

Question for written answer E-002673/2026

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Potential clash between RED II and Italy's rules governing incentives for renewable energy communities

In 2021, Italy transposed Directive (EU) 2018/2001 by means of Legislative Decree No 199/2021¹. Article 3(2)(b) of the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Energy Security's² 2024 decree establishing the national incentive scheme for renewable energy communities (RECs) references Articles 30-32 of Legislative Decree No 199/2021, which state that an REC can include completed facilities, including those that were built before its formal establishment.

Having been granted the power to lay down the operating rules governing RECs by Article 11 of the aforementioned MASE decree, GSE³ has determined that, provided that they applied for state incentives before 22 June 2024⁴, facilities can join an REC even though they were completed and operational before the latter's establishment as a legal entity. This means that facilities that were operational before the establishment of their respective RECs that missed the 22 June deadline are not entitled to these incentives.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission not think that the GSE policy outlined above runs counter to the principles of transparency and non-discrimination enshrined in Article 21(6)(e) and Article 22(4)(i) of RED II?
2. Does the Commission not agree that fostering the growth of RECs (an objective of the Citizens Energy Package) requires the removal of all the administrative barriers that are hampering this process?

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¹ Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (RED II); https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2018.328.01.0082.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2018:328:TOC.

² Abbreviated to MASE.

³ The Italian Energy Services Operator.

⁴ GSE: 1.2.1.2 Eligible production facilities and projects – 'The CaCer [Configurations for Renewable Energy Communities] Decree and TIAD [Consolidated Text on Collective Self-Consumption] – Operating rules governing access to collective self-consumption schemes and NRPP funding' (16 July 2025), https://www.gse.it/documenti_site/Documenti%20GSE/Servizi%20per%20te/AUTOCONSUMO/Gruppi%20di%20autoconsumatori%20e%20comunita%20di%20energia%20rinnovabile/Regole%20e%20procedure/ALLEGATO%201%20Regole%20Operative%20CACER.pdf.

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