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Answer given by Mr Jørgensen  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission understands that the Honourable Members are referring to a situation in which a renewable energy source (RES) facility owned by an individual self-consumer is made available to a renewable energy community in view of entering a contract with Gestore Servizi Energetici (GSE)<sup>1</sup> to benefit from a national incentive scheme for energy sharing within renewable energy communities.

However, from a general perspective, it is the Commission's view that Article 21 (6) e) applies to self-consumers and not to renewable energy communities. Article 22 (4) i) refers to members of renewable energy communities in their role as consumers and not to members of renewable energy communities who are producers/owners of a renewable energy facility.

Article 22 of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) II lays down the obligations for Member States in relation to the promotion of renewable energy communities through rights as well as an enabling framework, including the removal of unjustified regulatory and administrative barriers to renewable energy communities. The Recommendation on supporting the development of energy communities and maximising the potential of self-consumption<sup>2</sup> and accompanying guidance<sup>3</sup> further describe recommended pathways to the implementation of those provisions. The Commission is working with Member States through e.g. the Concerted Action on the RED and the annual Regulatory Roundtable on energy policy for consumers to ensure that the provisions are completely and correctly transposed and facilitate self-consumption and renewable energy communities.

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<sup>1</sup> The Italian Energy Services Operator.

<sup>2</sup> C(2026) 2850 final.

<sup>3</sup> SWD(2026) 126 final.