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The Commission monitors the main deadlines¹ applicable for energy-transition as well as the implementation of the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP) through the bi-annually reports². Each Member State is assessed for meeting its objectives³ and targets as set out in its NECP⁴. Where the progress towards meeting the targets is insufficient, the Commission issues recommendations to the Member State concerned⁵.

The Commission also monitors the progress of the Member States towards energy transition in the framework of the European Semester annual exercise, which coordinates the EU's economic and social policies including energy policy.

The Commission is aware that permitting delays for renewable energy projects are reported in most Member States, including Italy. For this reason, it has put in place a series of actions to ensure that the permitting deadlines and obligations set in the revised Renewable Energy Directive⁶ are respected, including launching infringement procedures against Italy⁷ and other Member States for lack of transposition of permitting provisions of the revised Renewable Energy Directive. Other actions aim to improve capacity building of permitting authorities, e.g. via the Technical Support Instrument which provided support to Italy to streamline permitting procedures, strengthen administrative capacities, digitalise permits, and enhance public engagement⁸.

The Commission also works to avoid slowdowns in the energy transition, coordinates the efforts across Member States to create a robust framework that catalyses public and private investment, supports corrective measures that remove bottlenecks for faster permitting, grid and storage expansion, and de-risking of clean-energy finance.

¹ A not exhaustive list of deadlines related to this framework:

- 30 June 2024 for final National Energy and Climate Plans,
- 1 July 2024 for some renewables permitting rules,
- 21 May 2025 for broader Renewable Energy Directive transposition (EU 2023/2413),
- 11 October 2025 for the key provisions of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EU/ 2023/1791),
- Commission takes action to ensure complete and timely transposition of EU directives (https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_25_1842),
- 29 May 2026 for the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EU/2024/1275, EPBD),
- 1 March 2026 for national diversification plans under REPowerEU.

² The next assessment of progress will be published in 2027.

³ The assessment of the updated Italian NECP is available on the Commission's website:

https://commission.europa.eu/publications/commission-assessment-final-updated-national-energy-and-climate-plan-italy_en.

⁴ Art. 29(1)b of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (Governance Regulation).

⁵ Article 34 of the Governance Regulation.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2023/2413/oj/eng>.

⁷ (INFR(2024)0232: https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=EN&typeOfSearch=byDecision&active_only=0&noncom=0&r_dossier=&decision_date_from=&decision_date_to=&DG=ENER&title=2023%2F2413&submit=Search&langCode=EN&version=v1&dg=ENER&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate&memberState=IT).

⁸ https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/technical-support-instrument-0/green-transition/faster-permitting-renewable-energy-projects-italy_en.