

EU energy market and security of supply

117. The integration of EU energy markets must be further pursued through the construction of new **cross-border connections and the creation of a single Baltic electricity bidding zone** to ensure security of supply and competitive energy prices.

118. EU co-financing must be secured for Estonia's **third electricity interconnector with Finland and the fourth electricity interconnector with Latvia** to carry out the necessary studies and works.

119. The EU's **electricity market requirements for justifying the need for capacity mechanisms need to be reduced** to allow Member States to quickly deploy **dispatchable generation capacity** as needed.

120. **The process for obtaining state aid approval for electricity market capacity mechanisms and renewable energy production** must be simplified to accelerate the uptake of clean energy and ensure the stability of the electricity system. The requirements for obtaining approval should be reduced, and the duration of the approval procedure shortened.

121. Targeted financing instruments and risk-mitigating guarantee schemes need to be introduced at the EU level to support investments in **offshore wind and long-duration energy storage**.

122. **Electrification** in various sectors, including heating and transport, must be increased in the EU. At the same time, it is important to preserve the option to use **domestic biomass and biogas**, provided that they meet the sustainability criteria of the EU Renewable Energy Directive.

123. We support the objective of **reducing emissions from heaters** to contribute to improving air quality and meeting climate targets. When reviewing the requirements for **wood and other solid biomass local space heaters**, the economic impact of the requirements must be carefully considered alongside the environmental impact, and to ensure that people retain the option to heat their homes with wood in a cost-effective way.

124. We support preparations for the establishment of a **Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor** and consider EU co-financing essential to undertake the necessary studies.

125. **Nuclear energy** has an important role to play in achieving climate neutrality and security of supply in the EU, provided it is developed sustainably, nuclear fuel and technology are supplied from reliable countries, and a high level of safety is ensured.