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Subject: Liquidation of Viridian Lithium and difficulties with the financing of strategic projects under the Critical Raw Materials Act

On 25 March 2025, the Commission recognised the Viridian Lithium refinery in Lauterbourg (France) as a strategic project under Regulation (EU) 2024/1252, with a view to it producing 28 500 tonnes of lithium hydroxide per year.

On 9 March 2026, the company was placed in compulsory liquidation as it had failed to secure the EUR 295 million it needed to finance its project. France had granted it a tax credit of EUR 118.9 million, as well as EUR 12.4 million under the France 2030 scheme. According to Viridian Lithium's former director of development, the fact that European support for the project did not materialise contributed to its failure.

In August 2026, 23 of the 60 strategic projects sent 'urgent calls for action' to the Commission, complaining that commitments on financing, market access and authorisations had not been met.

1. What EU funding was actually offered or granted to Viridian Lithium before it was liquidated?
2. How many of the 60 strategic projects have received EU funding, and what was the total amount disbursed?
3. What immediate measures does the Commission intend to take to prevent the scrapping of other strategic projects that are facing financing difficulties?

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