments,	decarbonisation commitments,
	help connect and integrate the	the Union needs an up-to-date,	the Union needs an up-to-date,	the Union needs an up-to-date,
	Union and all its regions, in the	<i>multimodal</i> high-performance	<i>multimodal</i> high-performance	<i>multimodal</i> high-performance
	transport, telecommunications	infrastructure to help connect and	infrastructure to help connect and	infrastructure to help connect
	and energy sectors. Those	integrate the Union and all its	integrate the Union and all its	and integrate the Union and all
	connections should help to	regions, <i>including remote,</i>	regions, <i>including remote,</i>	its regions, <i>including remote</i> ,
	improve the free movement of	outermost, insular, peripheral,	outermost, insular, peripheral,	outermost, insular, peripheral,
	persons, goods, capital and	mountainous and sparsely	mountainous and sparsely	mountainous and sparsely
	services. The trans-European	populated ones, in the transport,	populated <i>ones</i> , in the transport,	populated <i>ones</i> , in the transport,
	networks should facilitate cross-	<i>digital</i> and energy sectors. Those	<i>digital</i> and energy sectors. Those	digital and energy sectors. Those
	border connections, foster	connections should help to	connections should help to	connections should help to
	greater economic, social and	improve the free movement of	improve the free movement of	improve the free movement of
	territorial cohesion and	persons, goods, capital and	persons, goods, capital and	persons, goods, capital and
	contribute to a more competitive	services. The trans-European	services. The trans-European	services. The trans-European

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- 16. (3) The Programme should aim at supporting climate change, environmentally and socially sustainable projects and, where appropriate, climate change mitigation and adaptation actions. In particular, the contribution of the Programme to achieving the goals and objectives of the Paris Agreement as well as the proposed 2030
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18.		(3a) The Programme should guarantee a high level of transparency and ensure public consultation in compliance with the applicable Union and national legislation.	(3a) The Programme should guarantee a high level of transparency and ensure public consultation in compliance with the appliccable Union and national legislation.	(3a) The Programme should guarantee a high level of transparency and ensure public consultation in compliance with the applicable Union and national legislation.
20.	(4) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, and the commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation should therefore mainstream climate action and lead to the achievement of an overall target of 25% of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives ³ . Actions under this Programme are expected to contribute 60% of the overall	(4) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, and the commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation should therefore mainstream climate action and lead to the achievement of an overall target of 25% of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives ¹ . Actions under this Programme should contribute 60% of the overall	(4) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, and the commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation should therefore mainstream climate action and lead to the achievement of an overall target of 30% of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives ⁴ . Actions under this Programme should contribute 60% of the overall	

¹ COM(2018)0321, p. 13.

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i) 100% for the expenditures relating to railway infrastructure, alternative fuels, clean urban transport, electricity transmission, electricity storage, smart grids, CO2 transportation and renewable energy;

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	with guidance that should be	proofing in accordance with	proofing in accordance with	
	developed by the Commission	guidance that should be	guidance that should be	
	coherently with the guidance	developed by the Commission	developed by the Commission	
	developed for other programmes	coherently with the guidance	coherently with the guidance	
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	of national emissions of certain	national emissions of certain	national emissions of certain	emissions of certain atmospheric
	atmospheric pollutants,	atmospheric pollutants, amending	atmospheric pollutants, amending	pollutants, amending Directive
	amending Directive 2003/35/EC	Directive 2003/35/EC and	Directive 2003/35/EC and	2003/35/EC and repealing
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	measures taken with a view to	taken with a view to complying	taken with a view to complying	view to complying with the
	complying with the objectives of	with the objectives of this	with the objectives of this	objectives of this Directive,
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	to the reduction of emissions or	the reduction of emissions or air	the reduction of emissions or air	reduction of emissions or air
	air pollutants under this Directive	pollutants under this Directive	pollutants under this Directive	pollutants under this Directive
	shall be tracked.	shall be tracked.	shall be tracked.	shall be tracked.
23.	(6) An important objective of	(6) An important objective of	(6) An important objective of this	(6) An important objective of this
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28.	(8) In order to achieve the objectives laid down in the TEN-T guidelines, it is necessary to support with priority the crossborder links <i>and the</i> missing links and to ensure, where applicable, that the supported actions are consistent with the corridor work plans established pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and to the overall network development regarding performance and interoperability.	(8) In order to achieve the objectives laid down in the TEN-T guidelines, it is necessary to support with priority the <i>ongoing TEN-T projects as well as</i> crossborder links and the missing links and to ensure, where applicable, that the supported actions are consistent with the corridor work plans established pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and to the overall network development regarding performance and interoperability.	(8) In order to achieve the objectives laid down in the TEN-T guidelines, it is necessary to support with priority the <i>ongoing TEN-T projects as well as</i> crossborder links and the missing links and to ensure, where applicable, that the supported actions are consistent with the corridor work plans established pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and to the overall network development regarding performance and interoperability.	(8) In order to achieve the objectives laid down in the TEN-T guidelines, it is necessary to support with priority the <i>ongoing TEN-T projects as well as</i> crossborder links and the missing links and to ensure, where applicable, that the supported actions are consistent with the corridor work plans established pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and to the overall network development regarding performance and interoperability.
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30.	deployment of ERTMS on the core network by 2030 as foreseen by Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 requires to scale-up support at European level and to incentivize the participation of private investors. (8b) An important precondition for successful completion of the core TEN-T network and ensuring effective intermodality is also connection of airports to the TEN-T network. It is, therefore necessary to give priority to the connection of airports with the core TEN-T network, where these are missing.	deployment of ERTMS on the core network by 2030 as foreseen by Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 requires to scale-up support at European level and to incentivize the participation of private investors. (8b) An important precondition for successful completion of the core TEN-T network and ensuring effective intermodality is also connection of airports to the TEN-T network. It is, therefore necessary to give priority to the connection of airports with the core TEN-T network, where these are missing.	deployment of ERTMS on the core network by 2030 as foreseen by Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 requires to scale-up support at European level and to incentivize the participation of private investors. (8b) An important precondition for successful completion of the core TEN-T network and ensuring effective intermodality is also connection of airports to the TEN-T network. It is, therefore necessary to give priority to the connection of airports with the core TEN-T network, where these are missing.
31.	(8c) For the implementation of cross-border actions a high degree of integration in the planning and implementation is needed. Without prioritising any of the following examples, this integration could be demonstrated through the establishment of a single project company, a joint governance	(8c) For the implementation of cross-border actions a high degree of integration in the planning and implementation is needed. Without prioritising any of the following examples, this integration could be demonstrated through the establishment of a single project company, a joint	(8c) For the implementation of cross-border actions a high degree of integration in the planning and implementation is needed. Without prioritising any of the following examples, this integration could be demonstrated through the establishment of a single project company, a joint

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		structure, a joint venture, a bilateral legal framework, an implementing act pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, or any other form of cooperation. Integrated management structures, including joint ventures should be encouraged, including through a higher level of cofinancing.	governance structure, a joint venture, a bilateral legal framework, an implementing act pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, or any other form of cooperation. Integrated management structures, including joint ventures should be encouraged, including through a higher level of co-financing.	governance structure, a joint venture, a bilateral legal framework, an implementing act pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, or any other form of cooperation. Integrated management structures, including joint ventures should be encouraged, including through a higher level of co-financing.
31a.		(8d) Streamlining measures to advance the realisation of the TEN-T, which are currently under development, should support the more efficient implementation of projects of common interest in the field of transport.	(8d) Streamlining measures to advance the realisation of the TEN-T, which are currently under development, should support the more efficient implementation of projects of common interest in the field of transport.	(8d) Streamlining measures to advance the realisation of the TEN-T, which are currently under development, should support the more efficient implementation of projects of common interest in the field of transport.
37.	(9) In order to reflect growing transport flows and the evolution of the network, the alignment of the core network corridors and their pre-identified sections should be adapted. These adaptations should be proportionate in order to	(9) In order to reflect growing transport flows and the evolution of the network, the alignment of the core network corridors and their pre-identified sections should be adapted. These adaptations to the core network corridors should not affect the	(9) In order to reflect growing transport flows and the evolution of the network, the alignment of the core network corridors and their pre-identified sections should be adapted. These adaptations to the core network corridors should not affect the	(9) In order to reflect growing transport flows and the evolution of the network, the alignment of the core network corridors and their pre-identified sections should be adapted. These adaptations <i>to the core network</i> corridors <i>should not</i>

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39. (10) It is necessary to promote investments in favour of smart, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility throughout the Union. In 2017, the Commission presented⁵ "Europe on the move", a wide-ranging set of initiatives to make traffic safer, encourage smart road charging, reduce CO2 emissions, air pollution and congestion, promote connected and autonomous mobility and ensure proper conditions and rest times for workers. These initiatives should be accompanied by Union financial support, where relevant through this Programme.

(5) Commission
Communication "Europe on the move: An agenda for a socially fair transition towards clean, competitive and connected mobility for all" – COM(2017) 283

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41. The TEN-T guidelines require, with regard to new technologies and innovation, that the TEN-T enables the decarbonisation of all transport modes by stimulating energy efficiency as well as the use of alternative fuels. Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶ establishes a common framework of measures for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure in the Union in order to minimise dependence on oil and to mitigate the environmental impact of transport and requires Member States to ensure that recharging or refuelling points accessible to the public are made available by 31 December 2025. As outlined in the Commission proposals⁷ of November 2017, a comprehensive set of measures

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	workers" – COM(2017) 675	fuels infrastructure (OJ L 307,	Union that protects the planet,	low-emission mobility A European
		28.10.2014, p. 1).	empowers its consumers and	Union that protects the planet,
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Commission Communication "Delivering on low-emission mobility A European Union that protects the planet, empowers its consumers and defends its industry and workers" (COM(2017)0675).

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	to the Programme to finance	to the Programme to finance	to the Programme to finance	
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	the Cohesion Fund. In an initial	the Cohesion Fund. In an initial	the Cohesion Fund. In an initial	

⁵ COM(2018)0293.

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47.	(14) Following the Joint Communication on improving military mobility in the European Union of November 2017 ⁹ , the Action Plan on Military Mobility adopted on 28 March 2018 by the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy ¹⁰ highlighted that transpor infrastructure policy offers a clear opportunity to increase synergies between defence needs and TEN- T. The Action Plan indicates that by mid-2018, the Council is invited to consider and validate
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shall be used for projects for the completion of missing major cross-border railway links between Member states eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund.

⁶ JOIN(2017)0041.

⁷ JOIN(2018)0005.

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(20)Innovative infrastructure technologies that enable the transition to a low carbon energy and mobility systems and improve security of supply are essential in view of the Union's decarbonisation agenda. In particular, in its Communication of 23 November 2017 "Communication on strengthening Europe's energy networks"¹³, the Commission emphasised that the role of electricity, where renewable energy will constitute half of the electricity generation by 2030, will increasingly be driving the decarbonisation of sectors so far dominated by fossil fuels, such as transport, industry and heating and cooling and that accordingly, the focus under the trans-European energy infrastructure policy is increasingly on electricity interconnections, electricity storages and smart grids projects. To support the Union's

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¹² COM(2017)0718.

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61a.	(20b) In order to support cross border cooperation in the area of renewable energy and the market uptake of projects, the European Commission should facilitate the development of cross border projects in the field of renewable energy. In the energy sector, in the absence of sufficient market uptake of cross border renewable energy projects, unused budget envisaged for cross border renewables projects should be used to meet the objectives of the trans-European energy networks defined in article 3.2b for actions provided by Article 9(3), before considering a possible	(20aa) In order to support cross border cooperation in the area of renewable energy and the market uptake of projects, the European Commission should facilitate the development of cross border projects in the field of renewable energy. In the energy sector, in the absence of sufficient market uptake of cross border renewable energy projects, unused budget envisaged for cross border renewables projects should be used to meet the objectives of the trans-European energy networks defined in article 3.2b for actions provided by Article 9(3), before considering a	(20aa) In order to support cross border cooperation in the area of renewable energy and the market uptake of projects, the European Commission should facilitate the development of cross border projects in the field of renewable energy. In the energy sector, in the absence of sufficient market uptake of cross border renewable energy projects, unused budget envisaged for cross border renewables projects should be used to meet the objectives of the trans-European energy networks defined in article 3.2b for actions provided by Article 9(3), before considering a

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63.	(20a) Support to smart grid projects, where such projects integrate electricity generation, distribution or consumption using real time system management and influencing cross-border energy flows, is needed. The energy projects should further reflect the central role of smart grids in the energy transition and support from the Programme should help to overcome the funding gaps, which are currently hampering investments in the large-scale deployment of smart grid technology.	(20a) Support to smart grid projects, where such projects integrate electricity generation, distribution or consumption using real time system management and influencing cross-border energy flows, is needed. The energy projects should further reflect the central role of smart grids in the energy transition and support from the Programme should help to overcome the funding gaps, which are currently hampering investments in the large-scale deployment of smart grid technology.	(20a) Support to smart grid projects, where such projects integrate electricity generation, distribution or consumption using real time system management and influencing cross-border energy flows, is needed. The energy projects should further reflect the central role of smart grids in the energy transition and support from the Programme should help to overcome the funding gaps, which are currently hampering investments in the large-scale deployment of smart grid technology.
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	deployment of very high capacity	balance between rural and	Society Strategy <i>aiming also to</i>	Society Strategy <i>aiming also to</i>
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	Regional Development Fund	provided for the deployment of	complementing the support	complementing the support
	(ERDF) and Cohesion Fund and	very high capacity networks by	provided for the deployment of	provided for the deployment of
	the InvestEU fund.	other programmes, in particular	very high capacity networks by	very high capacity networks by
		the European Regional	other programmes, in particular	other programmes, in particular
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69.	(23) While all digital	(23) While all digital connectivity	(23) While all digital connectivity	(23) While all digital connectivity
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	the first phase of new	in the area of connected mobility		
	applications in the area of	and therefore constitute vital		
	connected mobility and therefore	cross-border projects for funding		
	constitute vital cross-border	under this Programme.		
	projects for funding under this			
	Programme.			
79.	(28) The deployment of	(28) The deployment of	(28) The deployment of backbone	(28) The deployment of backbone
	backbone electronic	backbone electronic	electronic communications	electronic communications
	communications networks,	communications networks,	networks, including submarine	networks, including submarine
	including with submarine cables	including submarine cables	cables connecting European	cables connecting European
	connecting European territories	connecting European territories to	territories to third countries on	territories to third countries on
	to third countries on other	third countries on other	other continents or connecting	other continents or connecting
	continents or connecting	continents or connecting	European islands, outermost	European islands, outermost
	European islands or overseas	European islands, <i>outermost</i>	regions or overseas countries	regions or overseas countries
	territories to the mainland, is	<i>regions</i> or overseas <i>countries</i>	and territories, including via	and territories, including via
	needed in order to provide	and territories, including via	Union territorial waters and the	Union territorial waters and the
	necessary redundancy for such	Union territorial waters and the	Exclusive Economic Zone of the	Exclusive Economic Zone of the
	vital infrastructure, and to	Exclusive Economic Zone of the	Member States is needed in	Member States is needed in
	increase the capacity and	<i>Member States,</i> is needed in	order to provide necessary	order to provide necessary
	resilience of the Union's digital	order to provide necessary	redundancy for such vital	redundancy for such vital
	networks. However, such projects	redundancy for such vital	infrastructure, and to increase the	infrastructure, and to increase the
	are often commercially non-	infrastructure and to increase the	capacity and resilience of the	capacity and resilience of the
	viable without public support.	capacity and resilience of the	Union's digital networks-, also	Union's digital networks-, also
		Union's digital networks, <i>also</i>	contributing to territorial	contributing to territorial
		contributing to territorial	cohesion. However, such projects	cohesion. However, such projects
		<i>cohesion.</i> However, such projects	are often commercially non-viable	are often commercially non-
		are often commercially non-viable	without public support. In	viable without public support. In
		without public support. <i>In</i>	addition, support should be	addition, support should be
		addition, support should be	available to complement	available to complement

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		available to complement European high-performance computing resources with adequate terabit-capacity connections.	European high-performance computing resources with adequate terabit-capacity connections.	European high-performance computing resources with adequate terabit-capacity connections.
81.	(29) Actions contributing to projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall deploy the technology best suited for the specific project, while proposing the best balance between state-of-the-art technologies in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience and cost efficiency, and should be prioritised by way of work programmes taking into account criteria set out in this Regulation. Deployments of very high capacity networks can include passive infrastructure, in view of maximising socioeconomic as well as environmental benefits. Finally, when prioritising actions, the potential positive spill-overs in	(29) Actions contributing to projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall deploy the best available and suited technology for the specific project, which proposes the best balance between state-of-the-art technologies in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience and cost efficiency, and should be prioritised by way of work programmes taking into account criteria set out in this Regulation. Deployments of very high capacity networks can include passive infrastructure, in view of maximising socio-economic as well as environmental benefits. Finally, when prioritising actions, the potential positive spill-overs	(29) Actions contributing to projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall deploy the best available and suited technology for the specific project, which proposes the best balance between state-of-the-art technologies in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience and cost efficiency, and should be prioritised by way of work programmes taking into account criteria set out in this Regulation. Deployments of very high capacity networks can include passive infrastructure, in view of maximising socio-economic as well as environmental benefits. Finally, when prioritising actions, the potential positive spill-overs	(29) Actions contributing to projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall deploy the best available and suited technology for the specific project, which proposes the best balance between state-of-the-art technologies in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience and cost efficiency, and should be prioritised by way of work programmes taking into account criteria set out in this Regulation. Deployments of very high capacity networks can include passive infrastructure, in view of maximising socio-economic as well as environmental benefits. Finally, when prioritising actions, the potential positive spill-overs
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	taken into account, for example when a project deployed can improve the business case for future deployments leading to further coverage of territories and population in areas which have remained uncovered so far.	taken into account, for example when a project deployed can improve the business case for future deployments leading to further coverage of territories and population in areas which have remained uncovered so far.	taken into account, for example when a project deployed can improve the business case for future deployments leading to further coverage of territories and population in areas which have remained uncovered so far.	taken into account, for example when a project deployed can improve the business case for future deployments leading to further coverage of territories and population in areas which have remained uncovered so far.
82.	its own satellite Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) technology (EGNOS/Galileo) and its own Earth observation system (Copernicus). Both EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus offer advanced services which provide important economic benefits to public and private users. Therefore any transport, energy or digital infrastructure funded by the Programme - that makes use of PNT or Earth observations services - should be technically compatible with EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus.	its own satellite Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) technology (EGNOS/Galileo) and its own Earth observation system (Copernicus). Both EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus offer advanced services which provide important economic benefits to public and private users. Therefore any transport, energy or digital infrastructure funded by the Programme – that makes use of PNT or Earth observations services – should be technically compatible with EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus.	(30) The Union has developed its own satellite Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) technology (EGNOS/Galileo) and its own Earth observation system (Copernicus). Both EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus offer advanced services which provide important economic benefits to public and private users. Therefore any transport, energy or digital infrastructure funded by the Programme - that makes use of PNT or Earth observations services - should be technically compatible with EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus.	its own satellite Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) technology (EGNOS/Galileo) and its own Earth observation system (Copernicus). Both EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus offer advanced services which provide important economic benefits to public and private users. Therefore any transport, energy or digital infrastructure funded by the Programme - that makes use of PNT or Earth observations services - should be technically compatible with EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus.
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mobility as listed in Article	mobility as listed at Article 9	mobility as listed at Article 9
9(2)(b).	paragraph 2(b).	paragraph 2(b).

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88.	(32) The policy objectives of this Programme will be also addressed through financial instruments and budgetary	(32) The policy objectives of this Programme will be also addressed through financial instruments and budgetary	
	guarantee under the policy	quarantee under the policy	
	window(s) [] of the InvestEU	window(s) of the InvestEU Fund.	
	Fund. The Programme's actions	The Programme's actions should	
	should be used to address	be used to boost investment by	
	market failures or sub-optimal	<i>addressing</i> market failures or	
	investment situations, in a	sub-optimal investment	
	proportionate manner, without	situations, <i>in particular where</i>	
	duplicating or crowding out	actions are not commercially	
	private financing and have a clear	<i>viable</i> , in a proportionate manner,	
	European added value.	without duplicating or crowding	
		out private financing and have a clear European added value.	
90.	(33) In order to favour an	(33) In order to favour an	
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	and in the digital sector within	digital sector within the EU are	digital sector within the EU are	and in the digital sector within
	the EU are identified and	identified and established during	identified and established during	the EU are identified and
	established during Horizon	Horizon Europe's strategic	Horizon Europe's strategic	established during Horizon
	Europe's strategic planning	planning process; (b) the	planning process; (b) the	Europe's strategic planning
	process; (b) the Connecting	Connecting Europe Facility	Connecting Europe Facility	process; (b) the Connecting
	Europe Facility supports large-	supports large-scale roll-out and	supports large-scale roll-out and	Europe Facility supports large-
	scale roll-out and deployment of	deployment of innovative	deployment of innovative	scale roll-out and deployment of
	innovative technologies and	technologies and solutions in the	technologies and solutions in the	innovative technologies and
	solutions in the fields of	fields of transport, energy and	fields of transport, energy and	solutions in the fields of
	transport, energy and digital	digital infrastructure, in particular	digital infrastructure, in particular	transport, energy and digital
	infrastructure, in particular those	those resulting from Horizon	those resulting from Horizon	infrastructure, in particular those
	resulting from Horizon Europe;	Europe; (c) the exchange of	Europe; (c) the exchange of	resulting from Horizon Europe; (c)
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	and data between Horizon	Horizon Europe and the	Horizon Europe and the	data between Horizon Europe
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	for example by highlighting	highlighting technologies from	highlighting technologies from	example by highlighting
	technologies from Horizon	Horizon Europe with a high	Horizon Europe with a high	technologies from Horizon
	Europe with a high market	market readiness that could be	market readiness that could be	Europe with a high market
	readiness that could be further	further deployed through the	further deployed through the	readiness that could be further
	deployed through the	Connecting Europe Facility.	Connecting Europe Facility.	deployed through the Connecting
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91.			(33a) The CEF should be	
			established for a period of	
			seven years to align its duration	
			with that of the multiannual	
			financial framework laid down	

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			in Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No [reference to the MFF Regulation to be inserted].	
92.	(34) This Regulation lays down a financial envelope for the entire period 2021-2027 which is to constitute the prime reference amount, within the meaning of [reference to be updated as appropriate according to the new inter-institutional agreement: point 17 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management and the Council during the annual budgetary procedure].	(34) This Regulation lays down a financial envelope for the entire period 2021-2027 which is to constitute the prime reference amount, within the meaning of [reference to be updated as appropriate according to the new inter-institutional agreement: point 17 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management and the Council during the annual budgetary procedure].	(34) This Regulation lays down a financial envelope for the entire period 2021-2027 which is to constitute the prime reference amount, within the meaning of [reference to be updated as appropriate according to the new inter-institutional agreement: point 17 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management and the Council during the annual budgetary procedure].	(34) This Regulation lays down a financial envelope for the entire period 2021-2027 which is to constitute the prime reference amount, within the meaning of [reference to be updated as appropriate according to the new inter-institutional agreement: point 17 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management and the Council during the annual budgetary procedure].
93.	(35) At Union level, the	(35) At Union level, the	(35) At Union level, the European	(35) At Union level, the European
	European Semester of economic	European Semester of economic	Semester of economic policy	Semester of economic policy

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(36)Horizontal financial rules adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of Article 322 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union apply to this Regulation. These rules are laid down in the Financial Regulation and determine in particular the procedure for establishing and implementing the budget through grants, procurement, prizes, indirect implementation, and provide for checks on the responsibility of financial actors. Rules adopted on the basis of Article 322 TFEU also concern the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States, as the respect for the rule of law is an essential precondition for sound financial management and effective EU funding.

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			Description This recital may have to be updated pending the outcome of negotiations on the conditionality regime.	
96.	(37) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on	(37) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives	(37) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives	(37) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their

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	the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. This should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and unit costs, as well as financing not linked to costs as referred to in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation.	of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. This should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and unit costs, as well as financing not linked to costs as referred to in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation.	of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of noncompliance. This should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and unit costs, as well as financing not linked to costs as referred to in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation.	ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. This should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and unit costs, as well as financing not linked to costs as referred to in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation.
97.	(38) Third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) may participate in Union programmes in the framework of the cooperation established under the EEA agreement, which provides for the implementation of the programmes by a decision under that agreement. Third countries may also participate on the basis of other legal instruments. A specific provision should be introduced in this	(38) Third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) may participate in Union programmes in the framework of the cooperation established under the EEA agreement, which provides for the implementation of the programmes by a decision under that agreement. Third countries may also participate on the basis of other legal instruments. A specific provision should be introduced in this Regulation to	(38) Third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) may participate in Union programmes in the framework of the cooperation established under the Agreement of the European Economic Area ¹⁷ EEA agreement, which provides for the implementation of the programmes by on the basis of a decision adopted under that agreement. Third countries may also participate on the basis of	

¹⁷ OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3.

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99.	(39) The Financial Regulation	(39) The Financial Regulation	(39) The Financial Regulation	(39) The Financial Regulation
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	of the actions supported by the	the actions supported by the	of the actions supported by the	of the actions supported by the
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	consistent implementation	consistent implementation among	consistent implementation	consistent implementation
	among the sectors covered by	the sectors covered by the	among the sectors covered by the	among the sectors covered by
	the Programme, it is necessary to	Programme, it is necessary to	Programme, it is necessary to	the Programme, it is necessary to
	provide additional indications as	provide additional indications as	provide additional indications as	provide additional indications as
	regards eligibility and award	regards eligibility and award	regards eligibility and award	regards eligibility and award
	criteria.	criteria. <i>The selection of</i>	criteria. <i>The selection of</i>	criteria. <i>The selection of</i>
		operations and their financing	operations and their financing	operations and their financing
		should respect only the	should respect only the	should respect only the
		conditions provided for in this	conditions provided for in this	conditions provided for in this
		Regulation and the Financial	Regulation and the Financial	Regulation and the Financial
		Regulation. Without derogating	Regulation. Without derogating	Regulation. Without
		from the Financial Regulation,	from the Financial Regulation,	derogating from the Financial
		the work programmes may	the work programmes may	Regulation, the work
		provide for simplified	provide for simplified	programmes may provide for
		procedures.	procedures.	simplified procedures.
101.		(39a) In accordance with the	(39a) In accordance with the	(39a) In accordance with the
		Financial Regulation, selection	Financial Regulation, selection	Financial Regulation, selection
		and award criteria are defined	and award criteria are defined	and award criteria are defined
		in the work programmes. In the	in the work programmes. In the	in the work programmes. In the
		transport sector, the quality and	transport sector, the quality	transport sector, the quality
		relevance of a project should be	and relevance of a project	and relevance of a project
		assessed also taking into	should be assessed also taking	should be assessed also taking

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account its expected impact on the EU connectivity, its impact on the EU connectivity, compliance with accessibility requirements and its strategy as regards future maintenance needs. into account its expected impact on the EU connectivity, its compliance with accessibility requirements and its strategy as regards future maintenance needs.

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102. (40)In accordance with the Financial Regulation, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷, Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2988/95¹⁸, Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96¹⁹ and Council Regulation (EU) 2017/193²⁰, the financial interests of the Union are to be protected through proportionate measures, including the prevention, detection, correction and investigation of irregularities and fraud, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, the imposition of administrative sanctions. In particular, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out administrative investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections, with a view to establishing whether there has

In accordance with the Financial Regulation, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷, Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2988/95¹⁸, Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96¹⁹ and Council Regulation (EU) 2017/193²⁰, the financial interests of the Union are to be protected through proportionate measures, including the prevention, detection, correction and investigation of irregularities and fraud, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, the imposition of administrative sanctions. In particular, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out administrative investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections, with a view to establishing whether there has

(40) In accordance with **Regulations (EU, Euroatom) 2018/1046**¹⁹ (the "Financial Regulation") and, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁹, Council Regulation**s** (Euratom, EC) No 2988/95²⁰ and (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²¹ and Council Regulation (EU) 2017/193²², the financial interests of the Union are to be protected through proportionate measures, including the prevention, detection, correction and investigation of irregularities including and fraud, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, the imposition of administrative sanctions. In particular, in accordance with Regulations (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out administrative investigations, including on-the-spot checks and

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(17) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European

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No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999,(OJ L248, 18.9.2013, p. 1

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18
December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95, p.1).

(19) Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning onthe-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L292,15.11.1996, p.2).

(20) Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017

Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999,(OJ L248, 18.9.2013, p. 1

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⁽²⁰⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced Auditors (ECA) and to ensure that any third parties involved in the implementation of Union funds grant equivalent rights.

(18a) 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, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing **Regulation (EU, Euratom)** No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

(19) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L283, 31.10.2017, p.1).

of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L283, 31.10.2017, p.1).

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(21) Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning onthe-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L292,15.11.1996, p.2).

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105.	(41) Pursuant to [reference to	(41) Pursuant to [reference to	(41) Pursuant to Council Decision	(41) Pursuant to Council
	be updated as appropriate	be updated as appropriate	(EU) 2019/2196 ²⁴ persons and	Decision (EU) 2019/2196 ²⁴
	according to the new decision on	according to the new decision on	entities established in overseas	persons and entities established
	OCTs: Article 94 of Council	OCTs: Article 94 of Council	countries and Territories (OCTs)	in overseas countries and
	Decision 2013/755/EU ²²] persons	Decision 2013/755/EU ²²] persons	are eligible for funding subject to	Territories (OCTs) are eligible for
	and entities established in	and entities established in	the rules and objectives of the	funding subject to the rules and
	overseas countries and Territories	overseas countries and Territories	Programme and possible	objectives of the Programme and
	(OCTs) are eligible for funding	(OCTs) are eligible for funding	arrangements applicable to the	possible arrangements applicable
	subject to the rules and	subject to the rules and objectives	Member State to which the	to the Member State to which the
	objectives of the Programme and	of the Programme and possible	relevant overseas country or	relevant overseas country or
	possible arrangements applicable	arrangements applicable to the	territory is linked.	territory is linked.
	to the Member State to which the	Member State to which the		
	relevant overseas country or	relevant overseas country or	⁽²⁴⁾ OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p.1	⁽²⁴⁾ OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p.1
	territory is linked.	territory is linked.		
	⁽²²⁾ OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p.1	⁽²²⁾ OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p.1		
106.	(42) The Union should seek	(42) The Union should seek	(42) The Union should seek	(42) The Union should seek
	coherence and synergies with the	coherence and synergies with the	coherence and synergies with the	coherence and synergies with the
	Union programmes for external	Union programmes for external	Union programmes for external	Union programmes for external
	policies, including pre-accession	policies, including pre-accession	policies, including pre-accession	policies, including pre-accession
	assistance following the	assistance following the	assistance following the	assistance following the
	engagements taken in the	engagements taken in the context	engagements taken in the context	engagements taken in the
	context of the Communication "A	of the Communication "A credible	of the Communication "A credible	context of the Communication "A
	credible enlargement perspective	enlargement perspective for and	enlargement perspective for and	credible enlargement perspective
	for and enhanced EU	enhanced EU engagement with	enhanced EU engagement with	for and enhanced EU
	engagement with the Western	the Western Balkans" ²⁵ .	the Western Balkans" ²⁵ .	engagement with the Western
	Balkans" ²³ .			Balkans" ²⁵ .
	- <u></u>	⁽²⁵⁾ COM(2018) 65	⁽²⁵⁾ COM(2018) 65	
	⁽²³⁾ COM(2018) 65			⁽²⁵⁾ COM(2018) 65

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107.	(43) When third countries or entities established in third countries participate in actions contributing to projects of common interest or to crossborder projects in the field of renewable energy, financial assistance should only be available if it is indispensable to the achievement of the objectives of these projects.	(43) When third countries or entities established in third countries participate in actions contributing to projects of common interest or to crossborder projects in the field of renewable energy, financial assistance should only be available if it is indispensable to the achievement of the objectives of these projects. With regard to the part on cross-border projects in the field of renewables, the cooperation between one or several Member States and a third country (including Energy Community) should respect the conditions set out in Article 11 of Directive (EU) 2018/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Renewable Energy Directive] on the need for a physical link to the EU.	(43) When third countries or entities established in third countries participate in actions contributing to projects of common interest or to cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy, financial assistance should only be available if it is indispensable to the achievement of the objectives of these projects. With regard to the part on cross-border projects in the field of renewables, the cooperation between one or several Member States and a third country (including Energy Community) should respect the conditions set out in Art 11 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the need for a physical link to the EU.	(43) When third countries or entities established in third countries participate in actions contributing to projects of common interest or to crossborder projects in the field of renewable energy, financial assistance should only be available if it is indispensable to the achievement of the objectives of these projects. With regard to the part on cross-border projects in the field of renewables, the cooperation between one or several Member States and a third country (including Energy Community) should respect the conditions set out in Art 11 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the need for a physical link to the EU.
109.		(43a) The Commission's Communication of 3 October 2017 'Making Public Procurement work in and for	(43a) The Commission's Communication of October 2017 'Making Public Procurement work in and for Europe' ¹ , notes that the	(43a) The Commission's Communication of October 2017 'Making Public Procurement work in and for Europe' ¹ , notes that the

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Europe¹, notes that the EU is the world's most open market for procurement, but access for our companies in other countries is not always reciprocal. Beneficiaries of CEF should therefore make full use of the strategic procurement possibilities offered by Directive 2014/25/EU.

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111. (44)Pursuant to paragraph 22 and 23 of the Inter-institutional agreement for Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016²⁴, there is a need to evaluate this Programme on the basis of information collected through specific monitoring requirements, while avoiding overregulation and administrative burdens, in particular on Member States, Evaluations should be carried out by the Commission and communicated to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions in order to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the funding and its impact on the overall goals of the Programme.

Interinstitutional
Agreement between the
European Parliament, the Council
of the European Union and the
European Commission on Better
Law-Making of 13 April 2016; OJ
L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1–14

(44)Pursuant to *points* 22 and 23 of the Inter-institutional agreement for Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016²⁴, there is a need to evaluate this Programme on the basis of information collected through specific monitoring requirements, such as on climate *tracking,* while avoiding overregulation and administrative burdens, in particular on Member States. Evaluations should be carried out by the Commission and communicated to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions in order to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the funding and its impact on the overall goals of the Programme and make any adjustments necessary.

(24) Interinstitutional
Agreement between the European
Parliament, the Council of the
European Union and the European
Commission on Better Law-

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Agreement between the European
Parliament, the Council of the
European Union and the European
Commission on Better Law-

Making of 13 April 2016; OJ L 123,	Law-Making of 13 April 2016; OJ L	Making of 13 April 2016; OJ L 123,
12.5.2016, p. 1.	123, 12.5.2016, p. 1–14	12.5.2016, p. 1–14

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113.	(45) Adequate monitoring and	(45) <i>Transparent, accountable</i>	(45) <i>Transparent,</i>	(45) <i>Transparent,</i>
	reporting measures including	and adequate monitoring and	<i>accountable and</i> adequate	<i>accountable and</i> adequate
	indicators should be	reporting measures including	monitoring and reporting	monitoring and reporting
	implemented in order to report	<i>measurable</i> indicators should be	measures including <i>measurable</i>	measures including <i>measurable</i>
	the progress of the Programme	implemented in order to assess	indicators should be implemented	indicators should be
	towards the achievement of the	and report on the progress of the	in order to assess and report on	implemented in order to assess
		Programme towards the	the progress of the Programme	and report on the progress of the
	general and specific objectives	achievement of the general and	towards the achievement of the	Programme towards the
	set out in this Regulation. This	specific objectives set out in this	general and specific objectives set	achievement of the general and
	performance reporting system	Regulation, <i>as well as to</i>	out in this Regulation, <i>as well as</i>	specific objectives set out in this
	should ensure that data for	<i>promote its achievements</i> . This	to promote its achievements.	Regulation, <i>as well as to</i>
	monitoring implementation of	performance reporting system	This performance reporting	<i>promote its achievements</i> . This
	the Programme and its results are	should ensure that data for	system should ensure that data	performance reporting system
	collected efficiently, effectively	monitoring the implementation of	for monitoring the	should ensure that data for
	and in a timely manner. It is	the Programme and its results <i>are</i>	implementation of the	monitoring the implementation
	necessary to impose	suitable for an in-depth analysis	Programme and its results <i>are</i>	of the Programme and its results
	proportionate reporting	of the progress achieved and of	suitable for an in-depth analysis	are suitable for an in-depth
	requirements on recipients of	the difficulties encountered and	of the progress achieved and of	analysis of the progress
	Union funds in order to collect	that those data and results are	the difficulties encountered and	achieved and of the difficulties
		collected efficiently, effectively	<i>that those data and results</i> are	encountered and that those
	relevant data for the Programme.	and in a timely manner. It is	collected efficiently, effectively	data and results are collected
		necessary to impose	and in a timely manner. It is	efficiently, effectively and in a
		proportionate reporting	necessary to impose	timely manner. It is necessary to
		requirements on recipients of	proportionate reporting	impose proportionate reporting
		Union funds in order to collect	requirements on recipients of	requirements on recipients of
		relevant data for the Programme.	Union funds in order to collect	Union funds in order to collect
			relevant data for the Programme.	relevant data for the Programme.
115.		(45aa) The Programme should	(45aa) The Programme should	(45aa) The Programme should
		be implemented through work	be implemented through work	be implemented through work
		programmes. The Commission	programmes. The Commission	programmes. The Commission
		should adopt by 31 December	should adopt by 31 December	should adopt by 31 December
		2020 the first multiannual work	2020 the first multiannual work	2020 the first multiannual work

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119.	(46) In order to ensure	(46) In order to ensure uniform	(46) In order to ensure uniform	(46) In order to ensure uniform
	uniform conditions for the	conditions for the implementation	conditions for the implementation	conditions for the
	implementation of this	of this Regulation, implementing	of this Regulation, implementing	implementation of this
	Regulation, implementing powers	powers should be conferred on	powers should be conferred on	Regulation, implementing powers
	should be conferred on the	the Commission as regards	the Commission as regards	should be conferred on the
	Commission as regards adoption	adoption of work programmes.	adoption of work programmes.	Commission as regards adoption
	of work programmes. Those	Those powers should be exercised	Those powers should be exercised	of work programmes. Those
	powers should be exercised in	in accordance with Regulation	in accordance with Regulation	powers should be exercised in
	accordance with Regulation (EU)	(EU) No 182/2011 of the European	(EU) No 182/2011 of the	accordance with Regulation (EU)
	No 182/2011 of the European	Parliament and of the Council ²⁷ .	European Parliament and of the	No 182/2011 of the European
	Parliament and of the Council ²⁵ .		Council ²⁷ .	Parliament and of the Council ²⁷ .
		(27) Regulation (EU) No		
	(25) Regulation (EU) No	182/2011 of the European	(27) Regulation (EU) No	(27) Regulation (EU) No
	182/2011 of the European	Parliament and of the Council of	182/2011 of the European	182/2011 of the European
	Parliament and of the Council of	16 February 2011 laying down the	Parliament and of the Council of	Parliament and of the Council of
	16 February 2011 laying down	rules and general principles	16 February 2011 laying down the	16 February 2011 laying down the
	the rules and general principles	concerning mechanisms for	rules and general principles	rules and general principles
	concerning mechanisms for	control by the Member States of	concerning mechanisms for	concerning mechanisms for
	control by the Member States of	the Commission's exercise of	control by the Member States of	control by the Member States of
	the Commission's exercise of	implementing powers (OJ L 55,	the Commission's exercise of	the Commission's exercise of
	implementing powers (OJ L 55,	28.2.2011, p. 13)	implementing powers (OJ L 55,	implementing powers (OJ L 55,
	28.2.2011, p. 13		28.2.2011, p. 13)	28.2.2011, p. 13)
121.	(47) In order to adapt, where	(47) In order to adapt, where	(47) In order to adapt, where	(47) In order to adapt, where
	necessary, the indicators used for	necessary, the indicators used for	necessary, the indicators used for	necessary, the indicators used for
	the monitoring of the	the monitoring of the Programme,	the monitoring of the	the monitoring of the Programme,
	Programme, the indicative	the indicative percentages of	Programme, the indicative	the indicative percentages of
	percentages of budgetary	budgetary resources allocated to	percentages of budgetary	budgetary resources allocated to
	resources allocated to each	each specific objective in the	resources allocated to each	each specific objective in the
	specific objective in the transport	transport sector and the definition	specific objective in the transport	transport sector and the definition

sector and the definition of the transport core network corridors, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of amendments to Parts I, II and III of the Annex to this Regulation. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert

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	preparation of delegated acts.			
122.	(48) Regulations (EU) No	(48) Regulations (EU) No	(48) Regulations (EU) No	(48) Regulations (EU) No
	1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014	1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014	1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014	1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014
	should, for reasons of clarity, be	should, for reasons of clarity, be	should, for reasons of clarity, be	should, for reasons of clarity, be
	repealed. However, the effects of	repealed. However, the effects of	repealed. However, the effects of	repealed. However, the effects of
	Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No	Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No	Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No	Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No
	1316/2013, which amends the	1316/2013, which amends the	1316/2013, which amends the	1316/2013, which amends the
	Annex to Regulation (EU) No	Annex to Regulation (EU) No	Annex to Regulation (EU) No	Annex to Regulation (EU) No
	913/2010 of the European	913/2010 of the European	913/2010 of the European	913/2010 of the European
	Parliament and of the Council ²⁶	Parliament and of the Council ²⁸ as	Parliament and of the Council ²⁸ as	Parliament and of the Council ²⁸ as
	as regards the list of freight	regards the list of freight	regards the list of freight	regards the list of freight
	corridors, should be preserved.	corridors, should be preserved.	corridors, should be preserved.	corridors, should be preserved.
	(26) Pagulation (ELI) No.	(28)	(28)	(28)
	Regulation (EO) NO	Regulation (EU) No	Regulation (EU) No	Regulation (EU) No
	913/2010 of the European	913/2010 of the European	913/2010 of the European	913/2010 of the European
	Parliament and of the Council of	Parliament and of the Council of 22	Parliament and of the Council of	Parliament and of the Council of
	22 September 2010 concerning a	September 2010 concerning a	22 September 2010 concerning a	22 September 2010 concerning a
	European rail network for	European rail network for	European rail network for	European rail network for
	competitive freight (OJ L 276,	competitive freight (OJ L 276,	competitive freight (OJ L 276,	competitive freight (OJ L 276,
	20.10.2010, p. 22).	20.10.2010, p. 22).	20.10.2010, p. 22).	20.10.2010, p. 22).

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123.	(49) In order to allow for the	(49) In order to allow for the timely	(49) In order to allow for the	(49) In order to allow for the timely
	timely adoption of the	adoption of the implementing acts	timely adoption of the	adoption of the implementing
	implementing acts provided for	provided for by this Regulation, it	implementing acts provided for	acts provided for by this
	by this Regulation, it is necessary	is necessary that it enters into force	by this Regulation, it is necessary	Regulation, it is necessary that it
	that it enters into force	immediately upon its publication,	that it enters into force	enters into force immediately
	immediately upon its publication,		immediately upon its publication,	upon its publication,
124.	HAVE ADOPTED THIS	HAVE ADOPTED THIS	HAVE ADOPTED THIS	HAVE ADOPTED THIS
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125.	CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS				
126.		Ar	ticle 1		
		Subje	ect matter		
127.	This Regulation establishes the	This Regulation establishes the	This Regulation establishes the		
	Connecting Europe Facility (the	Connecting Europe Facility (the	Connecting Europe Facility (the		
	'Programme').	'Programme').	'Programme') for the period		
			from 1 January 2021 to 31		
			December 2027.		
128.	It lays down the objectives of the	It lays down the objectives of the	It lays down the objectives of the	It lays down the objectives of the	
	Programme, the budget for the	Programme, the budget for the	Programme, the budget for the	Programme, the budget for the	
	period 2021-2027, the forms of	period 2021-2027, the forms of	period 2021-2027, the forms of	period 2021-2027, the forms of	
	Union funding and the rules for	Union funding and the rules for	Union funding and the rules for	Union funding and the rules for	
	providing such funding.	providing such funding.	providing such funding.	providing such funding.	
129.			ticle 2		
		Det	initions		
130.	For the purposes of this		For the purposes of this	For the purposes of this	
	Regulation, the following		Regulation, the following	Regulation, the following	
	definitions shall apply:		definitions shall apply:	definitions shall apply:	
131.	(a) "action" means any activity	(a) "action" means any activity	(a) "action" means any	(a) "action" means any	
	which has been identified as	which has been identified as	activity which has been identified	activity which has been identified	
	financially and technically	financially and technically	as financially and technically	as financially and technically	
	independent, has a set time-	independent, has a set time-frame	independent, has a set time-	independent, has a set time-	
	frame and is necessary for the	and is necessary for the	frame and is necessary for the	frame and is necessary for the	
	implementation of a project;	implementation of a project;	implementation of a project;	implementation of a project;	
133.	(b) "alternative fuels" means	(b) "alternative fuels" means	(b) "alternative fuels" means	(b) "alternative fuels" means	
	alternative fuels as defined in	alternative fuels for all modes of	alternative fuels <i>for all modes of</i>	alternative fuels <i>for all modes of</i>	
	Article 2(1) of Directive	transport as defined in Article	<i>transport</i> as defined in Article	transport as defined in Article	
	2014/94/EU;	2(1) of Directive 2014/94/EU;	2(1) of Directive 2014/94/EU;	2(1) of Directive 2014/94/EU;	

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136.		(ca) "beneficiary" means an entity with legal personality with whom a grant agreement has been signed;	(ca) "beneficiary" means an entity with legal personality with whom a grant agreement has been signed;	(ca) "beneficiary" means an entity with legal personality with whom a grant agreement has been signed;
138.	(d) 'Blending operation' means actions supported by the EU budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article [2(6)] of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/XXX (the 'Financial Regulation'), combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments from the EU budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors;	(d) "blending operation" means actions supported by the EU budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article 2(6) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/XXX (the 'Financial Regulation'), combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments and/or budgetary guarantees from the EU budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors;	(d) 'Blending operation' means actions supported by the EU budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article [2(6)] of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/XXX (the 'Financial Regulation'), combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments and/or budgetary guarantees from the EU budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors;	(d) 'Blending operation' means actions supported by the EU budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article [2(6)] of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/XXX (the 'Financial Regulation'), combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments and/or budgetary guarantees from the EU budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors;
141.	(e) "comprehensive network" means the transport infrastructure identified in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;		(e) "comprehensive network" means the transport infrastructure identified in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	(e) "comprehensive network" means the transport infrastructure identified in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;
142.	(f) "core network" means the transport infrastructure identified in accordance with Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013; (g) "core network corridors"		(f) "core network" means the transport infrastructure identified in accordance with Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013; (g) "core network corridors"	(f) "core network" means the transport infrastructure identified in accordance with Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013; (g) "core network corridors"

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	means an instrument to facilitate the coordinated implementation of the core network as provided for in Chapter IV of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and listed in Part III of the Annex to this Regulation;		means an instrument to facilitate the coordinated implementation of the core network as provided for in Chapter IV of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and listed in Part III of the Annex to this Regulation;	means an instrument to facilitate the coordinated implementation of the core network as provided for in Chapter IV of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and listed in Part III of the Annex to this Regulation;
145.	Tregardio.i,	(ga) "cross border link" in the transport sector means a project of common interest which ensures the continuity of the TEN-T network between Member States or between a Member State and a third country;	(ga) "cross border link" in the transport sector means a project of common interest which ensures the continuity of the TEN-T network between Member States or between a Member State and a third country;	(ga) "cross border link" in the transport sector means a project of common interest which ensures the continuity of the TEN-T network between Member States or between a Member State and a third country;
147.		(gb) "missing link" is an all modes transport missing section of the TEN-T network or a transport section that is providing the connection of core or comprehensive networks with the TEN-T corridors which hampers the continuity of the TEN-T network or containing one or more bottleneck affecting the continuity of the TEN-T network;	(gb) "missing link" is an all modes transport missing section of the TEN-T network or a transport section that is providing the connection of core or comprehensive networks with the TEN-T corridors which hampers the continuity of the TEN-T network or containing one or more bottleneck affecting the continuity of the TEN-T network;	(gb) "missing link" is an all modes transport missing section of the TEN-T network or a transport section that is providing the connection of core or comprehensive networks with the TEN-T corridors which hampers the continuity of the TEN-T network or containing one or more bottleneck affecting the continuity of the TEN-T network;

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149.		(gc) "dual-use infrastructure" means a transport network infrastructure that addresses both civilian and defence needs;	(gc)"dual-use infrastructure" means a transport network infrastructure that addresses both civilian and defence needs;	(gc)"dual-use infrastructure" means a transport network infrastructure that addresses both civilian and defence needs;
150.	(h) "cross-border project in the field of renewable energy" means a project selected or eligible to be selected under a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangements between Member States or arrangements between Member States and third countries as defined in Articles 6, 7, 9 or 11 of Directive 2009/82/EC in the planning or deployment of renewable energy, in accordance with the criteria set out in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation;	(h) "cross-border project in the field of renewable energy" means a project selected or eligible to be selected under a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangements between at least two Member States or arrangements between at least one Member State and a third country or countries as defined in Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 in the planning or deployment of renewable energy, in accordance with the criteria set out in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation;	(h) "cross-border project in the field of renewable energy" means a project selected or eligible to be selected under a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangements between at least two Member States or arrangements between at least one Member State and a third country or countries as defined in Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 in the planning or deployment of renewable energy, in accordance with the criteria set out in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation;	(h) "cross-border project in the field of renewable energy" means a project selected or eligible to be selected under a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangements between at least two Member States or arrangements between at least one Member State and a third country or countries as defined in Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 in the planning or deployment of renewable energy, in accordance with the criteria set out in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation;
152.		(ha) "energy efficiency first" means energy efficiency first as referred to in Article 2(18) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999;	(ha) "energy efficiency first" means energy efficiency first as referred to in Article 2(18) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.	(ha) "energy efficiency first" means energy efficiency first as referred to in Article 2(18) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.
153.	(i) "digital connectivity infrastructure" means very high capacity networks, 5G systems,	(i) "digital connectivity infrastructure" means very high capacity networks, 5G systems,	(i) "digital connectivity infrastructure" means very high capacity networks, 5G systems,	(i) "digital connectivity infrastructure" means very high capacity networks, 5G systems,

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	very high quality local wireless connectivity, backbone networks, as well as operational digital platforms directly associated with transport and energy infrastructure;	very high quality local wireless connectivity, backbone networks, as well as operational digital platforms directly associated with transport and energy infrastructure;	very high quality local wireless connectivity, backbone networks, as well as operational digital platforms directly associated with transport and energy infrastructure;	very high quality local wireless connectivity, backbone networks, as well as operational digital platforms directly associated with transport and energy infrastructure;
154.	(j) "5G systems" means a set of digital infrastructure elements based on globally agreed standards for mobile and wireless communications technology used for connectivity and value-added services with advanced performance characteristics such as very high data rates and capacity, low latency, high reliability, or supporting a high number of connected devices;.	(j) "5G systems" means a set of digital infrastructure elements based on globally agreed standards for mobile and wireless communications technology used for connectivity and value-added services with advanced performance characteristics such as very high data rates and capacity, low latency communications, ultra-high reliability, or supporting a high number of connected devices;	(j) "5G systems" means a set of digital infrastructure elements based on globally agreed standards for mobile and wireless communications technology used for connectivity and value-added services with advanced performance characteristics such as very high data rates and capacity, low latency communications, ultra- high reliability, or supporting a high number of connected devices;	(j) "5G systems" means a set of digital infrastructure elements based on globally agreed standards for mobile and wireless communications technology used for connectivity and value-added services with advanced performance characteristics such as very high data rates and capacity, low latency communications, ultra- high reliability, or supporting a high number of connected devices;
156.	(k) "5G corridor" means a transport path, road or railway, fully covered with digital connectivity infrastructure and in particular 5G systems, enabling the uninterrupted provision of synergy digital services such as connected and automated mobility or similar smart mobility services for railways;	(k) "5G corridor" means a transport path, road, railway <i>or inland waterway</i> , fully covered with digital connectivity infrastructure and in particular 5G systems, enabling the uninterrupted provision of synergy digital services such as connected and automated mobility, similar smart mobility	(k) "5G corridor" means a transport path, road, railway or inland waterway, fully covered with digital connectivity infrastructure and in particular 5G systems, enabling the uninterrupted provision of synergy digital services such as connected and automated mobility, similar smart mobility	(k) "5G corridor" means a transport path, road, railway or inland waterway, fully covered with digital connectivity infrastructure and in particular 5G systems, enabling the uninterrupted provision of synergy digital services such as connected and automated mobility, similar smart mobility

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		services for railways <i>or digital</i> connectivity on inland waterways,	services for railways <i>or digital</i> connectivity on inland waterways,	services for railways <i>or digital connectivity on inland waterways</i> ,
158.	(I) "operational digital platforms directly associated with transport and energy infrastructure" means physical and virtual information	(l) "operational digital platforms directly associated with transport and energy infrastructure" means physical and virtual information	(l) "operational digital platforms directly associated with transport and energy infrastructure" means physical and virtual information	(l) "operational digital platforms directly associated with transport and energy infrastructure" means physical and virtual information
	communication technology ("ICT") resources, operating on top of the communication infrastructure, which support the	communication technology ("ICT") resources, operating on top of the communication infrastructure, which support the flow, storage,	communication technology ("ICT") resources, operating on top of the communication infrastructure, which support the	communication technology ("ICT") resources, operating on top of the communication infrastructure, which support the
	flow, storage, processing and analysis of transport and/or energy infrastructure data;	processing and analysis of transport and/or energy infrastructure data;	flow, storage, processing and analysis of transport and/or energy infrastructure data;	flow, storage, processing and analysis of transport and/or energy infrastructure data;
159.	(m) "project of common interest" means a project identified in Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 or Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 or in Article 8 of this Regulation;	(m) "project of common interest" means a project identified in Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 or Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 or in Article 8 of this Regulation;	(m) "project of common interest" means a project identified in Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 or Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 or in Article 8 of this Regulation;	(m) "project of common interest" means a project identified in Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 or Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 or in Article 8 of this Regulation;
160.	(n) "studies" means activities needed to prepare project implementation, such as preparatory, mapping, feasibility, evaluation, testing and validation studies, including in the form of software, and any other technical support measure, including prior	(n) "studies" means activities needed to prepare project implementation, such as preparatory, mapping, feasibility, evaluation, testing and validation studies, including in the form of software, and any other technical support measure, including prior	(n) "studies" means activities needed to prepare project implementation, such as preparatory, mapping, feasibility, evaluation, testing and validation studies, including in the form of software, and any other technical support measure, including prior	(n) "studies" means activities needed to prepare project implementation, such as preparatory, mapping, feasibility, evaluation, testing and validation studies, including in the form of software, and any other technical support measure, including prior

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	action to define and develop a project and decide on its	action to define and develop a project and decide on its	action to define and develop a project and decide on its	action to define and develop a project and decide on its
	financing, such as reconnaissance	financing, such as reconnaissance	financing, such as reconnaissance	financing, such as reconnaissance
	of the sites concerned and	of the sites concerned and	of the sites concerned and	of the sites concerned and
	preparation of the financial	preparation of the financial	preparation of the financial	preparation of the financial
	package;	package;	package;	package;
162.	(o) "socio-economic drivers"	(o) "socio-economic drivers"	(o) "socio-economic drivers"	(o) "socio-economic drivers"
	means entities which by their	means entities which by their	means entities which by their	means entities which by their
	mission, nature or location can	mission, nature or location can	mission, nature or location can	mission, nature or location can
	directly or indirectly generate	directly or indirectly generate	directly or indirectly generate	directly or indirectly generate
	important socio-economic	important socio-economic	important socio-economic	important socio-economic
	benefits to citizens, business and	benefits to citizens, business and	benefits to citizens, business and	benefits to citizens, business and
	local communities located in their	local communities located in their	local communities located in their	local communities located in their
	surrounding territory;	surrounding territory <i>or in their</i>	surrounding territory <i>or in their</i>	surrounding territory <i>or in their</i>
		area of influence,	area of influence,	area of influence,
163.	(p) "third country" means a	(p) "third country" means a	(p) "third country" means a	(p) "third country" means a
	country that is not member of	country that is not member of the	country that is not member of the	country that is not member of the
	the European Union;	European Union;	European Union;	European Union;
165.	(q) "very high capacity	(q) "very high capacity	(q) "very high capacity	(q) "very high capacity
	networks" means very high capacity	networks" means very high capacity	networks" means very high capacity	networks" means very high capacity
	networks as defined in Article [2	networks as defined in Article 2(2) of	networks as defined in Article [2 (2)]	networks as defined in Article [2
	(XX)] of Directive (EU) 2018/XXX	Directive (EU) 2018/172;	of Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the	(2)] of Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of
	[the European Electronic Communications Code]		European Parliament and of the Council ¹⁸ XXX [the European	the European Parliament and of the Council ¹⁹ ;
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Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the European Electronic Communications Code (OJ L 321, 17.12.2018, p. 36).

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Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the European Electronic Communications Code (OJ L 321, 17.12.2018, p. 36).

		Electronic Communications Code];	
(r) "works" means the purchase, supply and deployment of components, systems and services including software, the carrying-out of development and construction and installation activities relating to a project, the acceptance of installations and the launching of a project.	(r) "works" means the purchase, supply and deployment of components, systems and services including software, the carrying-out of development and construction and installation activities relating to a project, the acceptance of installations and the launching of a project.	(r) "works" means the purchase, supply and deployment of components, systems and services including software, the carrying-out of development and construction and installation activities relating to a project, the acceptance of installations and the launching of a project.	(r) "works" means the purchase, supply and deployment of components, systems and services including software, the carrying-out of development and construction and installation activities relating to a project, the acceptance of installations and the launching of a project.

168.		Article 3 Objectives		
170.	1. The Programme has the general objective to develop and modernise the trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the field of renewable energy, taking into account the long-term decarbonisation commitments and with emphasis on synergies among sectors.	1. The Programme has the general objective to build, develop, modernise and complete the trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the field of renewable energy, taking into account the long-term decarbonisation commitments, increasing European competitiveness, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, territorial, social and economic cohesion, access to and integration of the internal market and with emphasis on synergies among transport, energy and digital sectors.	1. The Programme has the general objective to build, develop, modernise and complete the trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the field of renewable energy, taking into account the long-term decarbonisation commitments, increasing European competitiveness, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, territorial, social and economic cohesion, access to and integration of the internal market and with emphasis on synergies among transport, energy and digital sectors.	1. The Programme has the general objective to build, develop, modernise and complete the trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the field of renewable energy, taking into account the long-term decarbonisation commitments, increasing European competitiveness, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, territorial, social and economic cohesion, access to and integration of the internal market and with emphasis on synergies among transport, energy and digital sectors.
171.	2. The Programme has the following specific objectives:	2. The Programme has the following specific objectives:	2. The Programme has the following specific objectives:	2. The Programme has the following specific objectives:
172.	(a) In the transport sector:	(a) In the transport sector:	(a) In the transport sector:	(a) In the transport sector:
174.	(i) to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to efficient and interconnected networks and infrastructure for smart, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility;	(i) in compliance with the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to efficient, interconnected and multimodal networks and infrastructure for	(i) in compliance with the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to efficient, interconnected and multimodal networks and infrastructure for	(i) in compliance with the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to efficient, interconnected and multimodal networks and infrastructure for

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		smart, <i>interoperable</i> , sustainable, inclusive, <i>accessible</i> , safe and secure mobility;	smart, <i>interoperable</i> , sustainable, inclusive, <i>accessible</i> , safe and secure mobility;	smart, <i>interoperable</i> , sustainable, inclusive, <i>accessible</i> , safe and secure mobility;
176.	(ii) to adapt the TEN-T networks to military mobility needs;	(ii) to adapt parts of the trans- European transport network for a dual use of the transport infrastructure in view of improving both civilian and military mobility;	(ii) to adapt parts of the trans- European transport network for a dual use of the transport infrastructure in view of improving both civilian and military mobility;	(ii) to adapt parts of the trans- European transport network for a dual use of the transport infrastructure in view of improving both civilian and military mobility;

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178.	(b) In the energy sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to further integration of the internal energy market, interoperability of networks across borders and sectors, facilitating decarbonisation and ensuring security of supply, and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the area of renewable energy;	(b) In the energy sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to further integration of an efficient and competitive internal energy market, interoperability of networks across borders and sectors, facilitating decarbonisation of the economy, promoting energy efficiency and ensuring security of supply, and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the area of energy, including renewable energy;	(b) In the energy sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to further integration of an efficient and competitive internal energy market, interoperability of networks across borders and sectors, facilitating decarbonisation of the economy, promoting energy efficiency and ensuring security of supply, and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the area of energy, including renewable energy;	(b) In the energy sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to further integration of an efficient and competitive internal energy market, interoperability of networks across borders and sectors, facilitating decarbonisation of the economy, promoting energy efficiency and ensuring security of supply, and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the area of energy, including renewable energy;
180.	(c) In the digital sector, to contribute to the deployment of very high capacity digital networks and 5G systems, to the increased resilience and capacity of digital backbone networks on EU territories by linking them to neighbouring territories, as well to the digitalisation of transport and energy networks.	(c) In the digital sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to the deployment of safe and secure very high capacity digital networks and 5G systems, to the increased resilience and capacity of digital backbone networks on EU territories by linking them to neighbouring territories, as well to the digitalization of transport and energy networks.	c) In the digital sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to the deployment of safe and secure very high capacity digital networks and 5G systems, to the increased resilience and capacity of digital backbone networks on EU territories by linking them to neighbouring territories, as well to the digitalization of transport and energy networks.	c) In the digital sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to the deployment of safe and secure very high capacity digital networks and 5G systems, to the increased resilience and capacity of digital backbone networks on EU territories by linking them to neighbouring territories, as well to the digitalization of transport and energy networks.

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181.			ticle 4 udget	
183.	1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 is set at EUR 42,265,493,000 in current prices.	1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 is set at <i>EUR 43 850 768 000 in constant prices</i> (<i>EUR XXX in current prices</i>).	1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 is set at EUR 33,710,000,000 in current prices.	
184.	2. The distribution of this amount shall be as follows:	2. The distribution of this amount shall be as follows:	2. The distribution of this amount shall be as follows:	2. The distribution of this amount shall be as follows:
186.	(a) up to EUR 30,615,493,000 for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(a), of which:	(a) EUR 33 513 524 000 in constant prices (EUR XXX in current prices) for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(a), of which:	(a) EUR <u>25,807,000,000</u> for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(a), of which:	
188.	(i) EUR 12,830,000,000 from the European Strategic Investment cluster;	(i) EUR 17 746 000 000 in constant prices (EUR XXX in current prices) from the European Strategic Investment cluster;	(i) EUR 12,830,000,000 from the European Strategic Investment cluster, out of which EUR 1,559,800,000 to be spent exclusively for the completion of missing major cross-border railway links between Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund;	
190.	(ii) EUR 11,285,493,000 transferred from the Cohesion Fund to be spent in line with this Regulation exclusively in Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund;	(ii) EUR 10 000 000 in constant prices (EUR 11,285,493,000 in current prices) transferred from the Cohesion Fund to be spent in line with this Regulation exclusively in Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund;	(ii) EUR 11,286,000,000 transferred from the Cohesion Fund to be spent in line with this Regulation exclusively in Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund;	

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ence cluster for the specific constant prices (EUR 6,500,000,000 the Defence cluster for the specific in current prices) from the Defence objective referred to in Article	(iii) EUR 6,500,000,000 from the Defence cluster for the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii);	192
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194.	(b) up to EUR 8,650,000,000 for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(b), out of which up to 10% for the cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy	(b) EUR 8 650 000 000 for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(b), out of which 15%, subject to market uptake, for cross border projects in the field of renewable energy. If the 15% threshold is reached, the European Commission shall increase this amount up to 20%, subject to market uptake.	(b) EUR <u>5,838,000,000</u> for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(b), out of which 15%, subject to market uptake, for cross border projects in the field of renewable energy. If the 15% threshold is reached, the European Commission shall increase this amount up to 20%, subject to market uptake.	
195.	(c) up to EUR 3,000,000,000 for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(c).	(c) EUR 2 662 000 000 in constant prices (EUR 3 000 000 000 in current prices) for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(c).	(c) EUR <u>2,065,000,000</u> for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(c).	
196.	3. The Commission shall not depart from the amount referred to in subparagraph 2 (a) (ii).	3. The Commission shall not depart from the amount referred to in subparagraph 2 (a) (ii).	3. The Commission shall not depart from the amount referred to in subparagraph 2(a)(ii).	3. The Commission shall not depart from the amount referred to in subparagraph 2(a)(ii).
198.	4. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information and technology systems. This amount may also be used to finance accompanying measures to support	4. Up to 1% of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme and the sectorspecific guidelines, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information and technology systems. This amount may also be used to finance accompanying measures to support	4. Up to 1% of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme and the sectorspecific guidelines, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information and technology systems. This amount may also be used to finance accompanying measures to support	4. Up to 1% of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information and technology systems. This amount may also be used to finance accompanying

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the preparation of projects.	the preparation of projects <i>in</i> particular to provide advisory to	the preparation of projects in particular to provide advisory to	measures to support the preparation of projects in particular
	project promoters on funding	project promoters on funding	to provide advisory to project
	opportunities in order to assist in the structuring of their project	opportunities in order to assist in the structuring of their project	promoters on funding opportunities in order to assist in the structuring
	finance.	finance.	of their project finance.

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199.	5. Budgetary commitments for	5. Budgetary commitments for	5. Budgetary commitments for	5. Budgetary commitments for
	actions extending over more than	actions extending over more than	actions extending over more than	actions extending over more than
	one financial year may be broken	one financial year may be broken	one financial year may be broken	one financial year may be broken
	down over several years into annual	down over several years into annual	down over several years into annual	down over several years into annual
	instalments.	instalments.	instalments.	instalments.
202.	6. Without prejudice to the	6. Without prejudice to the	6. Without prejudice to the	6. Without prejudice to the
	Financial Regulation, expenditure	Financial Regulation, expenditure for	Financial Regulation, expenditure for	Financial Regulation, expenditure
	for actions resulting from projects	actions resulting from projects	actions resulting from projects	for actions resulting from projects
	included in the first work	included in the first work programme	included in the first work	included in the first work
	programme may be eligible as from	may be eligible as from 1 January	programme may be eligible as from	programme may be eligible as from
	1 January 2021.	2021.	1 January 2021.	1 January 2021.
203.	7. The amount transferred	7. The amount transferred	7. The amount transferred	7. The amount transferred
	from the Cohesion Fund shall be	from the Cohesion Fund shall be	from the Cohesion Fund shall be	from the Cohesion Fund shall be
	implemented in accordance with	implemented in accordance with this	implemented in accordance with this	implemented in accordance with
	this Regulation, subject to paragraph	Regulation, subject to paragraph 8	Regulation, subject to paragraph 8	this Regulation, subject to paragraph
	8 and without prejudice to Article	and without prejudice to Article	and without prejudice to Article	8 and without prejudice to Article
	14(2)(b).	14(2)(b).	14(2)(b).	14(2)(b).
205.	8. As regards the amounts	8. As regards the amounts	8. As regards the amounts	
	transferred from the Cohesion Fund,	transferred from the Cohesion Fund,	transferred from the Cohesion Fund,	
	30% of these amounts shall be made	Euntil 31 December 2022 , the	30% of these amounts shall be made	
	available immediately to all Member	selection of projects eligible for	available immediately to all Member	
	States eligible for funding from the	financing shall respect the national	States eligible for funding from the	
	Cohesion Fund to finance transport	allocations under the Cohesion Fund	Cohesion Fund to finance transport	
	infrastructure projects in accordance	☑. As of 1 January ☑ 2023, resources	infrastructure projects in accordance	
	with this Regulation, with priority to	transferred to the Programme which	with this Regulation, with priority to	
	cross-border and missing links. Until	have not been committed to a	cross-border and missing links. Until	
	31 December 2023, the selection of	transport infrastructure project shall	31 December 2023, the selection of	
	projects eligible for financing shall	be made available, on a competitive	projects eligible for financing shall	
	respect the national allocations	<i>basis,</i> to all Member States eligible	respect the national allocations	
	under the Cohesion Fund with	for funding from the Cohesion Fund	under the Cohesion Fund with	
	regard to 70% of the resources	to finance transport infrastructure	regard to 70% of the resources	

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	transferred. As of 1 January 2024,	projects in accordance with this	transferred. As of 1 January 2024,	
	resources transferred to the	Regulation.	resources transferred to the	
	Programme which have not been		Programme which have not been	
	committed to a transport		committed to a transport	
	infrastructure project shall be made		infrastructure project shall be made	
	available to all Member States		available to all Member States	
	eligible for funding from the		eligible for funding from the	
	Cohesion Fund to finance transport		Cohesion Fund to finance transport	
	infrastructure projects in accordance		infrastructure projects in accordance	
	with this Regulation.		with this Regulation.	
206.		8a. The amount transferred	8a. The amount transferred	8a. The amount transferred
		from the Cohesion Fund shall not be	from the Cohesion Fund shall not be	from the Cohesion Fund shall not
		used to finance cross-sectoral work	used to finance cross-sectoral work	be used to finance cross-sectoral
		programmes and blending	programmes and blending	work programmes and blending
		operations.	operations.	operations.
208.	Resources allocated to	9. Resources allocated to	9. Resources allocated to	9. Resources allocated to
	Member States under shared	Member States under shared	Member States under shared	Member States under shared
	management may, at their request,	management may, at their request,	management may, at their request,	management may, at their request,
	be transferred to the Programme.	be transferred to the Programme.	be transferred to the Programme.	be transferred to the Programme.
	The Commission shall implement	The Commission shall implement	The Commission shall implement	The Commission shall implement
	those resources directly in	those resources directly in	those resources directly in	those resources directly in
	accordance with [point (a) of Article	accordance with [point (a) of Article	accordance with point (a) of Article	accordance with point (a) of Article
	62(1)] of the Financial Regulation or	62(1)] of the Financial Regulation or	62(1) of the Financial Regulation or	62(1) of the Financial Regulation or
	indirectly in accordance with point	indirectly in accordance with point	indirectly in accordance with point	indirectly in accordance with point
	(c) of that Article. Where possible	(c) of that Article. Those resources	(c) of that Article. Those resources	(c) of that Article. Those resources
	those resources shall be used for the	shall be used for the benefit of the	shall be used for the benefit of the	shall be used for the benefit of the
	benefit of the Member State concerned.	Member State concerned.	Member State concerned.	Member State concerned.
208a	concerned.	9a. Without prejudice to Article	10. Without prejudice to Article 4	10. Without prejudice to Article 4
		4 paragraph 9, in the digital sector,	paragraph 9, in the digital sector,	paragraph 9, in the digital sector,

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States under shared management
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up to 100% of the total eligible cost
where possible, without prejudice to
the co-financing principle laid in
Article 190 of the Financial
Regulation and to the State Aid
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Regulation and to the State Aid
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State concerned only.

209.			ticle 5	
		Third countries assoc	iated to the Programme	
210.	The Programme shall be open to the following third countries:	1. The Programme shall be open to the following third countries:	The Programme shall be open to the following third countries:	
211.	(a) European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA), in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA agreement;	(a) European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA), in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA agreement;	(a) European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA), in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA agreement;	
212.	(b) acceding countries, candidates and potential candidates, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for their participation in Union programmes established in the respective framework agreements and association council decisions, or similar agreements, and in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in agreements between the Union and them;	(b) acceding countries, candidates and potential candidates, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for their participation in Union programmes established in the respective framework agreements and association council decisions, or similar agreements, and in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in agreements between the Union and them;	(b) acceding countries, candidates and potential candidates, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for their participation of those countries in Union programmes established in the respective framework agreements and association Association council Council decisions, or similar agreements, and in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in agreements between the Union and themthose countries;	
213.	(c) countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy, in	(c) countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy, in	(c) countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy,	

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	accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union programmes established in the respective framework agreements and association council decisions, or similar agreements, and in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in agreements between the Union and those countries;	accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union programmes established in the respective framework agreements and association council decisions, or similar agreements, and in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in agreements between the Union and those countries;	in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union programmes established in the respective framework agreements and association Association council Council decisions, or similar agreements, and in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in agreements between the Union and those countries;	
214.	(d) other third countries, in accordance with the conditions laid down in a specific agreement covering the participation of the third country to any Union programme, provided that the agreement:	(d) other third countries, in accordance with the conditions laid down in a specific agreement covering the participation of the third country to any Union programme, provided that the agreement:	(d) other third countries, in accordance with the conditions laid down in a specific agreement covering the participation of the third country to any Union programme, provided that the agreement:	
215.	 ensures a fair balance as regards the contributions and benefits of the third country participating in the Union programmes; 	 ensures a fair balance as regards the contributions and benefits of the third country participating in the Union programmes; 	(i) ensures a fair balance as regards the contributions and benefits of the third country participating in the Union programmes;	
216.	 lays down the conditions of participation in the programmes, including the calculation of financial 	 lays down the conditions of participation in the programmes, including the calculation of financial 	(ii) lays down the conditions of participation in the programmes, including the calculation of financial	

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	contributions to individual	contributions to individual	contributions to individual	
	programmes and their	programmes and their	programmes and their	
	administrative costs. These	administrative costs. These	administrative costs. These	
	contributions shall constitute	contributions shall constitute	contributions shall constitute	
	assigned revenues in accordance	assigned revenues in accordance	assigned revenues in accordance	
	with Article [21(5)] of the Financial	with Article [21(5)] of the Financial	with Article [21(5)] of the Financial	
	Regulation;	Regulation;	Regulation;	
217.	 does not confer to the third 	 does not confer to the third 	(iii) does not confer to the third	
	country a decisional power on the	country a decisional power on the	country a decisional power on the	
	programme;	programme;	programme;	
218.	 guarantees the rights of the 	 guarantees the rights of the 	(iv) guarantees the rights of the	
	Union to ensure sound financial	Union to ensure sound financial	Union to ensure sound financial	
	management and to protect its	management and to protect its	management and to protect its	
	financial interests.	financial interests.	financial interests.	
220.		 provide reciprocity in 		
		accesing similar programmes in the		
		third country, especially public		
		procurement.		
222.	2. The third countries referred	2. The third countries referred	2. Without prejudice to Article	
	to in paragraph 1, and entities	to in paragraph 1, and entities	8 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013,	
	established in these countries, may	established in these countries, may	the third countries referred to in	
	not receive financial assistance	not receive financial assistance	paragraph 1, and entities established	
	under this Regulation except where	under this Regulation except where	in these countries, may not receive	
	it is indispensable to the	it is indispensable to the	financial assistance under this	
	achievement of the objectives of a	achievement of the objectives of a	Regulation except where it is	
	given project of common interest	given project of common interest	indispensable to the achievement of	
	and under the conditions set in the	and under the conditions set in the	the objectives of a given project of	
	work programmes referred to in	work programmes referred to in	common interest and under the	

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Article 19.	Article 19 <i>and according to the</i>	conditions set in the work	
	provisions set by Article 8 of	programmes referred to in Article	
	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013.	19.	

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223.			ticle 6 ad forms of EU funding	
224.	1. The Programme shall be implemented in direct management in accordance with the Financial Regulation or, in indirect management with bodies referred to in Article [61(1)(c)] of the Financial Regulation.	1. The Programme shall be implemented in direct management in accordance with the Financial Regulation or, in indirect management with bodies referred to in Article [62(1)(c)] of the Financial Regulation.	1. The Programme shall be implemented in direct management in accordance with the Financial Regulation or, in indirect management with bodies referred to in 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation.	1. The Programme shall be implemented in direct management in accordance with the Financial Regulation or, in indirect management with bodies referred to in 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation.
226.	2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants and procurement. It may also provide financing in the form of financial instruments within blending operations. Blending operations decided under this Programme shall be implemented in accordance with the InvestEU Regulation and Title X of the Financial Regulation.	2. The Programme may provide funding in the forms of grants and procurement as laid down in the Financial Regulation. It may also contribute to blending operations in accordance with the InvestEU Regulation and Title X of the Financial Regulation. In the transport sector the Union contribution to blending operations shall not exceed 10% of the budgetary amount indicated in Article 4(2)(a)(i). In the transport sector, blending operations may be used for actions relating to smart, interoperable, sustainable, inclusive, accessible, safe and secure mobility as listed at Article 9(2)(b).	2. The Programme may provide funding in the forms of grants and procurement as laid down in the Financial Regulation. It may also contribute to blending operations in accordance with the InvestEU Regulation and Title X of the Financial Regulation. In the transport sector the Union contribution to blending operations shall not exceed 10% of the budgetary amount indicated in Article 4(2)(a)(i). In the transport sector, blending operations may be used for actions relating to smart, interoperable, sustainable, inclusive, accessible, safe and secure mobility as listed at Article 9 paragraph 2(b).	provide funding in the forms of grants and procurement as laid down in the Financial Regulation. It may also contribute to blending operations in accordance with the InvestEU Regulation and Title X of the Financial Regulation. In the transport sector the Union contribution to blending operations shall not exceed 10% of the budgetary amount indicated in Article 4(2)(a)(i). In the transport sector, blending operations may be used for actions relating to smart, interoperable, sustainable, inclusive, accessible, safe and secure mobility as listed at Article 9 paragraph 2(b).
227.	3. The Commission may delegate power to implement part of the Programme to executive	3. The Commission may delegate power to implement part of the Programme to executive	3. The Commission may delegate power to implement part of the Programme to executive	3. The Commission may delegate power to implement part of the Programme to executive

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agencies in accordance with Article [69] of the Financial Regulation with a view to the optimum management and efficiency requirements of the Programme in the transport, energy and digital sectors.

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228. Contributions to a mutual 4. Contributions to a mutual Contributions to a mutual Contributions to a mutual insurance mechanism may cover the risk associated with the recovery of funds due by recipients and shall be considered a sufficient guarantee considered a sufficient guarantee considered a sufficient guarantee considered a sufficient guarantee under the Financial Regulation. The provisions laid down in [Article X of] Regulation XXX [successor of the Regulation on the Guarantee Fund] Regulation on the Guarantee Fund] Regulation on the Guarantee Fundl Regulation on the Guarantee Fund] shall apply. shall apply. shall apply. shall apply. Article 7 232. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy 234. Cross-border projects in the Cross-border projects in the Cross-border projects in the Cross-border projects in the 1. 1. field of renewable energy shall involve at least two Member States contribute to decarbonisation, contribute to decarbonisation, contribute to decarbonisation, completing the internal energy completing the internal energy completing the internal energy and shall be included in a market and enhancing the security cooperation agreement or any other market and enhancing the security market and enhancing the security kind of arrangement between of supply. These projects shall be of supply. These projects shall be of supply. These projects shall be Member States or arrangements included in a cooperation agreement included in a cooperation agreement included in a cooperation between Member States and third or any other kind of arrangements or any other kind of arrangements agreement or any other kind of countries as set out in Articles 6, 7, 9 between at least two Member between at least two Member arrangements between at least two or 11 of Directive 2009/28/EC. These States or arrangements between **at** States or arrangements between **at** Member States or arrangements projects shall be identified in between at least one Member State *least one Member State* and *a* third **least one Member State** and **a** third accordance with the criteria and country or countries as set out in and a third country or countries as country or countries as set out in procedure laid down in Part IV of Article in Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 of set out in Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 Articles 8, 9, 11 and 13 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001. These the Annex to this Regulation. of Directive (EU) 2018/2001. Directive (EU) 2018/2001. These projects shall be identified in These projects shall be identified in projects shall be identified in accordance with the *general* criteria accordance with the *general* criteria accordance with the *general* criteria and process laid down in Part IV of and process laid down in Part IV of and *process* laid down in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation. the Annex to this Regulation. the Annex to this Regulation.

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236.	2. By 31 December 2019, the Commission shall adopt a delegated act in accordance with Article 23(d) of this Regulation to further specify the selection criteria and lay down details of the selection process of the projects and shall publish the methodologies for assessing the contribution of the projects to the general criteria and for assessing the overall costs and benefits specified in Part IV of the Annex.	2. By 31 December 2019, the Commission shall adopt a delegated act in accordance with Article 23(d) of this Regulation to further specify, without prejudice to the award criteria laid down in Article 13, the specific selection criteria and lay down details of the selection process of the projects and shall publish the methodologies for assessing the contribution of the projects to the general criteria and for producing the cost-benefit analysis specified in Part IV of the Annex.	2. By 31 December 2019, the Commission shall adopt a delegated act in accordance with Article 23(d) of this Regulation to further specify, without prejudice to the award criteria laid down in Article 13, the specific selection criteria and lay down details of the selection process of the projects and shall publish the methodologies for assessing the contribution of the projects to the general criteria and for producing the cost-benefit analysis specified in Part IV of the Annex.	2. By 31 December 2019, the Commission shall adopt a delegated act in accordance with Article 23(d) of this Regulation to further specify, without prejudice to the award criteria laid down in Article 13, the specific selection criteria and lay down details of the selection process of the projects and shall publish the methodologies for assessing the contribution of the projects to the general criteria and for producing the cost-benefit analysis specified in Part IV of the Annex.
237.	3. Studies aiming at the development and identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall be eligible for funding under this Regulation.	3. Studies aiming at the development and identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall be eligible for funding under this Regulation.	3. Studies aiming at the development and identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall be eligible for funding under this Regulation.	3. Studies aiming at the development and identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall be eligible for funding under this Regulation.
238.	4. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall be eligible for Union funding for works if they meet the following additional criteria:	4. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall be eligible for Union funding for works if they meet the following additional criteria:	4. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall be eligible for Union funding for works if they meet the following additional criteria:	4. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall be eligible for Union funding for works if they meet the following additional criteria:
240.	(a) the project specific cost- benefit analysis pursuant to point 3 of Part IV of the Annex provides evidence concerning the existence of significant cost savings and/or	(a) the project specific cost- benefit analysis pursuant to point 3 of Part IV of the Annex shall be compulsory for all supported projects, shall be performed in a	(a) the project specific cost- benefit analysis pursuant to point 3 of Part IV of the Annex shall be compulsory for all supported projects, shall be performed in a	(a) the project specific cost- benefit analysis pursuant to point 3 of Part IV of the Annex shall be compulsory for all supported projects, shall be performed in a

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	benefits in terms of system integration, security of supply or innovation, and;	transparent, comprehensive and complete manner and shall provide evidence concerning the existence of significant cost savings and/or benefits in terms of system integration, environmental sustainability, security of supply or innovation, and;	transparent, comprehensive and complete manner and shall provide evidence concerning the existence of significant cost savings and/or benefits in terms of system integration, environmental sustainability, security of supply or innovation, and;	transparent, comprehensive and complete manner and shall provide evidence concerning the existence of significant cost savings and/or benefits in terms of system integration, environmental sustainability, security of supply or innovation, and;
241.	(b) the applicant demonstrates, that the project would not materialise in the absence of the grant, or that the project cannot be commercially viable in the absence of the grant. This analysis shall take into account any revenues resulting from support schemes.	(b) the applicant demonstrates, that the project would not materialise in the absence of the grant, or that the project cannot be commercially viable in the absence of the grant. This analysis shall take into account any revenues resulting from support schemes.	(b) the applicant demonstrates, that the project would not materialise in the absence of the grant, or that the project cannot be commercially viable in the absence of the grant. This analysis shall take into account any revenues resulting from support schemes.	(b) the applicant demonstrates, that the project would not materialise in the absence of the grant, or that the project cannot be commercially viable in the absence of the grant. This analysis shall take into account any revenues resulting from support schemes.
243.	5. The amount of the grant for works shall be proportionate to the cost savings and/or benefits referred to in point 2 (b) of Part IV of the Annex and shall not exceed the amount required to ensure that the project materialises or becomes commercially viable.	5. The amount of the grant for works shall be proportionate to the cost savings and/or benefits referred to in point 2(b) of Part IV of the Annex, shall not exceed the amount required to ensure that the project materialises or becomes commercially viable and shall respect the provisions of Article 14(3).	5. The amount of the grant for works shall be proportionate to the cost savings and/or benefits referred to in point 2 (b) of Part IV of the Annex, shall not exceed the amount required to ensure that the project materialises or becomes commercially viable and shall respect the provisions of Article 14(3).	5. The amount of the grant for works shall be proportionate to the cost savings and/or benefits referred to in point 2 (b) of Part IV of the Annex, shall not exceed the amount required to ensure that the project materialises or becomes commercially viable and shall respect the provisions of Article 14(3).
244.		6. The Programme shall provide for the possibility of coordinated funding with the enabling framework for renewable energy deployment referred to in	6. The Programme shall provide for the possibility of coordinated funding with the enabling framework for renewable energy deployment referred to in Article	6. The Programme shall provide for the possibility of coordinated funding with the enabling framework for renewable energy deployment referred to in Article

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Article 3(5) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 and the co-funding with the Union renewable energy financing mechanism referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.

The Commission shall assess regularly the uptake of funds with regard to the reference amount in *Article 4(2)(b) for cross-border* projects in the field of renewable energy. Following this assessment, in the absence of sufficient market uptake of cross border renewables projects, the unused budget envisaged for cross border renewables projects shall be used to meet the objectives of the trans-European energy networks defined in Article 3(2)(b) for eligible actions referred in article 9.3 and also as of 2024, may be used to co-fund the Union renewable energy financing mechanism established under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999. The Commission shall lay down, by means of implementing act, specific rules on co-funding between the parts on cross border projects in the field of renewable energy under CEF and the financing mechanism established under article 33 of

3(5) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 and the co-funding with the Union renewable energy financing mechanism referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999. The Commission shall assess regularly the uptake of funds with regard to the reference amount in Article 4(2)(b) for cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy. Following this assessment, in the absence of sufficient market uptake of cross border renewables projects, the unused budget envisaged for cross border renewables projects shall be used to meet the objectives of the trans-European energy networks defined in Article 3(2)(b) for eligible actions referred in article 9.3 and also as of 2024, may be used to co-fund the Union renewable energy financing mechanism established under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999. The Commission shall lay down, by means of implementing act, specific rules on co-funding between the parts on cross border projects in the field of renewable energy under CEF and the financing mechanism established under article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999. The

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Regulation (EU) 2018/1999. The	examination procedure referred to	examination procedure referred to
examination procedure referred to	in article 22 shall apply.	in article 22 shall apply.
in article 22 shall apply.		

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245.			ticle 8 rea of digital connectivity infrastructure	
247.	1. Projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall contribute to the specific objective provided for in Article 3(2)(c).	1. Projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure are those projects that are expected to make an important contribution to the Union's strategic connectivity objectives and/or provide the network infrastructure supporting the digital transformation of the economy and society as well as the European Digital Single Market.	1. Projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure are those projects that are expected to make an important contribution to the Union's strategic connectivity objectives and/or provide the network infrastructure supporting the digital transformation of the economy and society as well as the European Digital Single Market.	1. Projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure are those projects that are expected to make an important contribution to the Union's strategic connectivity objectives and/or provide the network infrastructure supporting the digital transformation of the economy and society as well as the European Digital Single Market.
249.		1a. Projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall comply with the criteria below: (a) contribute to the specific objective provided for in point (c) of Article 3(2); (b) deploy the best available and suited technology for the specific project, which proposes the best balance in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience, cyber security and cost efficiency.	1a. Projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall comply with the criteria below: (a) contribute to the specific objective provided for in point (c) of Article 3(2); (b) deploy the best available and suited technology for the specific project, which proposes the best balance in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience, cyber security and cost efficiency.	1a. Projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall comply with the criteria below: (a) contribute to the specific objective provided for in point (c) of Article 3(2); (b) deploy the best available and suited technology for the specific project, which proposes the best balance in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience, cyber security and cost efficiency.
250.	2. Studies aiming at the	2. Studies aiming at the	2. Studies aiming at the	2. Studies aiming at the

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251.	development and identification of projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall be eligible for funding under this Regulation. 3. Without prejudice to the award criteria laid down in Article 13, priority for funding shall be determined taking into account the	development and identification of projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall be eligible for funding under this Regulation. 3. Without prejudice to the award criteria laid down in Article 13, priority for funding shall be determined taking into account the	development and identification of projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall be eligible for funding under this Regulation. 3. Without prejudice to the award criteria laid down in Article 13, priority for funding shall be determined taking into account the	development and identification of projects of common interest in the area of digital connectivity infrastructure shall be eligible for funding under this Regulation. 3. Without prejudice to the award criteria laid down in Article 13, priority for funding shall be determined taking into account the
253.	following criteria: (a) actions contributing to access to very high capacity networks capable of providing Gigabit connectivity for socio-economic drivers shall be prioritised taking into account <i>the function of</i> the socio-economic drivers, the relevance of the digital services and applications enabled by providing the underlying connectivity, and the potential socio-economic benefits to citizens, business and local communities, including the potential positive spill-overs in terms of connectivity, in accordance with Part V of the Annex;	following criteria: (a) actions contributing to deployment of and access to very high capacity networks, including 5G and other state-of-the-art connectivity, in line with EU strategic connectivity targets in areas where socioeconomic drivers are located shall be prioritized taking into account their connectivity needs and the additional area coverage generated, including households, in accordance with Part V of the Annex. Stand-alone deployments to socioeconomic drivers can be supported except in economically disproportionate or physically impracticable cases;	following criteria: (a) actions contributing to deployment of and access to very high capacity networks, including 5G and other state-of-the-art connectivity, in line with EU strategic connectivity targets in areas where socioeconomic drivers are located shall be prioritized taking into account their connectivity needs and the additional area coverage generated, including households, in accordance with Part V of the Annex. Stand-alone deployments to socio-economic drivers can be supported except in economically disproportionate or physically	following criteria: (a) actions contributing to deployment of and access to very high capacity networks, including 5G and other state-of-the-art connectivity, in line with EU strategic connectivity targets in areas where socioeconomic drivers are located shall be prioritized taking into account their connectivity needs and the additional area coverage generated, including households, in accordance with Part V of the Annex. Stand-alone deployments to socio-economic drivers can be supported except in economically disproportionate or physically
254.	(b) actions contributing to the provision of very high-quality local wireless connectivity in local	(b) actions contributing to the provision of very high-quality local wireless connectivity in local	impracticable cases. (b) actions contributing to the provision of very high-quality local wireless connectivity in local	impracticable cases. (b) actions contributing to the provision of very high-quality local wireless connectivity in local

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	communities, in accordance with	communities, in accordance with	communities, in accordance with	communities, in accordance with
	Part V of the Annex;	Part V of the Annex;	Part V of the Annex;	Part V of the Annex;
256.	(c) with regard to actions contributing to the deployment of 5G systems, priority shall be given to deployment of 5G corridors along major terrestrial transport paths, including the trans-European transport networks. The extent to which the action contributes to ensuring coverage along major transport paths enabling the uninterrupted provision of synergy digital services, while maximising potential positive spill-overs for territories and population in the vicinity of the project deployment area shall also be taken into account. An indicative list of projects that could benefit from support is included in Part V of the Annex;	(c) actions contributing to the deployment of 5G corridors along major transport paths, including on the trans-European transport networks, shall be prioritized to ensure coverage along major transport paths, enabling the uninterrupted provision of synergy digital services, taking into account its socio-economic relevance relative to any currently installed technological solutions in a forward looking approach. An indicative list of projects that could benefit from support is included in Part V of the Annex;	(c) actions contributing to the deployment of 5G corridors along major transport paths, including on the trans-European transport networks, shall be prioritized to ensure coverage along major transport paths, enabling the uninterrupted provision of synergy digital services, taking into account its socio-economic relevance relative to any currently installed technological solutions in a forward looking approach. An indicative list of projects that could benefit from support is included in Part V of the Annex;	(c) actions contributing to the deployment of 5G corridors along major transport paths, including on the trans-European transport networks, shall be prioritized to ensure coverage along major transport paths, enabling the uninterrupted provision of synergy digital services, taking into account its socio-economic relevance relative to any currently installed technological solutions in a forward looking approach. An indicative list of projects that could benefit from support is included in Part V of the Annex;
258.	(d) projects aiming at the deployment of cross-border backbone networks linking the Union to third countries and reinforcing links within the Union territory, including with submarine cables, shall be prioritised according to the extent to which they significantly contribute to increasing the resilience and capacity of electronic communications	(d) projects aiming at the deployment or significant upgrade of cross-border backbone networks linking the Union to third countries and reinforcing links between electronic communications networks within the Union territory, including submarine cables, shall be prioritised according to the extent to which they significantly contribute to the increased performance,	(d) projects aiming at the deployment or significant upgrade of cross-border backbone networks linking the Union to third countries and reinforcing links between electronic communications networks within the Union territory, including submarine cables, shall be prioritised according to the extent to which they significantly contribute to the increased performance,	(d) projects aiming at the deployment or significant upgrade of cross-border backbone networks linking the Union to third countries and reinforcing links between electronic communications networks within the Union territory, including submarine cables, shall be prioritised according to the extent to which they significantly contribute to the increased performance,

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	networks in Union territory;	resilience and <i>very high</i> capacity of <i>those</i> electronic communications networks;	resilience and very high capacity of those electronic communications networks;	resilience and very high capacity of those electronic communications networks;
260.	(f) with regard to projects deploying operational digital platforms, priority shall be given to actions based on state-of-the-art technologies, taking into account aspects such as interoperability, cybersecurity, data privacy and reuse.	(f) with regard to projects deploying operational digital platforms, priority shall be given to actions based on state-of-the-art technologies, taking into account aspects such as interoperability, cybersecurity, data privacy and re-use.	(f) with regard to projects deploying operational digital platforms, priority shall be given to actions based on state-of-the-art technologies, taking into account aspects such as interoperability, cybersecurity, data privacy and re-use.	(f) with regard to projects deploying operational digital platforms, priority shall be given to actions based on state-of-the-art technologies, taking into account aspects such as interoperability, cybersecurity, data privacy and reuse.

264.	CHAPTER II ELIGIBILITY				
265.	Article 9				
		5	le actions		
267.	1. Only actions contributing to the achievement of the objectives referred to in Article 3 are eligible for funding. Such actions include in particular studies, works and other accompanying measures necessary for the management and implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines.	1. Only actions contributing to the achievement of the objectives referred to in Article 3, taking into account long-term decarbonisation commitments, are eligible for funding. Such actions include studies, works and other accompanying measures necessary for the management and implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines. Studies are eligible only when relating to projects eligible under this Programme.	1. Only actions contributing to the achievement of the objectives referred to in Article 3, taking into account long-term decarbonisation commitments, are eligible for funding. Such actions include studies, works and other accompanying measures necessary for the management and implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines. Studies are eligible only when relating to projects eligible under this Programme.	1. Only actions contributing to the achievement of the objectives referred to in Article 3, taking into account long-term decarbonisation commitments, are eligible for funding. Such actions include studies, works and other accompanying measures necessary for the management and implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines. Studies are eligible only when relating to projects eligible under this Programme.	
268.	2. In the transport sector, the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	2. In the transport sector <i>only</i> the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	2. In the transport sector only the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	2. In the transport sector only the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	
269	(a) Actions relating to efficient and interconnected networks:	(a) Actions relating to efficient, interconnected, interoperable and multimodal networks for the development of railway, road, inland waterway and maritime infrastructure:	(a) Actions relating to efficient, interconnected, interoperable and multimodal networks for the development of railway, road, inland waterway and maritime infrastructure:	(a) Actions relating to efficient, interconnected, interoperable and multimodal networks for the development of railway, road, inland waterway and maritime infrastructure:	
270.		(i) actions implementing the	(i) actions implementing the	(i) actions implementing the	

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actions implementing the core network in accordance with Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, including actions relating to urban nodes, maritime ports, inland ports and rail-road terminals of the core network as defined at Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013. Actions implementing the core network may include related elements located on the comprehensive network when necessary to optimize the investment and according to modalities specified in the work programmes referred to in Article 19 of this Regulation;

core network in accordance with Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, including actions relating to cross border links and missing links, such as those listed in Part III of the Annex to this Regulation, as well as urban nodes, multimodal logistics platforms, maritime ports, inland ports, rail-road terminals and connections to airports of the core network as defined at Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013. Actions implementing the core network may include related elements located on the comprehensive network when necessary to optimize the investment and according to modalities specified in the work programmes referred to in Article 19 of this Regulation;

core network in accordance with Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, including actions relating to cross border links and missing links, such as those listed in Part III of the Annex to this Regulation, as well as urban nodes, multimodal logistics platforms, maritime ports, inland ports, rail-road terminals and **connections to airports** of the core network as defined at Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013. Actions implementing the core network may include related elements located on the comprehensive network when necessary to optimize the investment and according to modalities specified in the work programmes referred to in Article 19 of this Regulation;

core network in accordance with Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, including actions relating to cross border links and missing links, such as those listed in Part III of the Annex to this Regulation, as well as urban nodes, multimodal logistics platforms, maritime ports, inland ports, railroad terminals and connections to airports of the core network as defined at Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013. Actions implementing the core network may include related elements located on the comprehensive network when necessary to optimize the investment and according to modalities specified in the work programmes referred to in Article 19 of this Regulation;

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(ii) actions implementing crossborder links of the comprehensive network in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, notably the sections listed in Part III of the Annex to this Regulation; (ii) actions relating to crossborder links of the comprehensive network in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, such as those listed in Part III section 2 of the Annex to this Regulation, actions referred to in Part III section 3 of the Annex to this Regulation, actions relating to studies for the development of the comprehensive network and actions relating to maritime and inland ports of the ii) actions relating to crossborder links of the comprehensive network in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, such as those listed in Part III section 2 of the Annex to this Regulation, actions referred to in Part III section 3 of the Annex to this Regulation, actions relating to studies for the development of the comprehensive network and actions relating to maritime and inland ports of the ii) actions relating to crossborder links of the comprehensive network in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, such as those listed in Part III section 2 of the Annex to this Regulation, actions referred to in Part III section 3 of the Annex to this Regulation, actions relating to studies for the development of the comprehensive network and

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		comprehensive network in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	comprehensive network in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	actions relating to maritime and inland ports of the comprehensive network in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;
276.		(iia) actions to re-establish missing regional cross-border rail connections on the TEN-T that were abandoned or dismantled;	(iib) actions to re-establish missing regional cross-border rail connections on the TEN-T that were abandoned or dismantled;	(iib) actions to re-establish missing regional cross-border rail connections on the TEN-T that were abandoned or dismantled;
278.	(iii) actions implementing sections of the comprehensive network located in outermost regions in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, including actions relating to the relevant urban nodes, maritime ports, inland ports and rail-road terminals of the comprehensive network as defined at Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	(iii) actions implementing sections of the comprehensive network located in outermost regions in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, including actions relating to the relevant urban nodes, maritime ports, inland ports, rail-road terminals, connections to airports and multimodal logistics platforms, of the comprehensive network as defined at Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	(iii) actions implementing sections of the comprehensive network located in outermost regions in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, including actions relating to the relevant urban nodes, maritime ports, inland ports, rail-road terminals , connections to airports and multimodal logistics platforms, of the comprehensive network as defined at Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	(iii) actions implementing sections of the comprehensive network located in outermost regions in accordance with Chapter II of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, including actions relating to the relevant urban nodes, maritime ports, inland ports, rail-road terminals, connections to airports and multimodal logistics platforms, of the comprehensive network as defined at Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;
281.	(iv) actions supporting projects of common interest in order to connect the trans-European network with infrastructure networks of neighbouring countries as defined in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	(iv) actions supporting projects of common interest in order to connect the trans-European network with infrastructure networks of neighbouring countries as defined in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	(iv) actions supporting projects of common interest in order to connect the trans-European network with infrastructure networks of neighbouring countries as defined in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	(iv) actions supporting projects of common interest in order to connect the trans-European network with infrastructure networks of neighbouring countries as defined in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;
284.		(b) Actions relating to smart,	(b) Actions relating to smart,	(b) Actions relating to smart,

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	(b) Actions relating to smart,	interoperable, sustainable,	interoperable, sustainable,	interoperable, sustainable,
	sustainable, inclusive, safe and	multimodal, inclusive, accessible,	multimodal, inclusive, accessible,	multimodal, inclusive, accessible,
	secure mobility:	safe and secure mobility:	safe and secure mobility:	safe and secure mobility:
286.	(i) actions supporting	(i) actions supporting	(i) actions supporting	(i) actions supporting
	motorways of the sea as provided			
	for in Article 21 of Regulation (EU)			
	No 1315/2013;	No 1315/2013 with a focus on cross-	No 1315/2013 with a focus on cross-	No 1315/2013 with a focus on cross-
		border short sea shipping;	border short sea shipping;	border short sea shipping;
288.	(ii) actions supporting telematic			
	applications systems, including for	applications systems, 🛚 in	applications systems, [] in	applications systems, [] in
	safety purposes, in accordance with	accordance with Article 31 of	accordance with Article 31 of	accordance with Article 31 of
	Article 31 of Regulation (EU) No	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, for	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, for	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, for
	1315/2013;	the respective transport modes,	the respective transport modes,	the respective transport modes,
		including in particular:	including in particular:	including in particular:
289.		- for railways: ERTMS;	- for railways: ERTMS;	- for railways: ERTMS;
290.		- for inland waterways: RIS;	- for inland waterways: RIS;	- for inland waterways: RIS;
291.		- for road transport: ITS;	- for road transport: ITS;	- for road transport: ITS;
292.		- for maritime transport: VTMIS and	- for maritime transport: VTMIS and	- for maritime transport: VTMIS and
		e-Maritime services, including	e-Maritime services, including	e-Maritime services, including
		single-window services such as the	single-window services such as the	single-window services such as the
		maritime single window, port	maritime single window, port	maritime single window, port
		community systems and relevant	community systems and relevant	community systems and relevant
		customs information systems;	customs information systems;	customs information systems;
293.		- for air transport: air traffic	- for air transport: air traffic	- for air transport: air traffic
		management systems, in particular	management systems, in particular	management systems, in particular
		those resulting from the SESAR	those resulting from the SESAR	those resulting from the SESAR
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295.	(iii) actions supporting freight	(iii) actions supporting	(iii) actions supporting sustainable	(iii) actions supporting sustainable
	transport services in accordance	sustainable freight transport	freight transport services in	freight transport services in
	with Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No	services in accordance with Article	accordance with Article 32 of	accordance with Article 32 of
	1315/2013;	32 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 and
		and actions to reduce rail freight	actions to reduce rail freight noise;	actions to reduce rail freight noise;
		noise;		
297.	(iv) actions supporting new	(iv) actions supporting new	(iv) actions supporting new	(iv) actions supporting new
	technologies and innovation,	technologies and innovation,	technologies and innovation,	technologies and innovation,
	including automation, enhanced	including automation, enhanced	including automation, enhanced	including automation, enhanced
	transport services, modal	transport services, modal integration	transport services, modal integration	transport services, modal
	integration and alternative fuels	and alternative fuels infrastructure	and alternative fuels infrastructure	integration and alternative fuels
	infrastructure, in accordance with	for all modes of transport, in	for all modes of transport, in	infrastructure for all modes of
	Article 33 of Regulation (EU) No	accordance with Article 33 of	accordance with Article 33 of	<i>transport</i> , in accordance with Article
	1315/2013;	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	33 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;
200	(v) actions to remove	(v) actions to remove	(v) actions to remove	(v) actions to remove
299.	interoperability barriers, notably	interoperability barriers, notably	interoperability barriers, notably	interoperability barriers, notably
	when delivering corridor/network	when delivering corridor/network	when delivering corridor/network	when delivering corridor/network
	effects;	effects, in accordance with Article 3	effects, in accordance with Article 3	effects, in accordance with Article 3
	effects,	point (o) of Regulation (EU) No	(o) of Regulation (EU) No	(o) of Regulation (EU) No
		1315/2013, including with regard to	1315/2013, including with regard to	1315/2013, including with regard to
			promoting an increase in rail freight	
		promoting an increase in rail freight		promoting an increase in rail freight
		traffic including automatic gauge-	traffic including automatic gauge-	traffic including automatic gauge-
		change facilities;	change facilities;	change facilities;
		(va) actions to remove	(v bis) actions to remove	(v bis) actions to remove
		interoperability barriers notably in	interoperability barriers notably in	interoperability barriers notably in
		urban nodes as defined in Article 30	urban nodes as defined in Article 30	urban nodes as defined in Article 30
		of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;
300.	(vi) actions implementing safe	(vi) actions implementing safe	(vi) actions implementing safe	(vi) actions implementing safe
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	and secure infrastructure and	and secure infrastructure and	and secure infrastructure and	and secure infrastructure and
	mobility, including road safety, in	mobility, including road safety, in	mobility, including road safety, in	mobility, including road safety, in
	accordance with Article 34 of	accordance with Article 34 of	accordance with Article 34 of	accordance with Article 34 of
	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;
301.	(vii) actions improving transport	(vii) actions improving transport	(vii) actions improving transport	(vii) actions improving transport
	infrastructure resilience to climate	infrastructure resilience, in	infrastructure resilience, in	infrastructure resilience, in
	change and natural disasters;	particular to climate change and	particular to climate change and	particular to climate change and
		natural disasters <i>and resilience</i>	natural disasters and resilience	natural disasters and resilience
		against cyber security threats;	against cyber security threats.	against cyber security threats.
303.	(viii) actions improving transport	(viii) actions improving transport	(viii) actions improving transport	(viii) actions improving transport
	infrastructure accessibility for all	infrastructure accessibility <i>in</i> all	infrastructure accessibility in all	infrastructure accessibility in all
	users in accordance with Article 37	modes of transport and for all users	modes of transport and for all users	modes of transport and for all users
	of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	especially users with reduced	especially users with reduced	especially users with reduced
		<i>mobility</i> , in accordance with Article	<i>mobility</i> , in accordance with Article	<i>mobility</i> , in accordance with Article
		37 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	37 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;	37 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;
304.	(ix) actions improving transport	(ix) actions improving transport	(ix) actions improving transport	(ix) actions improving transport
	infrastructure accessibility and	infrastructure accessibility and	infrastructure accessibility and	infrastructure accessibility and
	availability for security and civil	availability for security and civil	availability for security and civil	availability for security and civil
	protection purposes.	protection purposes and actions	protection purposes and actions	protection purposes and actions
		adapting the transport	adapting the transport	adapting the transport
		infrastructure for Union external	infrastructure for Union external	infrastructure for Union external
		border checks purposes, with the	border checks purposes, with the	border checks purposes, with the
		aim of facilitating traffic flows;	aim of facilitating traffic flows.	aim of facilitating traffic flows.
307.	(c) Under the specific objective	(c) Under the specific objective	(c) Under the specific objective	(c) Under the specific objective
307.	referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii):	referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii) <i>and in</i>	referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii) <i>and</i>	referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii) and
	actions, or specific activities within	accordance with Article 11a, actions	in accordance with Article 11a,	in accordance with Article 11a,
	an action, supporting transport	or specific activities within an	specific activities within an action,	specific activities within an action,
	infrastructure on the TEN-T Network	action, supporting parts, new or	supporting parts, new or existing, of	supporting parts, new or existing,
	in order to adapt it to military	existing, of the trans-European	the trans-European transport	of the trans-European transport
	mobility requirements with the	transport network suitable for	network suitable for military	network suitable for military
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	purpose of enabling a civilian- military dual-use of the infrastructure.	military transport, in order to adapt it to dual use infrastructure requirements.	transport, in order to adapt it to dual use infrastructure requirements.	transport, in order to adapt it to dual use infrastructure requirements.
308.	3. In the energy sector, the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	3. In the energy sector only the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	3. In the energy sector only the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	3. In the energy sector only the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:
309.	(a) actions relating to projects of common interest as set out at Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013;	(a) actions relating to projects of common interest as set out at Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013;	(a) actions relating to projects of common interest as set out at Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013;	(a) actions relating to projects of common interest as set out at Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013;
310.	(b) actions supporting cross- border projects in the field of renewable energy, including their conception, as defined in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions laid down in Article 7 of this Regulation.	(b) actions supporting cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy including innovative solutions as well as storage of renewable energy, and their conception, as defined in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions laid down in Article 7 of this Regulation.	(b) actions supporting cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy including innovative solutions as well as storage of renewable energy, and their conception, as defined in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions laid down in Article 7 of this Regulation.	(b) actions supporting cross- border projects in the field of renewable energy including innovative solutions as well as storage of renewable energy, and their conception, as defined in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions laid down in Article 7 of this Regulation.
311.	4. In the digital sector, the following actions shall be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	4. In the digital sector the following actions shall <i>only</i> be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	4. In the digital sector the following actions shall only be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:	4. In the digital sector the following actions shall only be eligible to receive Union financial assistance under this Regulation:
313.	(a) actions supporting Gigabit connectivity of socio-economic drivers;	(a) actions supporting the deployment of and access to very high-capacity networks, including 5G systems, capable of providing	(a) actions supporting the deployment of and access to very high-capacity networks, including 5G systems, capable of providing	(a) actions supporting the deployment of and access to very high-capacity networks, including 5G systems, capable of providing

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		Gigabit connectivity <i>in areas where</i> socioeconomic drivers <i>are located</i> ;	Gigabit connectivity in areas where socioeconomic drivers are located;	Gigabit connectivity in areas where socioeconomic drivers are located;
314.	(b) actions supporting the provision of very high-quality local wireless connectivity in local communities that is free of charge and without discriminatory conditions;	(b) actions supporting the provision of very high-quality local wireless connectivity in local communities that is free of charge and without discriminatory conditions;	(b) actions supporting the provision of very high-quality local wireless connectivity in local communities that is free of charge and without discriminatory conditions;	(b) actions supporting the provision of very high-quality local wireless connectivity in local communities that is free of charge and without discriminatory conditions;
315.	(c) actions implementing uninterrupted coverage with 5G systems of all major terrestrial transport paths, including the trans-European transport networks;	(c) actions implementing uninterrupted coverage with 5G systems of all major transport paths, including the trans-European transport networks;	(c) actions implementing uninterrupted coverage with 5G systems of all major transport paths, including the trans-European transport networks;	(c) actions implementing uninterrupted coverage with 5G systems of all major transport paths, including the trans-European transport networks;
317.	(d) actions supporting deployment of backbone networks including with submarine cables, across Member States and between the Union and third countries;	(d) actions supporting deployment of new or significant upgrade of existing backbone networks including submarine cables, within and between Member States and between the Union and third countries;	(d) actions supporting deployment of new or significant upgrade of existing backbone networks including submarine cables, within and between Member States and between the Union and third countries;	(d) actions supporting deployment of new or significant upgrade of existing backbone networks including submarine cables, within and between Member States and between the Union and third countries;
319.	(f) actions implementing digital connectivity infrastructure requirements related to crossborder projects in the areas of transport or energy and/or supporting operational digital platforms directly associated to transport or energy infrastructures.	(f) actions implementing digital connectivity infrastructure requirements related to cross-border projects in the areas of transport or energy and/or supporting operational digital platforms directly associated to transport or energy infrastructures.	(f) actions implementing digital connectivity infrastructure requirements related to crossborder projects in the areas of transport or energy and/or supporting operational digital platforms directly associated to transport or energy infrastructures.	(f) actions implementing digital connectivity infrastructure requirements related to crossborder projects in the areas of transport or energy and/or supporting operational digital platforms directly associated to transport or energy infrastructures.
320.	An indicative list of eligible projects in the digital sector is provided for in Part V of the Annex.	An indicative list of eligible projects in the digital sector is provided for in Part V of the Annex.	An indicative list of eligible projects in the digital sector is provided for in Part V of the Annex.	An indicative list of eligible projects in the digital sector is provided for in Part V of the Annex.

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321.	Article 10			
		Synergies between the trans	port, energy and digital sectors	
325.	1. Actions contributing to the	 Actions contributing 	1. Actions contributing	1. Actions contributing
	achievement of one or more	simultaneously to the achievement	simultaneously to the achievement	<i>simultaneously</i> to the achievement
	objectives of at least two sectors, as	of one or more objectives of at least	of one or more objectives of at least	of one or more objectives of at least
	provided for in Article 3(2) (a), (b)	two sectors, as provided for in Article	two sectors, as provided for in	two sectors, as provided for in
	and (c) shall be eligible to receive	3(2)(a), (b) and (c) shall be eligible to	Article 3(2)(a), (b) and (c) shall be	Article 3(2)(a), (b) and (c) shall be
	Union financial assistance under this	receive Union financial assistance	eligible to receive Union financial	eligible to receive Union financial
	Regulation. Such actions shall be	under this Regulation and to benefit	assistance under this Regulation <i>and</i>	assistance under this Regulation <i>and</i>
	implemented through specific cross-	from a higher co-funding rate, in	to benefit from a higher co-funding	to benefit from a higher co-funding
	sectoral work programmes	accordance with Article 14. Such	rate, in accordance with Article 14.	rate, in accordance with Article 14.
	addressing at least two sectors,	actions shall be implemented	Such actions shall be implemented	Such actions shall be implemented
	including specific award criteria and	through work programmes	through work programmes	through work programmes
	financed with budget contributions	addressing at least two sectors,	addressing at least two sectors,	addressing at least two sectors,
	from the sectors involved.	including specific award criteria and	including specific award criteria and	including specific award criteria and
		financed with budget contributions	financed with budget contributions	financed with budget contributions
		from the sectors involved.	from the sectors involved.	from the sectors involved.
327.	2. Within each of the	2. Within each of the transport,	2. Within each of the transport,	2. Within each of the
	transport, energy or digital sectors,	energy or digital sectors, actions	energy or digital sectors, actions	transport, energy or digital sectors,
	actions eligible in accordance with	eligible in accordance with Article 9	eligible in accordance with Article 9	actions eligible in accordance with
	Article 9 may include ancillary	may include <i>synergetic</i> elements	may include <i>synergetic</i> elements	Article 9 may include <i>synergetic</i>
	elements, which may not relate to	relating with any of the other	relating with any of the other	elements <i>relating with any of the</i>
	eligible actions as provided for in	<i>sectors</i> , which <i>are</i> not <i>related</i> to	<i>sectors,</i> which <i>are</i> not <i>related</i> to	other sectors, which are not related
	Article 9(2), (3) or (4) respectively,	eligible actions as provided for in	eligible actions as provided for in	to eligible actions as provided for in
	provided that they comply with all	Article 9(2), (3) or (4) respectively,	Article 9(2), (3) or (4) respectively,	Article 9(2), (3) or (4) respectively,
	of the following requirements:	provided that they comply with all of	provided that they comply with all of	provided that they comply with all
		the following requirements:	the following requirements:	of the following requirements:
329.	(a) the cost of these ancillary	(a) the cost of these <i>synergetic</i>	(a) the cost of these <i>synergetic</i>	(a) the cost of these <i>synergetic</i>
	elements does not exceed 20% of	elements does not exceed 20% of	elements does not exceed 20% of	elements does not exceed 20% of
	the total eligible costs of the action;	the total eligible costs of the action;	the total eligible costs of the action;	the total eligible costs of the action;
	and	and	and	and

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331.	(b) these ancillary elements relate to the transport, energy or digital sector; and	(b) these <i>synergetic</i> elements relate to the transport, energy or digital sector; and	(b) these <i>synergetic</i> elements relate to the transport, energy or digital sector; and	(b) these <i>synergetic</i> elements relate to the transport, energy or digital sector; and
333.	(c) these ancillary elements allow to significantly improve the socioeconomic, climate or environmental benefits of the action.	(c) these <i>synergetic</i> elements allow to significantly improve the socio-economic, climate or environmental benefits of the action.	(c) these <i>synergetic</i> elements allow to significantly improve the socio-economic, climate or environmental benefits of the action.	(c) these <i>synergetic</i> elements allow to significantly improve the socio-economic, climate or environmental benefits of the action.
334.			ticle 11 le entities	
335.	1. The eligibility criteria set out in this Article shall apply in addition to the criteria set out in Article [197] of the Financial Regulation.	1. The eligibility criteria set out in this Article shall apply in addition to the criteria set out in Article [197] of the Financial Regulation.	1. The eligibility criteria set out in this Article shall apply in addition to the criteria set out in Article [197] of the Financial Regulation.	1. The eligibility criteria set out in this Article shall apply in addition to the criteria set out in Article [197] of the Financial Regulation.
336.	2. The following entities are eligible:			
338.	(a) legal entities established in a Member State;	(a) legal entities established in a Member State <i>including joint ventures</i> ;	(a) legal entities established in a Member State <i>including joint ventures</i> ;	(a) legal entities established in a Member State <i>including joint ventures</i> ;
339.	(b) legal entities established in a third country associated to the Programme;	(b) legal entities established in a third country associated to the Programme or overseas countries and territories;	(b) legal entities established in a third country associated to the Programme or overseas countries and territories;	(b) legal entities established in a third country associated to the Programme or overseas countries and territories;
340.	(c) legal entities created under Union law and international organisations where provided for in the work programmes.	(c) legal entities created under Union law and international organisations where provided for in the work programmes.	(c) legal entities created under Union law and international organisations where provided for in the work programmes.	(c) legal entities created under Union law and international organisations where provided for in the work programmes.
341.	3. Natural persons are not			

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	eligible.	eligible.	eligible.	eligible.
342.	4. Legal entities established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme are exceptionally eligible to receive support under the Programme where this is indispensable for the achievement of the objectives of a given project of common interest or of a cross-border project in the field of renewable energy.	4. Legal entities established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme are exceptionally eligible to receive support under the Programme where this is indispensable for the achievement of the objectives of a given project of common interest <i>in the field of transport, energy and digital</i> or of a cross-border project in the field of renewable energy.	4. Legal entities established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme are exceptionally eligible to receive support under the Programme where this is indispensable for the achievement of the objectives of a given project of common interest in the field of transport, energy and digital or of a cross-border project in the field of renewable energy.	4. Legal entities established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme are exceptionally eligible to receive support under the Programme where this is indispensable for the achievement of the objectives of a given project of common interest <i>in the field of transport, energy and digital</i> or of a cross-border project in the field of renewable energy.
344.	5. The work programmes referred to in Article 19 may provide that only proposals submitted by one or more Member States or, with the agreement of the Member States concerned, by international organisations, joint undertakings, or public or private undertakings or bodies are eligible.	5. Only proposals submitted by one or more Member States or, with the agreement of the Member States concerned, by international organisations, joint undertakings, or public or private undertakings or bodies, including regional or local authorities, are eligible. In case a Member State does not agree with the submission, it shall inform accordingly.	5. Only proposals submitted by one or more Member States or, with the agreement of the Member States concerned, by international organisations, joint undertakings, or public or private undertakings or bodies, including regional or local authorities, are eligible. In case a Member State does not agree with the submission, it shall inform accordingly.	5. Only proposals submitted by one or more Member States or, with the agreement of the Member States concerned, by international organisations, joint undertakings, or public or private undertakings or bodies, including regional or local authorities, are eligible. In case a Member State does not agree with the submission, it shall inform accordingly.
		A Member State may decide that, for a specific work programme or for specific categories of applications, proposals can be submitted without its agreement. In such case, upon the request of the Member State	A Member State may decide that, for a specific work programme or for specific categories of applications, proposals can be submitted without its agreement. In such case, upon the request of the	A Member State may decide that, for a specific work programme or for specific categories of applications, proposals can be submitted without its agreement. In such case, upon the request of

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	concerned, this is indicated in the relevant work programme and call for such proposals.	Member State concerned, this is indicated in the relevant work programme and call.	the Member State concerned, this is indicated in the relevant work programme and call.
345.	Arti Specific eligibility requirements concerning actions relating t	icle 11a to the adaptation of TEN-T networks to civ	vilian-defence dual-use
346	1. Actions contributing to the adaptation of the TEN-T core or comprehensive networks as defined by Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, with the purpose of enabling a civilian-defence dual use of the infrastructure shall be subject to the following additional eligibility requirements:	1. Actions contributing to the adaptation of the TEN-T core or comprehensive networks as defined by Regulation 1315/2013, with the purpose of enabling a civilian-defence dual use of the infrastructure shall be subject to the following additional eligibility requirements:	1. Actions contributing to the adaptation of the TEN-T core or comprehensive networks as defined by Regulation 1315/2013, with the purpose of enabling a civilian-defence dual use of the infrastructure shall be subject to the following additional eligibility requirements:

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346a	(a) proposals shall be submitted	(a) proposals shall be submitted by	(a) proposals shall be submitted by
	by one or more Member States or,	one or more Member States or,	one or more Member States or,
	with the agreement of the Member	with the agreement of the Member	with the agreement of the Member
	States concerned, by legal entities	States concerned, by legal entities	States concerned, by legal entities
	established in Member States;	established in Member States;	established in Member States;
346	(b) the actions shall relate to	(b) the actions shall relate to the	(b) the actions shall relate to the
b	the sections or nodes identified by	sections or nodes identified by	sections or nodes identified by
	Member States in the Annexes to	Member States in the Annexes to	Member States in the Annexes to
	the Military Requirements for	the Military Requirements for	the Military Requirements for
	Military Mobility within and beyond	Military Mobility within and beyond	Military Mobility within and
	the EU as adopted by the Council on	the EU as adopted by the Council on	beyond the EU as adopted by the
	20 November 2018 ³⁰ or any	20 November 2018 ³⁰ or any	Council on 20 November 2018 ³⁰ or
	subsequent list adopted thereafter	subsequent list adopted thereafter	any subsequent list adopted
	and to any further indicative list of	and to any further indicative list of	thereafter and to any further
	priorit projects that may be	priorit projects that may be	indicative list of priorit projects that
	identified by Member States in	identified by Member States in	may be identified by Member
	accordance with the Military	accordsnce with the Military	States in accordsnce with the
	Mobility Action Plan;	Mobilityy Action Plan;	Military Mobilityy Action Plan;
	(30) ST 13674/18;	(30) ST 13674/18;	(30) ST 13674/18;
346c	(c) the actions may relate both	(c) the actions may relate both to	(c) the actions may relate both to
	to the upgrading of existing	the upgrading of existing	the upgrading of existing
	infrastructure components or to the	infrastructure components or to the	infrastructure components or to the
	construction of new infrastructure	construction of new infrastructure	construction of new infrastructure
	components taking into account the	components taking into account the	components taking into account the
	infrastructure requirements	infrastructure requirements	infrastructure requirements
	mentioned at paragraph 2;	mentioned at paragraph 2;	mentioned at paragraph 2;
346	(d) actions implementing a level	(d) actions implementing a level	(d) actions implementing a level
d	of infrastructure requirement going	of infrastructure requirement going	of infrastructure requirement going
	beyond the level required for dual-	beyond the level required for dual-	beyond the level required for dual-

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346e	use are eligible; however, their cost shall only be eligible up to the level of costs corresponding to the level of requirements necessary for dualuse. Actions relating to infrastructure used only for military purposes shall not be eligible; (e) actions under this article shall only be funded from the amount in accordance with Article 4(2)(a)(iii).	use are eligible; however, their cost shall only be eligible up to the level of costs corresponding to the level of requirements necessary for dualuse. Actions relating to infrastructure used only for military purposes shall not be eligible. (e) actions under this article shall only be funded from the amount in accordance with Article 4 paragraph 2(a)(iii).	use are eligible; however, their cost shall only be eligible up to the level of costs corresponding to the level of requirements necessary for dualuse. Actions relating to infrastructure used only for military purposes shall not be eligible. (e) actions under this article shall only be funded from the amount in accordance with Article 4 paragraph 2(a)(iii).
346f	2. The Commission shall adopt an implementing act specifying, where necessary, the infrastructure requirements applicable to certain categories of dual-use infrastructure actions and the evaluation procedure regarding the actions connected with civilian-defence dual-use infrastructure actions.	2. The Commission shall adopt an implementing act specifying, where necessary, the infrastructure requirements applicable to certain categories of dual-use infrastructure actions and the evaluation procedure regarding the actions connected with civilian-defence dual-use infrastructure actions.	2. The Commission shall adopt an implementing act specifying, where necessary, the infrastructure requirements applicable to certain categories of dual-use infrastructure actions and the evaluation procedure regarding the actions connected with civilian-defence dual-use infrastructure actions.
346 h	Following the interim evaluation of the Programme foreseen in Article 21(2), the Commission may propose to the budgetary authority to transfer the money that has not been committed from Article 4(2)(a)(iii) to Article 4(2)(a)(i).	Following the interim evaluation of the Programme foreseen in Article 21 paragraph 2, the Commission may propose to the budgetary authority to transfer the money that has not been committed from Article 4(2)(a)(iii) to Article 4(2)(a)(i).	Following the interim evaluation of the Programme foreseen in Article 21 paragraph 2, the Commission may propose to the budgetary authority to transfer the money that has not been committed from Article 4(2)(a)(iii) to Article 4(2)(a)(i).

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347.	CHAPTER III GRANTS			
348.	Article 12 Grants			
349.	Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title [VIII] of the Financial Regulation.	Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title [VIII] of the Financial Regulation.	Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title [VIII] of the Financial Regulation.	Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title [VIII] of the Financial Regulation.
350.			icle 13 d criteria	
352.	1. The award criteria shall be defined in the work programmes referred to in Article 19 and in the calls for proposals taking into account, to the extent applicable, the following elements:	1. Transparent award criteria shall be defined in the work programmes referred to in Article 19 and in the calls for proposals taking into account, to the extent applicable, only the following elements:	1. Transparent award criteria shall be defined in the work programmes referred to in Article 19 and in the calls for proposals taking into account, to the extent applicable, only the following elements:	1. Transparent award criteria shall be defined in the work programmes referred to in Article 19 and in the calls for proposals taking into account, to the extent applicable, only the following elements:
354.	(a) economic, social and environmental impact (benefits and costs);	(a) economic, social and environmental impact, including climate impact (project life cycle benefits and costs), soundness, comprehensiveness and transparency of the analysis;	(a) economic, social and environmental impact, including climate impact (project life cycle benefits and costs), soundness, comprehensiveness and transparency of the analysis;	(a) economic, social and environmental impact, including climate impact (project life cycle benefits and costs), soundness, comprehensiveness and transparency of the analysis;
358.	(b) innovation, safety, interoperability and accessibility aspects;	(b) innovation and digitalisation, safety, interoperability and accessibility aspects, including persons with reduced mobility;	(b) innovation and digitalisation, safety, interoperability and accessibility aspects, including persons with reduced mobility;	(b) innovation and digitalisation, safety, interoperability and accessibility aspects, including persons with reduced mobility;
360.	(c) cross-border dimension;	(c) cross-border dimension, network integration and territorial	(c) cross-border dimension, network integration and territorial	(c) cross-border dimension, network integration and territorial

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		accessibility, including for outermost regions and islands;	accessibility, including for outermost regions and islands;	accessibility, including for outermost regions and islands;
364.		(cb) European added value;	(cb) European added value;	(cb) European added value;
365.	(d) synergies between the transport, energy and digital sectors;	(d) synergies between the transport, energy and digital sectors;	(d) synergies between the transport, energy and digital sectors;	(d) synergies between the transport, energy and digital sectors;
366.	(e) maturity of the action in the project development;	(e) maturity of the action in the project development;	(e) maturity of the action in the project development;	(e) maturity of the action in the project development;
368.		(ea) soundness of the maintenance strategy proposed for the completed project;	(ea) soundness of the maintenance strategy proposed for the completed project;	(ea) soundness of the maintenance strategy proposed for the completed project;
369.	(f) soundness of the implementation plan proposed;	(f) soundness of the implementation plan proposed;	(f) soundness of the implementation plan proposed;	(f) soundness of the implementation plan proposed;
370.	(g) catalytic effect of Union financial assistance on investment;	(g) catalytic effect of Union financial assistance on investment;	(g) catalytic effect of Union financial assistance on investment;	(g) catalytic effect of Union financial assistance on investment;
372.	(h) need to overcome financial obstacles such as insufficient commercial viability or the lack of market finance;	(h) need to overcome financial obstacles such as <i>those generated</i> by insufficient commercial viability, high upfront costs or the lack of market finance;	(h) need to overcome financial obstacles such as those generated by insufficient commercial viability, <i>high upfront costs</i> or the lack of market finance;	(h) need to overcome financial obstacles such as those generated by insufficient commercial viability, high upfront costs or the lack of market finance;
374.		(ha) potential of dual-use in the context of military mobility;	(ha) potential of dual-use in the context of military mobility;	(ha) potential of dual-use in the context of military mobility;
378.	(i) consistency with Union and national energy and climate plans.	(i) consistency with Union and national energy and climate plans, including the energy efficiency first principle.	(i) consistency with Union and national energy and climate plans, including the energy efficiency first principle;	(i) consistency with Union and national energy and climate plans, including the energy efficiency first principle;
383.	2. The assessment of proposals against the award criteria shall take into account, where relevant, the	2. The assessment of proposals against the award criteria shall take into account, where relevant, the	2. The assessment of proposals against the award criteria shall take into account, where relevant, the	2. The assessment of proposals against the award criteria shall take into account, where relevant, the

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	resilience to the adverse impacts of	resilience to the adverse impacts of	resilience to the adverse impacts of	resilience to the adverse impacts of
	climate change through a climate	climate change through a climate	climate change through a climate	climate change through a climate
	vulnerability and risk assessment	vulnerability and risk assessment	vulnerability and risk assessment	vulnerability and risk assessment
	including the relevant adaptation	including the relevant adaptation	including the relevant adaptation	including the relevant adaptation
	measures.	measures.	measures.	measures.
384.	3. The assessment of proposals	3. The assessment of proposals	3. The assessment of proposals	3. The assessment of proposals
30 1.	against the award criteria shall	against the award criteria shall	against the award criteria shall	against the award criteria shall
	ensure that where relevant, as	ensure that where relevant, as	ensure that where relevant, as	ensure that where relevant, as
	specified in the work programmes,	specified in the work programmes,	specified in the work programmes,	specified in the work programmes,
	actions supported by the	actions supported by the Programme	actions supported by the	actions supported by the
	Programme that include Positioning,	that include Positioning, Navigation	Programme that include Positioning,	Programme that include Positioning,
	Navigation and Timing (PNT)	and Timing (PNT) technology are	Navigation and Timing (PNT)	Navigation and Timing (PNT)
	technology are technically	technically compatible with	technology are technically	technology are technically
	compatible with EGNOS/Galileo and	EGNOS/Galileo and Copernicus.	compatible with EGNOS/Galileo and	compatible with EGNOS/Galileo and
	Copernicus.		Copernicus.	Copernicus.
386.	4. In the transport sector, the	4. In the transport sector, the	4. In the transport sector, the	4. In the transport sector, the
300.	assessment of proposals against the	assessment of proposals against the	assessment of proposals against the	assessment of proposals against the
	award criteria referred to in	award criteria referred to in	award criteria referred to in	award criteria referred to in
	paragraph 1 shall, where applicable,	paragraph 1 shall, where applicable,	paragraph 1 shall, where applicable,	paragraph 1 shall, where applicable,
	ensure that proposed actions are	ensure that proposed actions are	ensure that proposed actions are	ensure that proposed actions are
	consistent with the corridor work	consistent with the corridor work	consistent with the corridor work	consistent with the corridor work
	plans and implementing acts	plans and implementing acts	plans and implementing acts	plans and implementing acts
	pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation	pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation	pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation	pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation
	(EU) No 1315/2013 and take into	(EU) No 1315/2013 and take into	(EU) No 1315/2013 and take into	(EU) No 1315/2013 and take into
	account the opinion of the	account the <i>consultative</i> opinion of	account the consultative opinion of	account the consultative opinion of
	responsible European Coordinator	the responsible European	the responsible European	the responsible European
	pursuant to Article 45 (8) thereof.	Coordinator pursuant to Article 45(8)	Coordinator pursuant to Article 45	Coordinator pursuant to Article 45
		thereof. <i>The assessment shall also</i>	(8) thereof. <i>The assessment shall</i>	(8) thereof. <i>The assessment shall</i>
		evaluate whether the	also evaluate whether the	also evaluate whether the
		implementation of actions financed	implementation of actions financed	implementation of actions financed
		by the CEF risks causing disruption	by the CEF risks causing disruption	by the CEF risks causing disruption
		to freight and passenger flows on	to freight and passenger flows on	to freight and passenger flows on

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		the section of the line concerned by	the section of the line concerned by	the section of the line concerned by
		the project and whether these risks	the project and whether these risks	the project and whether these risks
		have been mitigated.	have been mitigated.	have been mitigated.
387.	5. As regards actions relating	5. As regards actions relating to	5. As regards actions relating to	5. As regards actions relating
	to cross-border projects in the field	cross-border projects in the field of	cross-border projects in the field of	to cross-border projects in the field
	of renewable energy, the award	renewable energy, the award criteria	renewable energy, the award criteria	of renewable energy, the award
	criteria defined in the work	defined in the work programmes and	defined in the work programmes	criteria defined in the work
	programmes and the calls for	the calls for proposals shall take into	and the calls for proposals shall take	programmes and the calls for
	proposals shall take into account the	account the conditions laid down in	into account the conditions laid	proposals shall take into account the
	conditions laid down in paragraph 4	paragraph 4 of Article 7.	down in paragraph 4 of Article 7.	conditions laid down in paragraph 4
	of Article 7.			of Article 7.
388.	6. As regards actions relating	6. As regards actions relating to	6. As regards actions relating to	6. As regards actions relating
	to digital connectivity projects of	digital connectivity projects of	digital connectivity projects of	to digital connectivity projects of
	common interest, the award criteria	common interest, the award criteria	common interest, the award criteria	common interest, the award criteria
	defined in the work programmes	defined in the work programmes and	defined in the work programmes	defined in the work programmes
	and the calls for proposals shall take	the calls for proposals shall take into	and the calls for proposals shall take	and the calls for proposals shall take
	into account the conditions laid	account the conditions laid down in	into account the conditions laid	into account the conditions laid
	down in paragraph 3 of Article 8.	paragraph 3 of Article 8.	down in paragraph 3 of Article 8.	down in paragraph 3 of Article 8.

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389.	Article 14			
		Co-final	ncing rates	
390.	1. For studies, the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 50 % of the total eligible	1. For studies, the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 50 % of the total eligible cost.	1. For studies, the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 50 % of the total eligible	1. For studies, the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 50 % of the total eligible
	cost. For studies financed with the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, the maximum cofinancing rates shall be those	For studies financed with the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, the maximum cofinancing rates shall be those	cost. For studies financed with the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, the maximum cofinancing rates shall be those	cost. For studies financed with the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, the maximum cofinancing rates shall be those
391.	applicable to the Cohesion Fund as specified in paragraph 2 (b).2. For works in the transport	applicable to the Cohesion Fund as specified in paragraph 2 (b).2. For works in the transport	applicable to the Cohesion Fund as specified in paragraph 2-(b). 2. For works in the transport	applicable to the Cohesion Fund as specified in paragraph 2-(b).2. For works in the transport
	sector, the following maximum co- financing rates shall apply:	sector, the following maximum co- financing rates shall apply:	sector, the following maximum co- financing rates shall apply:	sector, the following maximum co- financing rates shall apply:
393.	(a) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3 (2) (a), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 30 % of the total eligible cost. The cofinancing rates may be increased to a maximum of 50 % for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph, for actions supporting telematic applications systems, for actions supporting new technologies and innovation, for actions supporting improvements of infrastructure safety in line with relevant Union legislation and for	(a) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(i), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 30 % of the total eligible cost. The co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 50 % for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph, for actions supporting telematic applications systems, for actions supporting inland waterways, railway interoperability, for actions supporting new technologies and innovation, for actions supporting improvements of infrastructure for	(a) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3 (2) (a)(i), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 30 % of the total eligible cost. The cofinancing rates may be increased to a maximum of 50 % for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph, for actions supporting telematic applications systems, for actions supporting inland waterways, railway interoperability, for actions supporting new technologies and innovation, for actions supporting improvements of infrastructure for	(a) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3 (2) (a)(i), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 30 % of the total eligible cost. The cofinancing rates may be increased to a maximum of 50 % for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph, for actions supporting telematic applications systems, for actions supporting inland waterways, railway interoperability, for actions supporting new technologies and innovation, for actions supporting improvements of infrastructure for

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actions located in outermost	safety and for actions adapting the	safety and for actions adapting the	safety and for actions adapting the
regions;	transport infrastructure for Union	transport infrastructure for Union	transport infrastructure for Union
	external border checks purposes, in	external border checks purposes, in	external border checks purposes, in
	line with relevant Union legislation.	line with relevant Union legislation.	line with relevant Union legislation.
	For actions located in outermost	For actions located in outermost	For actions located in outermost
	regions the co-financing rates shall	regions the co-financing rates shall	regions the co-financing rates shall
	be set to a maximum of 70%;	be set to a maximum of 70%;	be set to a maximum of 70%;

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395.		(aa) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 50% of the total eligible cost. The co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 85% if the necessary resources are transferred to the Programme pursuant to paragraph 9 of Article 4;	(aa) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3 (2) (a) (ii), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 50% of the total eligible cost. The co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 85% if the necessary resources are transferred to the Programme pursuant to paragraph 9 of Article 4.	(aa) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3 (2) (a) (ii), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 50% of the total eligible cost. The co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 85% if the necessary resources are transferred to the Programme pursuant to paragraph 9 of Article 4.
397.	(b) as regards the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, the maximum co-financing rates shall be those applicable to the Cohesion Fund as referred to in the Regulation (EU) XXX [CPR]. These cofinancing rates may be increased to a maximum of 85% for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph;	(b) as regards the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, the maximum co-financing rates shall be those applicable to the Cohesion Fund as referred to in the Regulation (EU) XXX [CPR]. These co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 85% for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph <i>and actions relating to missing links</i> ;	(b) as regards the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, and as regards the amount from the European Strategic Investment cluster that will be used for the completion of missing major cross-border railway links between Member states eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund as of Article 4, paragraph 2, point (a) (i), the maximum co-financing rate shall not exceed 85% of the total eligible costs shall be those applicable to the Cohesion Fund as referred to in the Regulation (EU) XXX [CPR]. These co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 85% for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph and actions relating to missing links;	

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399.	(c) as regards actions relating to	(c) as regards actions relating to	(c) as regards actions relating to	(c) as regards actions relating
	cross-border links, the increased	cross-border links, the increased	cross-border links, the increased	to cross-border links, the increased
	maximum co-financing rates as	maximum co-financing rates as	maximum co-financing rates as	maximum co-financing rates as
	provided for in points (a) and (b)	provided for in points (a) and (b) may	provided for in points (a) and (b)	provided for in points (a) and (b)
	may only apply to actions that	only apply to actions that	may only apply to actions that	may only apply to actions that
	demonstrate a particularly high	demonstrate a high degree of	demonstrate a high degree of	demonstrate a high degree of
	degree of integration in the	integration in the planning and	integration in the planning and	integration in the planning and
	planning and implementation of the	implementation of the action for the	implementation of the action for the	implementation of the action for the
	action for the purpose of the award	purpose of the award criterion	purpose of the award criterion	purpose of the award criterion
	criterion referred to in Article	referred to in Article 13(1)(c), for	referred to in Article 13(1)(c), for	referred to in Article 13(1)(c), for
	13(1)(c), notably through the	instance through the establishment	instance through the establishment	instance through the establishment
	establishment of a single project	of a single project company, a joint	of a single project company, a joint	of a single project company, a joint
	company, a joint governance	governance structure, a bilateral	governance structure, a bilateral	governance structure, a bilateral
	structure and a bilateral legal	legal framework or an implementing	legal framework or an implementing	legal framework or an implementing
	framework or implementing act	act pursuant to Article 47 of	act pursuant to Article 47 of	act pursuant to Article 47 of
	pursuant to Article 47 of Regulation	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013; <i>in</i>	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013; in	Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013; in
	(EU) No 1315/2013.	addition, the co-financing rate	addition, the co-financing rate	addition, the co-financing rate
		applicable to projects carried out by	applicable to projects carried out by	applicable to projects carried out by
		integrated management structures,	integrated management structures,	integrated management structures,
		including joint ventures, in	including joint ventures, in	including joint ventures, in
		accordance with point (a) of Article	accordance with point (a) of Article	accordance with point (a) of Article
		11(2), may be increased by 5%.	11(2), may be increased by 5%.	11(2), may be increased by 5%.
401.	3. For works in the energy	3. For works in the energy	3. For works in the energy	3. For works in the energy
	sector, the following maximum co-	sector, the following maximum co-	sector, the following maximum co-	sector, the following maximum co-
	financing rates shall apply:	financing rates shall apply:	financing rates shall apply:	financing rates shall apply:
403.	(a) for works relating to the specific	(a) for works relating to the	(a) for works relating to the specific	(a) for works relating to the
	objectives referred to in Article 3 (2)	specific objectives referred to in	objectives referred to in Article 3 (2)	specific objectives referred to in
	(b), the amount of Union financial	Article 3(2)(b), the amount of Union	(b), the amount of Union financial	Article 3 (2) (b), the amount of
	assistance shall not exceed 50 % of	financial assistance shall not exceed	assistance shall not exceed 50 % of	Union financial assistance shall not
	the total eligible cost;	50 % of the total eligible cost <i>for</i>	the total eligible cost <i>for works in</i>	exceed 50 % of the total eligible cost
		works in outermost regions the co-	outermost regions the co-financing	for works in outermost regions the
		financing rates shall be to a	rates shall be to a maximum of 70%;	co-financing rates shall be to a

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		maximum of 70%;		maximum of 70%;
405.	(b) The co-financing rates may be	(b) The co-financing rates may	(b) The co-financing rates may be	(b) The co-financing rates may be
	increased to a maximum of 75 % for	be increased to a maximum of 75 %	increased to a maximum of 75 % for	increased to a maximum of 75 % for
	actions contributing to the	for actions contributing to the	actions contributing to the	actions contributing to the
	development of projects of common			
	interest which, based on the			
	evidence referred to in Article 14(2)			
	of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013,			
	provide a high degree of regional or			
	Union-wide security of supply,			
	strengthen the solidarity of the			
	Union or comprise highly innovative			
	solutions.	solutions.	solutions.	solutions.
407.	4. For works in the digital			
	sector, the following maximum co-			
	financing rates shall apply: for works			
	relating to the specific objectives			
	referred to in Article 3 (2) (c), the	referred to in Article 3(2)(c), the	referred to in Article 3 (2) (c), the	referred to in Article 3 (2) (c), the
	amount of Union financial	amount of Union financial assistance	amount of Union financial assistance	amount of Union financial assistance
	assistance shall not exceed 30% of	shall not exceed 30% of the total	shall not exceed 30% of the total	shall not exceed 30% of the total
	the total eligible cost. The co-	eligible cost. For works in outermost	eligible cost. For works in outermost	eligible cost. For works in outermost
	financing rates may be increased up	regions the co-financing rates shall	regions the co-financing rates shall	regions the co-financing rates shall
	t208o 50% for actions with a strong	be set to a maximum of 70%. The	be set to a maximum of 70%. The	be set to a maximum of 70%. The
	cross-border dimension, such as	co-financing rates may be increased	co-financing rates may be increased	co-financing rates may be increased
	uninterrupted coverage with 5G	up to 50% for actions with a strong	up to 50% for actions with a strong	up to 50% for actions with a strong
	systems along major transport paths	cross-border dimension, such as	cross-border dimension, such as	cross-border dimension, such as
	or deployment of backbone	uninterrupted coverage with 5G	uninterrupted coverage with 5G	uninterrupted coverage with 5G
	networks between Member States	systems along major transport paths	systems along major transport paths	systems along major transport paths
	and between the Union and third	or deployment of backbone	or deployment of backbone	or deployment of backbone
	countries, and up to 75% for actions	networks between Member States	networks between Member States	networks between Member States
	implementing the Gigabit	and between the Union and third	and between the Union and third	and between the Union and third

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•			countries, and up to 75% for actions
			implementing the Gigabit
,	•		connectivity of socio-economic
	drivers. Actions in the field of		drivers. Actions in the field of
by Union financial assistance	providing local wireless connectivity	providing local wireless connectivity	providing local wireless connectivity
covering up to 100 % of the eligible	in local communities, when	in local communities, when	in local communities, when
costs, without prejudice to the	implemented via low value grants	implemented via low value grants	implemented via low value grants
principle of co-financing.	<i>may</i> be <i>funded</i> by Union financial	may be funded by Union financial	may be funded by Union financial
	assistance covering up to 100 % of	assistance covering up to 100 % of	assistance covering up to 100 % of
	the eligible costs, without prejudice	the eligible costs, without prejudice	the eligible costs, without prejudice
	to the principle of co-financing.	to the principle of co-financing.	to the principle of co-financing.
5. The maximum co-funding	5. The maximum co-funding	5. The maximum co-funding	5. The maximum co-funding
rate applicable to actions selected	rate applicable to actions referred to	rate applicable to actions referred to	rate applicable to actions referred to
under cross-sectoral work	in Article 10 (1) shall be the highest	in Article 10 (1) shall be the highest	in Article 10 (1) shall be the highest
programmes referred to in Article	maximum co-funding rate applicable	maximum co-funding rate applicable	maximum co-funding rate applicable
10 shall be the highest maximum co-	to the sectors concerned. <i>In</i>	to the sectors concerned. In	to the sectors concerned. In
funding rate applicable to the	addition, the co-financing rate	addition, the co-financing rate	addition, the co-financing rate
sectors concerned.	applicable to these actions may be	applicable to these actions may be	applicable to these actions may be
	increased by 10%.	increased by 10%.	increased by 10%.
	Art	icle 15	
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	Eligik	ble costs	
The following cost-eligibility criteria	The following cost-eligibility criteria	The following cost-eligibility criteria	The following cost-eligibility criteria
The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria			The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria
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shall apply, in addition to the criteria	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria	shall apply, in addition to the criteria
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shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation:	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation:	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation:	shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation:
shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in	shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in
shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in Member States may be eligible,	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in Member States may be eligible,	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in Member States may be eligible,	shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in Member States may be eligible,
shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in Member States may be eligible, except where the project of	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in Member States may be eligible, except where the project of common	The following cost-eligibility criteria shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in Member States may be eligible, except where the project of	shall apply, in addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation: (a) only expenditure incurred in Member States may be eligible, except where the project of
	costs, without prejudice to the principle of co-financing. 5. The maximum co-funding rate applicable to actions selected under cross-sectoral work programmes referred to in Article 10 shall be the highest maximum co-funding rate applicable to the	drivers. Actions in the field of providing local wireless connectivity in local communities shall be funded by Union financial assistance covering up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the principle of co-financing. 5. The maximum co-funding rate applicable to actions selected under cross-sectoral work programmes referred to in Article 10 shall be the highest maximum cofunding rate applicable to the sectors concerned. implementing the Gigabit connectivity of socio-economic drivers. Actions in the field of providing local wireless connectivity in local communities, when implemented via low value grants may be funded by Union financial assistance covering up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the principle of co-financing. 5. The maximum co-funding rate applicable to actions referred to in Article 10(1) shall be the highest maximum co-funding rate applicable to the sectors concerned. In addition, the co-financing rate applicable to these actions may be increased by 10%.	drivers. Actions in the field of providing local wireless connectivity in local communities shall be funded by Union financial assistance covering up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the principle of co-financing. 5. The maximum co-funding rate applicable to actions selected under cross-sectoral work programmes referred to in Article 10 shall be the highest maximum co-funding rate applicable to the sectors concerned. bimplementing the Gigabit connectivity of socio-economic drivers. Actions in the field of providing local wireless connectivity in local communities, when implemented via low value grants may be funded by Union financial assistance covering up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the principle of co-financing. 5. The maximum co-funding rate applicable to actions selected under cross-sectoral work programmes referred to in Article 10(1) shall be the highest maximum co-funding rate applicable to the sectors concerned. In addition, the co-financing rate applicable to these actions may be increased by 10%. implementing the Gigabit connectivity of socio-economic drivers. Actions in the field of providing local wireless connectivity in local communities, when implemented via low value grants may be funded by Union financial assistance covering up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the principle of co-financing. 5. The maximum co-funding rate applicable to actions referred to in Article 10(1) shall be the highest maximum co-funding rate applicable to the sectors concerned. In addition, the co-financing rate applicable to these actions may be increased by 10%.

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	or more third countries as referred	third countries as referred to in	or more third countries as referred	or more third countries as referred
	to in Article 5 or Article 11	Article 5 or Article 11 paragraph 4 of	to in Article 5 or Article 11 paragraph	to in Article 5 or Article 11
	paragraph 4 of this Regulation or	this Regulation or international	4 of this Regulation or international	paragraph 4 of this Regulation or
	international waters and where the	waters and where the action is	waters and where the action is	international waters and where the
	action is indispensable to the	indispensable to the achievement of	indispensable to the achievement of	action is indispensable to the
	achievement of the objectives of the	the objectives of the project	the objectives of the project	achievement of the objectives of the
	project concerned;	concerned;	concerned;	project concerned;
415.	(b) the cost of equipment, facilities	(b) the cost of equipment, facilities	(b) the cost of equipment, facilities	(b) the cost of equipment, facilities
	and infrastructure which is treated	and infrastructure which is treated as	and infrastructure which is treated	and infrastructure which is treated
	as capital expenditure by the	capital expenditure by the	as capital expenditure by the	as capital expenditure by the
	beneficiary may be eligible up to its	beneficiary may be eligible up to its	beneficiary may be eligible up to its	beneficiary may be eligible up to its
	entirety;	entirety;	entirety;	entirety;
416.	(c) expenditure related to the	(c) expenditure related to the	(c) expenditure related to the	(c) expenditure related to the
	purchase of land shall not be an	purchase of land shall not be an	purchase of land shall not be an	purchase of land shall not be an
	eligible cost;	eligible cost, except for funds	eligible cost, except for funds	eligible cost, except for funds
		transferred from the Cohesion Fund	transferred from the Cohesion Fund	transferred from the Cohesion Fund
		in the transport sector in accordance	in the transport sector in	in the transport sector in
		with Article 58 of Regulation (EU)	accordance with Article 58 of	accordance with Article 58 of
		XXX laying down common	Regulation (EU) XXX laying down	Regulation (EU) XXX laying down
		provisions on the European Regional	common provisions on the	common provisions on the
		Development Fund, the European	European Regional Development	European Regional Development
		Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund,	Fund, the European Social Fund	Fund, the European Social Fund
		and the European Maritime and	Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the	Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the
		Fisheries Fund and financial rules for	European Maritime and Fisheries	European Maritime and Fisheries
		those and for the Asylum and	Fund and financial rules for those	Fund and financial rules for those
		Migration Fund, the Internal	and for the Asylum and Migration	and for the Asylum and Migration
		Security Fund and the Border	Fund, the Internal Security Fund	Fund, the Internal Security Fund
		Management and Visa Instrument;	and the Border Management and	and the Border Management and
			Visa Instrument;	Visa Instrument;
417.	(d) eligible costs shall not include	(d) eligible costs shall not include	(d) eligible costs shall not include	(d) eligible costs shall not include
	value added tax ("VAT").	value added tax ("VAT").	value added tax ("VAT").	value added tax ("VAT").

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420.			ticle 16 ith other sources of financing	
421.	1. Grants may be used for combination with financing from the European Investment Bank or National Promotional Banks or other development and public financial institutions as well as from privatesector finance institutions and private-sector investors, including through Public Private Partnerships.	1. Grants may be used for combination with financing from the European Investment Bank or National Promotional Banks or other development and public financial institutions as well as from privatesector finance institutions and private-sector investors, including through Public Private Partnerships.	1. Grants may be used for combination with financing from the European Investment Bank or National Promotional Banks or other development and public financial institutions as well as from privatesector finance institutions and private-sector investors, including through Public Private Partnerships.	1. Grants may be used for combination with financing from the European Investment Bank or National Promotional Banks or other development and public financial institutions as well as from private-sector finance institutions and private-sector investors, including through Public Private Partnerships.
422.	2. The use of grants referred to in paragraph 1 may be implemented through dedicated calls for proposals.	2. The use of grants referred to in paragraph 1 may be implemented through dedicated calls for proposals.	2. The use of grants referred to in paragraph 1 may be implemented through dedicated calls for proposals.	2. The use of grants referred to in paragraph 1 may be implemented through dedicated calls for proposals.
423.			ticle 17 nination of the grants	
425.	 In addition to the grounds specified in [paragraph 4 of Article 131] of the Financial Regulation, the amount of the grant may be reduced on the following grounds: 	1. In addition to the grounds specified in [Article 131(4)] of the Financial Regulation, the amount of the grant, except in duly justified cases, may be reduced on the following grounds	1. In addition to the grounds specified in [paragraph 4 of Article 131] of the Financial Regulation, the amount of the grant, except in duly justified cases, may be reduced on the following grounds	1. In addition to the grounds specified in [paragraph 4 of Article 131] of the Financial Regulation, the amount of the grant, except in duly justified cases, may be reduced on the following grounds
427.	(a) the action has not started within one year following the starting date indicated in the grant agreement;	(a) the action has not started within one year <i>for studies, or two years for works,</i> following the starting date indicated in the grant agreement;	(a) the action has not started within one year for studies, or two years for works, following the starting date indicated in the grant agreement;	(a) the action has not started within one year for studies, or two years for works, following the starting date indicated in the grant agreement;

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429.	(b) following a review of the progress of the action, it is established that the implementation of the action has suffered such	(b) following a review of the progress of the action, it is established that the implementation of the action has suffered such major delays that the objectives of the	(b) following a review of the progress of the action, it is established that the implementation of the action has suffered such major delays that the objectives of	(b) following a review of the progress of the action, it is established that the implementation of the action has suffered such major delays that the objectives of
	major delays that the objectives of the action are likely not to be achieved;	action are likely not to be achieved;	the action are likely not to be achieved;	the action are likely not to be achieved;
430.	2. The grant agreement may be terminated on the basis of the grounds specified in paragraph 1.	2. The grant agreement may be <i>amended or</i> terminated on the basis of the grounds specified in paragraph 1.	2. The grant agreement may be amended or terminated on the basis of the grounds specified in paragraph 1.	2. The grant agreement may be amended or terminated on the basis of the grounds specified in paragraph 1.
431.		3. Before any decision regarding the reduction or termination of a grant is taken, the case shall be examined comprehensively and the beneficiaries concerned shall be provided with the possibility to present their observations within a reasonable time-frame.	3. Before any decision regarding the reduction or termination of a grant is taken, the case shall be examined comprehensively and the beneficiaries concerned shall be provided with the possibility to present their observations within a reasonable time-frame.	3. Before any decision regarding the reduction or termination of a grant is taken, the case shall be examined comprehensively and the beneficiaries concerned shall be provided with the possibility to present their observations within a reasonable time-frame.
433.		3a. Available commitment appropriations resulting from the application of paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 shall be distributed to other work programmes proposed under the corresponding financial envelope as laid out in Article 4 (2).	(2a) Available commitment appropriations resulting from the application of paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 shall be distributed to other work programmes proposed under the corresponding financial envelope as laid out in Article 4.2.	(2a) Available commitment appropriations resulting from the application of paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 shall be distributed to other work programmes proposed under the corresponding financial envelope as laid out in Article 4.2.

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434.		Article 18			
	Cumulative, complement	ary and combined funding	Cumulative <u>and Alternative</u> funding		
438.	1. An action that has received a contribution under the Programme may also receive a contribution from any other Union programme, including Funds under shared management, provided that the contributions do not cover the same costs. The rules of each contributing Union programme shall apply to its respective contribution to the action. The cumulative funding shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from the different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support.	1. An action that has received a contribution under the Programme may also receive a contribution from any other Union programme, including Funds under shared management, provided that the contributions do not cover the same costs. The implementation shall respect the rules provided in Article 62 of the Financial Regulation. The cumulative funding shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from the different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support.	1. An action that has received a contribution under the Programme may also receive a contribution from any other Union programme, including Funds under shared management, provided that the contributions do not cover the same costs. The implementation shall respect the rules provided in Article 62 of the Financial Regulation. The cumulative funding shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from the different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support.	1. An action that has received a contribution under the Programme may also receive a contribution from any other Union programme, including Funds under shared management, provided that the contributions do not cover the same costs. The implementation shall respect the rules provided in Article 62 of the Financial Regulation. The cumulative funding shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from the different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support.	
440.	2. Actions which comply with the following cumulative, comparative, conditions:	2. Actions which comply with the following cumulative, comparative, conditions:	2. Actions awarded a Seal of Excellence certification under this programme by complying, which comply with the following cumulative comparative conditions:		
441.	(a) they have been assessed in a call for proposals under the Programme;	(a) they have been assessed in a call for proposals under the Programme;	(a) they have been assessed in a call for proposals under the Programme;	(a) they have been assessed in a call for proposals under the Programme;	
442.	(b) they comply with the minimum	(b) they comply with the minimum	(b) they comply with the minimum	(b) they comply with the minimum	

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	quality requirements of that call for			
	proposals;	proposals;	proposals;	proposals;
443.	(c) they may not be financed under			
	that call for proposals due to			
	budgetary constraints;	budgetary constraints;	budgetary constraints;	budgetary constraints;

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may receive support from the may receive support from the may receive support from 445. European Regional Development European Regional Development the [European Regional Fund or the Cohesion Fund in Fund or the Cohesion Fund in Development Fund] or the Cohesion **Fund** in accordance with [paragraph accordance with [paragraph 5 of accordance with [Article 67(5)] of Article 67] of Regulation (EU) XXX Regulation (EU) XXX [CPR], without 5 of Article 67] of Regulation (EU) [CPR], provided that such actions are any further assessment, and XXX [CPR], without any further consistent with the objectives of the provided that such actions are assessment, and provided that such programme concerned. The rules of consistent with the objectives of the actions are consistent with the the Fund providing support shall objectives of the programme programme concerned. The rules of apply. the Fund providing support shall concerned. The rules of the Fund providing support shall apply. apply.

446.	CHAPTER IV PROGRAMMING, MONITORING, EVALUATION AND CONTROL				
447.			ricle 19 rogrammes		
449.	1. The Programme shall be implemented by work programmes referred to in Article 110 of the Financial Regulation. Work programmes shall set out, where applicable, the overall amount reserved for blending operations.	1. The Programme shall be implemented by work programmes referred to in Article 110 of the Financial Regulation.	The Programme shall be implemented by work programmes referred to in Article 110 of the Financial Regulation.	1. The Programme shall be implemented by work programmes referred to in Article 110 of the Financial Regulation.	
451.		1a. In order to provide transparency and predictability and to enhance the quality of the projects, the Commission shall adopt by 31 December 2020 the first multiannual work programmes that will include the timetable of the calls for proposals for the first three years of the programme, their topics and indicative budget as well as a prospective framework covering the entire programming period.	(1a) (new). In order to provide transparency and predictability and to enhance the quality of the projects, the Commission shall adopt by 31 December 2020 the first multiannual work programmes that will include the timetable of the calls for proposals for the first three years of the programme, their topics and indicative budget as well as a prospective framework covering the entire programming period.	(1a) (new). In order to provide transparency and predictability and to enhance the quality of the projects, the Commission shall adopt by 31 December 2020 the first multiannual work programmes that will include the timetable of the calls for proposals for the first three years of the programme, their topics and indicative budget as well as a prospective framework covering the entire programming period.	
455.	2. The work programmes shall be adopted by the Commission by means of an implementing act. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to	2. The work programmes shall be adopted by the Commission by means of an implementing act. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to	2. The work programmes shall be adopted by the Commission by means of an implementing act. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to	2. The work programmes shall be adopted by the Commission by means of an implementing act. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to	

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in Article 22 of this Regulation.	in Article 22 of this Regulation.	in Article 22 of this Regulation.	in Article 22 of this Regulation.
456.	3. In the energy sector, particular consideration shall be given to projects of common interest and related actions aimed at further integrating the internal market for energy, ending energy isolation and eliminating electricity interconnection bottlenecks with emphasis on those projects contributing to the achievement of the interconnection target of at least 10% by 2020 and 15% by 2030 and projects contributing to synchronisation of electricity systems with the EU networks.	3. In the energy sector, particular consideration shall be given to projects of common interest and related actions aimed at further integrating the internal market for energy, ending energy isolation and eliminating electricity interconnection bottlenecks with emphasis on those projects contributing to the achievement of the interconnection target of at least 10% by 2020 and 15% by 2030 and projects contributing to synchronisation of electricity systems with the EU networks.	3. In the energy sector, particular consideration shall be given to projects of common interest and related actions aimed at further integrating the internal market for energy, ending energy isolation and eliminating electricity interconnection bottlenecks with emphasis on those projects contributing to the achievement of the interconnection target of at least 10% by 2020 and 15% by 2030 and projects contributing to synchronisation of electricity systems with the EU networks.
458. <i>3a.</i>	In accordance with the Article 200(2) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, the authorising officer responsible may, where appropriate, organise the selection procedure in two stages as follows: (a) Applicants shall submit a simplified dossier containing relatively brief information for the purposes of project preselection based on a limited set of criteria;	2a. In accordance with the Article 200.2 of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, the authorising officer responsible may, where appropriate, organise the selection procedure in two stages as follows: (a) Applicants shall submit a simplified dossier containing relatively brief information for the purposes of project preselection based on a limited set of criteria. (b) Applicants short-listed at the first stage shall submit a complete dossier after closure of the first	2a. In accordance with the Article 200.2 of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, the authorising officer responsible may, where appropriate, organise the selection procedure in two stages as follows: (a) Applicants shall submit a simplified dossier containing relatively brief information for the purposes of project preselection based on a limited set of criteria. (b) Applicants short-listed at the first stage shall submit a complete dossier after closure of the first

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(b) Applicants short-listed at stage.	stage.
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complete dossier after closure of the	
first stage.	

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459.		cle 19a n financial assistance	
460.	1. Following every call for proposals based on work programme referred to in Article 19, the Commission, acting in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22 by means of an implementing act, shall decide on the amount of financial assistance to be granted to the projects selected or to parts thereof. The Commission shall specify the conditions and methods for their implementation.	1. Following every call for proposals based on work programme referred to in Article 19, the Commission, acting in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22 by means of an implementing act, shall decide on the amount of financial assistance to be granted to the projects selected or to parts thereof. The Commission shall specify the conditions and methods for their implementation.	1. Following every call for proposals based on work programme referred to in Article 19, the Commission, acting in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22 by means of an implementing act, shall decide on the amount of financial assistance to be granted to the projects selected or to parts thereof. The Commission shall specify the conditions and methods for their implementation.
461.	2. During the implementation of the grant agreements the beneficiaries and the Member States concerned shall be informed by the Commission regarding changes to the grant amounts and the final amounts paid.	2. During the implementation of the grant agreements the beneficiaries and the Member States concerned shall be informed by the Commission regarding changes to the grant amounts and the final amounts paid	2. During the implementation of the grant agreements the beneficiaries and the Member States concerned shall be informed by the Commission regarding changes to the grant amounts and the final amounts paid
462.	3. The beneficiaries shall submit reports as defined in the respective grant agreements without prior approval of the Member States. The Commission shall provide Member States with access to the reports regarding	3. The beneficiaries shall submit reports as defined in the respective grant agreements without prior approval of the Member States. The Commission shall provide Member States with access to the reports regarding actions located on their	3. The beneficiaries shall submit reports as defined in the respective grant agreements without prior approval of the Member States. The Commission shall provide Member States with access to the reports regarding actions located

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463.		Article 20 Monitoring and reporting		
466.	1. Indicators to report progress of the Programme towards the achievement of the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3 are set in Part I of the Annex.	1. Indicators to report progress of the Programme towards the achievement of the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3 are set in Part I of the Annex.	1. Indicators to report progress of the Programme towards the achievement of the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3 are set in Part I of the Annex.	1. Indicators to report progress of the Programme towards the achievement of the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3 are set in Part I of the Annex.
467.	2. To ensure effective assessment of progress of the Programme towards the achievement of its objectives, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 24, to amend Part I of the Annex to review or complement the indicators where considered necessary and to supplement this Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework.	2. To ensure effective assessment of progress of the Programme towards the achievement of its objectives, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 24, to amend Part I of the Annex to review or complement the indicators where considered necessary and to supplement this Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework.	2. To ensure effective assessment of progress of the Programme towards the achievement of its objectives, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 24, to amend Part I of the Annex to review or complement the indicators where considered necessary and to supplement this Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework.	2. To ensure effective assessment of progress of the Programme towards the achievement of its objectives, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 24, to amend Part I of the Annex to review or complement the indicators where considered necessary and to supplement this Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework.
469.	3. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are collected efficiently, effectively and in a timely manner. To that end, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funds and,	3. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are suitable for an in-depth analysis of the progress achieved, including for climate tracking, collected efficiently, effectively and in a timely manner. To that end, proportionate	3. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are suitable for an in-depth analysis of the progress achieved, including for climate tracking, collected efficiently, effectively and in a timely manner. To that end, proportionate	3. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are suitable for an in-depth analysis of the progress achieved, including for climate tracking, collected efficiently, effectively and in a timely manner. To that end, proportionate

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471.	improve the dedicated internet site to publish in real time a map with the projects in implementation together with relevant data (impact assessments, value, beneficiary, implementing entity, state of play) and shall present biennial progress reports. Those progress reports shall mention the implementation of the Programme, according to its general and sectorial objectives as laid out in Article 3, clarifying whether the different sectors are on the track, if the total budgetary commitment is in line with the total amount allocated, if the on-going projects reached a sufficient degree of completeness, if they are still feasible and convenient to be delivered.	improve the dedicated internet site to publish in real time a map with the projects in implementation together with relevant data (impact assessments, value, beneficiary, implementing entity, state of play) and shall present biennial progress reports. Those progress reports shall mention the implementation of the Programme, according to its general and sectorial objectives as laid out in Article 3, clarifying whether the different sectors are on the track, if the total budgetary commitment is in line with the total amount allocated, if the on-going projects reached a sufficient degree of completeness, if they are still feasible and convenient to be delivered.	improve the dedicated internet site to publish in real time a map with the projects in implementation together with relevant data (impact assessments, value, beneficiary, implementing entity, state of play) and shall present biennial progress reports. Those progress reports shall mention the implementation of the Programme, according to its general and sectorial objectives as laid out in Article 3, clarifying whether the different sectors are on the track, if the total budgetary commitment is in line with the total amount allocated, if the on-going projects reached a sufficient degree of completeness, if they are still feasible and convenient to be delivered.

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472.	Article 21 Evaluation				
476.	1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a timely manner to feed into the decision-making process.	1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a timely manner to feed into the decision-making process.	1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a timely manner to feed into the decision-making process.	1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a timely manner to feed into the decision-making process.	
480.	2. The interim evaluation of the Programme shall be performed once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the start of the programme implementation.	2. The interim evaluation of the Programme shall be performed once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the start of the programme implementation.	2. The interim evaluation of the Programme shall be performed once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the start of the programme implementation.	2. The interim evaluation of the Programme shall be performed once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the start of the programme implementation.	
481.	3. At the end of the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the end of the period specified in Article 1, a final evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out by the Commission.	3. At the end of the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the end of the period specified in Article 1, a final evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out by the Commission.	3. At the end of the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the end of the period specified in Article 1, a final evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out by the Commission.	3. At the end of the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the end of the period specified in Article 1, a final evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out by the Commission.	
482.	4. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.	4. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.	4. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.	4. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.	
483.	Article 22 Committee procedure				
484.	1. The Commission shall be				

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	assisted by the CEF Coordination Committee. The Committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.	assisted by the CEF Coordination Committee, which can meet in different formations depending on the respective topic. The Committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU)	assisted by the CEF Coordination Committee, which can meet in different formations depending on the respective topic. The Committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU)	assisted by the CEF Coordination Committee, which can meet in different formations depending on the respective topic. The Committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation
485.	2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.	No 182/2011. 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.	No 182/2011. 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.	(EU) No 182/2011. 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.
486.			icle 23 ated acts	
487.	The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 of this Regulation:	1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 of this Regulation:	1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 of this Regulation:	1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 of this Regulation:
488.	(a) to amend Part I of the Annex regarding the indicators and to establish a monitoring and evaluation framework;	(a)	(a) to establish a monitoring and evaluation framework;-based on the indicators as set out in Part I of the Annex;	(a) to establish a monitoring and evaluation framework based on the indicators as set out in Part I of the Annex;
492.	(d) to amend Part IV of the Annex regarding the identification of crossborder projects in the field of renewable energy;	(d) to supplement Part IV of the Annex regarding the identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy; to establish and update the list of selected cross-border projects in the field of	(d) to supplement Part IV of the Annex regarding the identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy; to establish and update the list of selected crossborder projects in the field of	(d) to supplement Part IV of the Annex regarding the identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy; to establish and update the list of selected cross-border projects in the field of

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	renewable energy.	renewable energy.	renewable energy.
502.	2. Subject to the second paragraph of Article 172 TFEU, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 of this Regulation:	2. Subject to the second paragraph of Article 172 TFEU, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 of this Regulation:	2. Subject to the second paragraph of Article 172 TFEU, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 of this Regulation:

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503.		 (a) to amend Part III of the Annex regarding the definition of the transport core network corridors; and pre-identified sections on the comprehensive network; (b) to amend Part V of the Annex regarding the identification of digital connectivity projects of common interest. 	(a) to amend Part III of the Annex regarding the definition of the transport core network corridors; and pre-identified sections on the comprehensive network; (b) to amend Part V of the Annex regarding the identification of digital connectivity projects of common interest.	(a) to amend Part III of the Annex regarding the definition of the transport core network corridors; and pre-identified sections on the comprehensive network; (b) to amend Part V of the Annex regarding the identification of digital connectivity projects of common interest.
505.		Δrt	icle 24	
303.			the delegation	
506. 507.	 The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 	 The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 	The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article	 The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article
	23 shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2028.	23 shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2028.	23 shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2028.	23 shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2028.
508.	3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 23 may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in	3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 23 may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the	3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 23 may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the	3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 23 may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the

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4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult	4. Before adopting a delegated	4. Before adopting a delegated	4. Before adopting a delegated
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Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016.	Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016.	Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016.	Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016.
5. As soon as it adopts a	5. As soon as it adopts a	5. As soon as it adopts a	5. As soon as it adopts a
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6. A delegated act adopted	6. A delegated act adopted	6. A delegated act adopted	6. A delegated act adopted
pursuant to Article 23 shall enter	pursuant to Article 23 shall enter into	pursuant to Article 23 shall enter	pursuant to Article 23 shall enter
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	State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016. 5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council. 6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 23 shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European	State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016. 5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council. 6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 23 shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.	State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016. 5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council. 6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 23 shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or by the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the European Parliament or by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the European Parliament or by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the European Parliament or the European Parliament or the European Parliament or the European Parliament or the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the European Parliament or the European Parli

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512.	Article 25				
		Information, comm	unication and publicity		
513.	1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in particular when promoting the actions and their results), by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.	1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in particular when promoting the actions and their results), by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.	1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in particular when promoting the actions and their results), by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.	1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in particular when promoting the actions and their results), by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.	
514.	2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, and its actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.	2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, and its actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.	2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, and its actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.	implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, and its actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.	
515.		2a. Transparency and public consultation shall be ensured in compliance with the applicable Union and national legislation.	3. Transparency and public consultation shall be ensured in compliance with the applicable Union and national legislation.	3. Transparency and public consultation shall be ensured in compliance with the applicable Union and national legislation.	

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516.		Article 26		
		Protection of the finan	cial interests of the Union	
518.	Where a third country participates	Where a third country participates in	Where a third country participates in	
	in the programme by a decision	the programme by a decision under	the programme by a decision under	
	under an international agreement	an international agreement or by	an international agreement or by	
	or by virtue of any other legal	virtue of any other legal instrument,	virtue of any other legal instrument,	
	instrument, the third country shall	the third country shall grant the	the third country shall grant the	
	grant the necessary rights and	necessary rights and access required	necessary rights and access required	
	access required for the authorizing	for the authorizing officer	for the authorizing officer	
	officer responsible, the European	responsible, the European Anti-Fraud	responsible, the European Anti-	
	Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the	Office (OLAF), the European Court of	Fraud Office (OLAF), the European	
	European Court of Auditors to	Auditors to comprehensively exert	Court of Auditors to	
	comprehensively exert their	their respective competences. In the	comprehensively exert their	
	respective competences. In the case	case of OLAF, such rights shall	respective competences. In the case	
	of OLAF, such rights shall include the	include the right to carry out	of OLAF, such rights shall include the	
	right to carry out investigations,	investigations, including on-the-spot	right to carry out investigations,	
	including on-the-spot checks and	checks and inspections, provided for	including on-the-spot checks and	
	inspections, provided for in	in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No	inspections, provided for in	
	Regulation (EU, Euratom) No	883/2013 of the European	Regulation (EU, Euratom) No	
	883/2013 of the European	Parliament and of the Council	883/2013 of the European	
	Parliament and of the Council	concerning investigations conducted	Parliament and of the Council	
	concerning investigations conducted	by the European Anti-Fraud Office	concerning investigations conducted	
	by the European Anti-Fraud Office	(OLAF).	by the European Anti-Fraud Office	
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519.	CHAPTER VI TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS							
520.		Article 27						
		,	nsitional provisions					
521.	1. Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 shall be repealed.	1. Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 shall be repealed.	1. Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 shall be repealed.	 Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 shall be repealed. 				
522.	2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, this Regulation shall not affect the continuation or modification of the actions concerned, until their closure, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, which shall continue to apply to the actions concerned until their closure.	2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, this Regulation shall not affect the continuation or modification of the actions concerned, until their closure, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, which shall continue to apply to the actions concerned until their closure.	2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, this Regulation shall not affect the continuation or modification of the actions concerned, until their closure, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, which shall continue to apply to the actions concerned until their closure.	2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, this Regulation shall not affect the continuation or modification of the actions concerned, until their closure, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, which shall continue to apply to the actions concerned until their closure.				
524.		The Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness and policy coherence of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 and submit an evaluation to the European Parliament and to the Council with the result of this review by 31 December 2020. In that evaluation the Commission shall consider, inter alia, the Union energy and climate targets for 2030, the EU long-term decarbonisation commitment, and the energy efficiency first principle. The evaluation may, where appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative	The Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness and policy coherence of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 and submit an evaluation to the European Parliament and to the Council with the result of this review by 31 December 2020. In that evaluation the Commission shall consider, inter alia, the Union energy and climate targets for 2030, the EU long-term decarbonisation commitment, and the energy efficiency first principle. The evaluation may, where appropriate, be	The Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness and policy coherence of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 and submit an evaluation to the European Parliament and to the Council with the result of this review by 31 December 2020. In that evaluation the Commission shall consider, inter alia, the Union energy and climate targets for 2030, the EU longterm decarbonisation commitment, and the energy efficiency first principle. The evaluation may, where appropriate, be				

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		proposal to revise that Regulation.	accompanied by a legislative proposal to revise that Regulation.	accompanied by a legislative proposal to revise that Regulation.
525.	3. The financial envelope for the Programme may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the Programme and the measures adopted under its predecessor, the Connecting Europe Facility under Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.	3. The financial envelope for the Programme may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the Programme and the measures adopted under its predecessor, the Connecting Europe Facility under Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.	3. The financial envelope for the Programme may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the Programme and the measures adopted under its predecessor, the Connecting Europe Facility under Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.	3. The financial envelope for the Programme may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the Programme and the measures adopted under its predecessor, the Connecting Europe Facility under Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.
526.	4. If necessary, appropriations may be entered in the budget beyond 2027 to cover the expenses provided for in Article 4(5) of this Regulation, to enable the management of actions not completed by 31 December 2027.	4. If necessary, appropriations may be entered in the budget beyond 2027 to cover the expenses provided for in Article 4(5) of this Regulation, to enable the management of actions not completed by 31 December 2027.	4. If necessary, appropriations may be entered in the budget beyond 2027 to cover the expenses provided for in Article 4(5) of this Regulation, to enable the management of actions not completed by 31 December 2027.	4. If necessary, appropriations may be entered in the budget beyond 2027 to cover the expenses provided for in Article 4(5) of this Regulation, to enable the management of actions not completed by 31 December 2027.
527.			icle 28 into force	
528.	This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
529.	It shall apply from 1 January 2021.			

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530.	This Regulation shall be binding in	This Regulation shall be binding in its	This Regulation shall be binding in its	This Regulation shall be binding in its
	its entirety and directly applicable in	entirety and directly applicable in all	entirety and directly applicable in all	entirety and directly applicable in all
	all Member States.	Member States.	Member States.	Member States.
531.	Done at Brussels,	Done at Brussels,	Done at Brussels,	Done at Brussels,
	For the European Parliament			
	The President	The President	The President	The President
	For the Council	For the Council	For the Council	For the Council
	The President	The President	The President	The President