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The Commission's work towards a more flexible, investment-driven and delivery-focused Energy Union¹ in post-2030 build on the actions taken under the Affordable Energy Action Plan, which include the Small Modular Reactors Strategy adopted on 10 March 2026², and the recently adopted AccelerateEU Communication³ and Electrification Action Plan⁴. For those Member States choosing nuclear energy, the Commission has recognised that nuclear can contribute to decarbonisation, competitiveness, security of supply and strategic autonomy⁵. In that context, the Commission will continue to uphold the principle of technology neutrality across all policy and legislative initiatives, while fully respecting Member States' right to determine their energy mix⁶.

The Commission proposal for the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) to apply from 2028 onwards is currently being negotiated with the budgetary authority. The Commission respects the process and does not wish to speculate on its outcomes. In parallel, the Commission works with the European Investment Bank to implement, already in the current MFF, a temporary InvestEU top up of EUR 200 million until 2028⁷ to support innovative nuclear technologies⁸. Other relevant avenues to fund nuclear investments in the EU already pursued include the prospective Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) on innovative nuclear technologies⁹ and the Scaleup Europe Fund¹⁰ as well as funding for nuclear research and innovation activities under the Euratom Research and Training Programme.

¹ With an Energy Union Package to be tabled in fourth quarter of 2026.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52026DC0117&qid=1773310096275>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52026DC0370>.

⁴ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/eus-energy-system/electrification_en#electrification-action-plan.

⁵ See: Nuclear Illustrative Programme presented under Article 40 of the Euratom Treaty – Final (after the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee).

⁶ Article 194 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

⁷ Subject to availabilities under the Innovation Fund.

⁸ In accordance with the InvestEU Regulation.

⁹ Currently in design phase, with funding that will be provided by the Member States.

¹⁰ See: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/document/download/2f76a0df-b09b-47c2-949c-800c30e4c530_en?filename=ec_rtd_eu-startup-scaleup-strategy-communication.pdf. The Scaleup Europe Fund will mobilise significant private funds and make direct equity investments in strategic sectors (such as, for example clean tech and energy - including nuclear technology) to contribute to Europe's technological sovereignty and economic security.