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While physically located only in Finland, Kemijoki hydro-pumped electricity storage project (Kemijoki PSP) fulfils the significant cross-border impact criteria under the Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E) Regulation¹ (Annex IV, point 1(b)): the project is planned to provide at least 225 MW installed capacity and has a storage capacity that allows a net annual electricity generation of 250 GW-hours/year. As per Annex IV point 1(b) of TEN-E Regulation, the size of the project is used as evidence of the cross-border impact. This is confirmed by the synchronisation of Finland's grid with the Nordic and Baltic electricity markets and the project's potential contribution to regional energy balancing, grid stability and cross-border electricity trade.

The environmental and climate impacts, including the effects on Natura 2000 sites, biodiversity and water are not part of the cost-benefit analysis under the selection process of Projects of Common Interest (PCI) and Projects of Mutual Interest (PMI). These impacts are assessed as part of the environmental impact assessment and permitting process as mandated by both EU and national law. This process ensures that all legal criteria, including those pertaining to environmental sustainability and municipal governance, are evaluated before the development of the project proceeds. The fact that the project is included in the PCI/PMI list does not prejudice the results of the required environmental impact assessment or permitting process and does not automatically guarantee the project's construction.

The second Union list, which includes the Kemijoki PSP project, was adopted by the Commission on 1 December 2025 and published in the Official Journal of the EU on 9 April 2026².

¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/869 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2022 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32022R0869>).

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202600764.