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Subject: Strengthening support for renewable hydrogen to meet EU energy and climate targets

The Commission has announced that the second auction of the European Hydrogen Bank attracted 61 project applications from 11 European Economic Area countries, requesting over EUR 4.8 billion in subsidies – four times the EUR 1.2 billion currently available under the EU's Innovation Fund. The proposed projects represent an electrolyser capacity of 6.3 gigawatts and aim to produce 7.3 million tonnes of renewable hydrogen over ten years, corresponding to 7 % of the EU's REPowerEU target for 2030.

This strong interest highlights the growing momentum in the clean hydrogen sector and the urgent need for increased funding to bridge the gap between production costs and market prices. Contributions from Spain, Lithuania and Austria under the 'auctions-as-a-service' model further demonstrate the potential for complementary national support.

However, with demand for subsidies significantly exceeding the available budget, there is a risk that many viable projects essential for achieving the EU's decarbonisation and energy security goals will not be supported.

In this context, what additional measures does the Commission intend to propose to strengthen financial support for renewable hydrogen, scale up production capacities and ensure the achievement of the EU's 2030 clean energy targets?

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