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## II

*(Non-legislative acts)*

## REGULATIONS

## COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2023/1529

of 20 July 2023

**concerning restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 215 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532 of 20 July 2023 concerning restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the joint proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and of the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 July 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/512/CFSP <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (2) Decision 2014/512/CFSP prohibits the sale, supply, transfer or export of dual-use goods and technology to any person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia. This prohibition was implemented by Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 <sup>(3)</sup> and the goods and technology concerned are listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2021/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(4)</sup>.
- (3) Decision 2014/512/CFSP also prohibits the sale, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, of goods and technology which might contribute to Russia's military and technological enhancement, or to the development of its defence and security sector, whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia. This prohibition was implemented by Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 and the goods and technology concerned are listed in Annex VII to that Regulation.
- (4) Decision 2014/512/CFSP also prohibits the sale, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, of goods which could contribute in particular to the enhancement of Russian industrial capacities to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia. This prohibition was implemented by Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 and the goods and technology concerned are listed in Annex XXIII to that Regulation.

<sup>(1)</sup> See page 20 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 13).

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 1).

<sup>(4)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items (OJ L 206, 11.6.2021, p. 1).

- (5) On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/145/CFSP <sup>(5)</sup>.
- (6) Russia is using Iran-produced Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine, which violates the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, including against civilians and civilian infrastructure. The Iranian State-sponsored programme for the development and production of UAVs therefore contributes to violations of the Charter of the United Nations and of the fundamental principles of international law. This programme is run by the Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics of Iran and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, both of which bodies are sanctioned by the European Union, and includes the procurement, development, production and transfer of UAVs to Russia. It is based on State-owned as well as private companies and benefits from domestic research capabilities.
- (7) On 20 October 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1986 <sup>(6)</sup> adding three Iranian individuals and one Iranian entity to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures under Decision 2014/145/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) 269/2014 <sup>(7)</sup> in view of their role in the development and delivery of UAVs used by Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine. On 12 December 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/2432 <sup>(8)</sup> further adding four Iranian individuals and four Iranian entities to that list and on 25 February 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/432 <sup>(9)</sup> adding four more Iranian individuals to that list.
- (8) On 20 July 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532 concerning restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. That Decision prohibits the export to Iran of components used in the manufacturing of UAVs. It further prohibits the sale, license or transfer, in any other way, of intellectual property rights or trade secrets, as well as the granting of rights to access or re-use any material or information protected by means of intellectual property rights or which constitute trade secrets related to the goods and technology whose sale, supply, transfer or export to a person, entity or body in Iran or for use in Iran is prohibited. The Decision also provides for the freezing of funds and economic resources and a prohibition on making funds and economic resources available to natural and legal persons, entities or bodies responsible for, supporting or involved in Iran's UAV programme and the persons, entities and bodies subject to those restrictive measures are listed in its Annex.
- (9) These measures fall within the scope of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and, therefore, notably with a view to ensuring its uniform application in all Member States, regulatory action at the level of the Union is necessary in order to implement them.
- (10) The power to establish and amend the list in Annex III to this Regulation should be exercised by the Council in order to ensure consistency with the process for establishing, amending and reviewing the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532.
- (11) The procedure for amending the list set out in Annex III to this Regulation should include an obligation to communicate to designated natural or legal persons, entities or bodies the grounds for listing, providing them with an opportunity to submit observations.

<sup>(5)</sup> Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16).

<sup>(6)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1986 of 20 October 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 272 I, 20.10.2022, p. 5).

<sup>(7)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 6).

<sup>(8)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/2432 of 12 December 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 318 I, 12.12.2022, p. 32).

<sup>(9)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/432 of 25 February 2023 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 59 I, 25.2.2023, p. 437).

- (12) For the purposes of the implementation of this Regulation, and in order to ensure maximum legal certainty within the Union, the names and other relevant data concerning natural and legal persons, entities and bodies whose funds and economic resources are to be frozen in accordance with this Regulation should be made public. Any processing of personal data should comply with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 <sup>(10)</sup> and Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 <sup>(11)</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- (13) Member States and the Commission should inform each other of the measures taken pursuant to this Regulation and of other relevant information at their disposal in connection with this Regulation.
- (14) Member States should lay down rules on penalties applicable to infringements of the provisions of this Regulation and ensure that they are implemented. Such penalties should be effective, proportionate and dissuasive,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### *Article 1*

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

- (a) 'brokering services' means:
- (i) the negotiation or arrangement of transactions for the purchase, sale or supply of goods and technology or of financial and technical services, including from a third country to any other third country; or
  - (ii) the selling or buying of goods and technology or of financial and technical services, including where they are located in third countries for their transfer to another third country;
- (b) 'claim' means any claim, whether asserted in legal proceedings or not, made before or after the date of entry into force of this Regulation, under, or in connection with, a contract or transaction, in particular:
- (i) a claim for the performance of any obligation arising under, or in connection with, a contract or transaction;
  - (ii) a claim for extension or payment of a bond, financial guarantee or indemnity of whatever form;
  - (iii) a claim for compensation in respect of a contract or transaction;
  - (iv) a counterclaim;
  - (v) a claim for the recognition or enforcement, including by the procedure of exequatur, of a judgment, an arbitration award or an equivalent decision, wherever made or given;
- (c) 'contract or transaction' means any transaction in whatever form and whatever the applicable law, whether comprising one or more contracts or similar obligations made between the same or different parties; for this purpose 'contract' includes a bond, guarantee or indemnity, in particular a financial guarantee or financial indemnity, and credit, whether legally independent or not, as well as any related provision arising under, or in connection with, the transaction;
- (d) 'competent authorities' refers to the competent authorities of the Member States as identified on the websites listed in Annex I;
- (e) 'economic resources' means assets of every kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable, which are not funds but may be used to obtain funds, goods or service;

<sup>(10)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).

<sup>(11)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

- (f) 'financing or financial assistance' means any action, irrespective of the particular means chosen, whereby the person, entity or body concerned, conditionally or unconditionally, disburses or commits to disburse its own funds or economic resources, including but not limited to grants, loans, guarantees, suretyships, bonds, letters of credit, supplier credits, buyer credits, import or export advances and all types of insurance and reinsurance, including export credit insurance; payment as well as terms and conditions of payment of the agreed price for a good or a service, made in line with normal business practice, do not constitute financing or financial assistance;
- (g) 'freezing of economic resources' means preventing the use of economic resources to obtain funds, goods or services in any way, including, but not limited to, by selling, hiring or mortgaging them;
- (h) 'funds' means financial assets and benefit of every kind, including, but not limited to:
  - (i) cash, cheques, claims on money, drafts, money orders and other payment instruments;
  - (ii) deposits with financial institutions or other entities, balances on accounts, debts and debt obligations;
  - (iii) publicly and privately-traded securities and debt instruments, including stocks and shares, certificates representing securities, bonds, notes, warrants, debentures and derivatives contracts;
  - (iv) interest, dividends or other income on or value accruing from or generated by assets;
  - (v) credit, right of set-off, guarantees, performance bonds or other financial commitments;
  - (vi) letters of credit, bills of lading, bills of sale;
  - (vii) documents showing evidence of an interest in funds or financial resources;
- (i) 'freezing of funds' means preventing any movement, transfer, alteration, use of, access to, or dealing with funds in any way that would result in any change in their volume, amount, location, ownership, possession, character, destination or other change that would enable the funds to be used, including portfolio management;
- (j) 'technical assistance' means any technical support related to repairs, development, manufacture, assembly, testing, maintenance, or any other technical service, and may take forms such as instruction, advice, training, the transmission of working knowledge or skills or consulting services, including verbal forms of assistance;
- (k) 'territory of the Union' means the territories of the Member States to which the Treaty is applicable, under the conditions laid down in the Treaty, including their airspace.

## Article 2

1. It shall be prohibited to sell, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, goods and technology which might contribute to Iran's capability to manufacture Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) as listed in Annex II, whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran or for use in Iran.

The transit via the territory of Iran of the goods and technology, as referred to in the first subparagraph, exported from the Union, shall be prohibited.

2. It shall be prohibited:

- (a) to provide technical assistance, brokering services or other services related to goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of those goods and technology, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran, or for use in Iran;
- (b) to provide financing or financial assistance related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 for any sale, supply, transfer or export of those goods and technology, or for the provision of related technical assistance, brokering services or other services, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran, or for use in Iran;

- (c) to sell, license or transfer in any other way intellectual property rights or trade secrets as well as grant rights to access or re-use any material or information protected by means of intellectual property rights or which constitute trade secrets related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of those goods and technology, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran or for use in Iran.
3. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, and without prejudice to the authorisation requirement pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/821, where applicable, competent authorities may authorise the sale, supply, transfer, transit or export of the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 or the provision of related technical or financial assistance, for non-military use and for a non-military end-user, after having determined that such goods or technology or the related technical or financial assistance are necessary for:
- (a) medical or pharmaceutical purposes; or
- (b) humanitarian purposes, health emergencies, the urgent prevention or mitigation of an event likely to have a serious and significant impact on human health and safety or on the environment, or as a response to natural disasters.
4. Competent authorities may annul, suspend, modify or revoke an authorisation which they have granted pursuant to paragraph 3 if they deem that such annulment, suspension, modification or revocation is necessary for the effective implementation of this Regulation.
5. Authorisations required pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/821 for the export of goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted separately by the relevant competent authorities in accordance with the rules and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/821. Such authorisations shall be valid throughout the Union.
6. Communications of authorisations granted under Regulation (EU) 2021/821 shall follow the applicable procedure through the relevant channels referred to in Article 23 (6) of that Regulation (the 'DUES system').
7. The prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall not apply until 27 October 2023 to obligations arising from a contract concluded before 26 July 2023, or ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such a contract.

### *Article 3*

1. All funds and economic resources belonging to, or owned, held or controlled by natural or legal persons, entities or bodies responsible for, supporting or involved in Iran's UAV programme, as listed in Annex III, and by natural or legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them, as also listed in Annex III, shall be frozen.
2. No funds or economic resources shall be made available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of natural or legal persons, entities or bodies listed in Annex III.

### *Article 3a*

By way of derogation from Article 3, competent authorities may authorise the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources, or the making available of certain funds or economic resources, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, after having determined that the funds or economic resources concerned are:

- (a) necessary to satisfy the basic needs of the natural persons listed in Annex III and dependent family members of such natural persons, including payments for foodstuffs, rent or mortgage, medicines and medical treatment, taxes, insurance premiums, and public utility charges;
- (b) intended exclusively for the payment of reasonable professional fees and the reimbursement of incurred expenses associated with the provision of legal services;
- (c) intended exclusively for the payment of fees or service charges for the routine holding or maintenance of frozen funds or economic resources;

- (d) necessary for extraordinary expenses, provided that the competent authority has notified the competent authorities of the other Member States and the Commission of the grounds on which it considers that a specific authorisation should be granted, at least two weeks prior to the authorisation; or
- (e) to be paid into or from an account belonging to a diplomatic mission, or consular post or an international organisation enjoying immunities in accordance with international law, insofar as such payments are intended to be used for official purposes of the diplomatic mission, or consular post or international organisation.

#### *Article 3b*

By way of derogation from Article 3, competent authorities may authorise the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources, or the making available of certain funds or economic resources, provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) the funds or economic resources are the subject of an arbitral decision rendered prior to the date on which the natural or legal person, entity or body referred to in Article 3(1) was listed in Annex III, or of a judicial or administrative decision rendered in the Union, or a judicial decision enforceable in the Member State concerned, prior to or after that date;
- (b) the funds or economic resources will be used exclusively to satisfy claims secured by such a decision or recognised as valid in such a decision, within the limits set by applicable laws and regulations governing the rights of persons having such claims;
- (c) the decision is not for the benefit of a natural or legal person, entity or body listed in Annex III; and
- (d) recognition of the decision is not contrary to public policy in the Member State concerned.

#### *Article 3c*

By way of derogation from Article 3 and provided that a payment by a natural or legal person, entity or body listed in Annex III is due under a contract or agreement that was concluded by, or under an obligation that arose for the natural or legal person, entity or body concerned, before the date on which that natural or legal person, entity or body was included in Annex III, competent authorities may authorise, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources, provided that the competent authority concerned has determined that:

- (a) the funds or economic resources shall be used for a payment by a natural or legal person, entity or body listed in Annex III; and
- (b) the payment is not in breach of Article 3(2).

#### *Article 3d*

1. Article 3(2) shall not prevent the crediting of frozen accounts by financial or credit institutions that received funds transferred by third parties to the account of a listed natural or legal person, entity or body, provided that any additions to such accounts will also be frozen. The financial or credit institution shall inform the relevant competent authority of such transactions without delay.

2. Paragraph 1 of Article 3 shall not apply to the addition to frozen accounts of interest or other earnings on those accounts, payments due under contracts, agreements or obligations that were concluded or arose prior to the date on which those accounts became subject to the measures provided for in Article 3, or payments due under judicial, administrative or arbitral decisions rendered in the Union or enforceable in the Member State concerned, provided that any such interest, other earnings and payments remain subject to the measures provided for in that paragraph.

*Article 3e*

1. Article 3(2) shall not apply to funds or economic resources made available by organisations and agencies which are pillar-assessed by the Union and with which the Union has signed a financial framework partnership agreement on the basis of which the organisations and agencies act as humanitarian partners of the Union, provided that the provision of such funds or economic resources is necessary for exclusively humanitarian purposes in Iran.
2. In cases not covered by paragraph 1 of this Article, and by way of derogation from Article 3, the competent authorities may grant specific or general authorisations, under such general or specific conditions as they deem appropriate, to release certain frozen funds or economic resources or to make available certain funds or economic resources, provided that the provision of such funds or economic resources is necessary for exclusively humanitarian purposes in Iran.
3. In the absence of a negative decision, a request for information or a notification for additional time from the competent authority within five working days of the date of receipt of a request for authorisation under paragraph 2, the authorisation shall be considered granted.
4. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraphs 2 and 3 within two weeks of the granting of that authorisation.

*Article 4*

1. Natural persons responsible for, supporting or involved in Iran's UAV programme and natural persons associated with them, as listed in Annex III, shall be prevented from entering into, or transiting through, the territory of a Member State.
2. Paragraph 1 shall not oblige a Member State to refuse its own nationals entry into its territory.

*Article 5*

1. Natural and legal persons, entities and bodies shall:
  - (a) supply immediately any information which would facilitate compliance with this Regulation, such as information on accounts and the amounts frozen in accordance with Article 3(1), to the competent authority of the Member State where they are established or located, and transmit such information, directly or through the Member State, to the Commission; and
  - (b) cooperate with the competent authority in any verification of the information referred to in point (a).
2. The obligation in paragraph (1) shall apply subject to national rules regarding the confidentiality of information held by judicial authorities, and consistent with respect for the confidentiality of communications between lawyers and their clients guaranteed by Article 7 of the Charter of the Fundamental Rights of the European Union.
3. Any additional information received directly by the Commission shall be made available to the Member States.
4. Any information provided or received in accordance with this Article shall be used only for the purposes for which it was provided or received.

*Article 6*

1. The Commission and Member States shall inform each other of the measures taken under this Regulation and share any other relevant information at their disposal in connection with this Regulation, in particular information in respect of:
  - (a) funds frozen under Article 3 and authorisations granted under Articles 2, 3a, 3b and 3c; and
  - (b) infringements of the provisions of this Regulation, enforcement problems and judgments handed down by national courts.

2. The Member States shall immediately inform each other and the Commission of any other relevant information at their disposal which might affect the effective implementation of this Regulation.

#### *Article 7*

1. Where the Council decides to subject a natural or legal person, entity or body to the measures referred to in Article 3, it shall amend Annex III accordingly.
2. The Council shall communicate a decision pursuant to paragraph 1, including the grounds for the listing, to the natural or legal person, entity or body concerned, either directly, if the address is known, or through the publication of a notice, providing that natural or legal person, entity or body with an opportunity to submit observations.
3. Where observations are submitted, or where substantial new evidence is presented, the Council shall review the decision concerned and inform the natural or legal person, entity or body concerned accordingly.
4. The list in Annex III shall be reviewed at regular intervals and at least every 12 months.
5. The Commission shall be empowered to amend Annex I on the basis of information supplied by Member States.

#### *Article 8*

1. Annex III shall include the grounds for the listing of the natural and legal persons, entities and bodies therein.
2. Annex III shall contain, where available, the information necessary to identify the natural or legal persons, entities or bodies concerned. With regard to natural persons, such information may include names and aliases, date and place of birth, nationality, passport and identity card numbers, gender, address, if known; and function or profession. With regard to legal persons, entities or bodies, such information may include names, place and date of registration, registration number, and place of business.

#### *Article 9*

1. Member States shall lay down rules on the penalties applicable to infringements of the provisions of this Regulation and shall take all measures necessary to ensure that they are implemented. The penalties provided for must be effective, proportionate and dissuasive.
2. Member States shall notify the Commission of the laying down of the rules referred to in paragraph 1 without delay after the entry into force of this Regulation and shall subsequently notify it of any amendments thereto.

#### *Article 10*

1. The freezing of funds and economic resources or the refusal to make funds or economic resources available, carried out in good faith on the basis that such action is in accordance with this Regulation, shall not give rise to liability of any kind on the part of the natural or legal person or entity or body implementing it, or its directors or employees, unless it is proved that the funds and economic resources were frozen or withheld as a result of negligence.
2. Actions by natural or legal persons, entities or bodies shall not give rise to any liability of any kind on their part if they did not know, and had no reasonable cause to suspect, that their actions would infringe the measures set out in this Regulation.

#### *Article 11*

1. No claims in connection with any contract or transaction the performance of which has been affected, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the measures imposed under this Regulation, including claims for indemnity or any other claim of this type, such as a claim for compensation or a claim under a guarantee, in particular a claim for extension or payment of a bond, guarantee or indemnity, or a financial guarantee or financial indemnity, of whatever form, shall be satisfied, if they are made by:
  - (a) designated natural or legal persons, entities or bodies listed in Annex III;

- (b) any other Iranian person, entity or body;
  - (c) any natural or legal person, entity or body acting through or on behalf of one of the natural or legal persons, entities or bodies referred to in points (a) and (b).
2. In any proceedings for the enforcement of a claim, the onus of proving that the satisfying of the claim is not prohibited by paragraph 1 shall be on the natural or legal person, entity or body seeking the enforcement of that claim.
3. This Article is without prejudice to the right of the natural or legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in paragraph 1 to seek judicial review of the legality of the non-performance of contractual obligations in accordance with this Regulation.

#### Article 12

1. It shall be prohibited to participate, knowingly or intentionally, in activities the object or effect of which is to circumvent the prohibitions set out in this Regulation.
2. Natural or legal persons, entities or bodies listed in Annex III, shall:
- (a) report within six weeks from the date of listing in Annex III funds or economic resources within the jurisdiction of a Member State belonging to, owned, held or controlled by them, to the competent authorities of the Member State in which those funds or economic resources are located; and
  - (b) cooperate with the competent authorities concerned in the verification of such information.
3. Failure to comply with paragraph 2 shall be considered as participation, as referred to in paragraph 1, in activities the object or effect of which is to circumvent the measures referred to in Article 3.
4. The Member State concerned shall inform the Commission within two weeks of the reporting of information pursuant to paragraph 2(a).
5. Any information provided or received in accordance with this Article shall be used only for the purposes for which it was provided or received.
6. Any processing of personal data pursuant to this Article shall be carried out in accordance with this Regulation and Regulations (EU) 2016/679 and (EU) 2018/1725 and only insofar as is necessary for the application of this Regulation.

#### Article 13

1. The Council, the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative') shall process personal data in order to carry out their tasks under this Regulation. These tasks shall include:
- (a) as regards the Council, preparing and making amendments to Annex III;
  - (b) as regards the High Representative, preparing amendments to Annex III;
  - (c) as regards the Commission:
    - (i) adding the contents of Annex III to the electronic, consolidated list of persons, groups and entities subject to Union financial sanctions and to the interactive sanctions map, both of which are publicly available;
    - (ii) processing information on the impact of the measures provided for in this Regulation, such as the value of frozen funds and information on authorisations granted by the competent authorities.
2. The Council, the Commission and the High Representative may process, where applicable, relevant data relating to criminal offences committed by listed natural persons, to criminal convictions of such persons or to security measures concerning such persons only to the extent that such processing is necessary for the preparation of Annex III.

3. For the purposes of this Regulation, the Council, the Commission and the High Representative are designated as 'controller' within the meaning of point (8) of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 in order to ensure that the natural persons concerned can exercise their rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

#### Article 14

1. Member States shall designate the competent authorities referred to in this Regulation and identify them on the websites listed in Annex I. Member States shall notify the Commission of any changes in the addresses of their websites as listed in Annex I.

2. Member States shall notify the Commission of the designation of their competent authorities, including the contact details of those competent authorities, without delay after the entry into force of this Regulation, and shall subsequently notify it of any change of designation.

3. Where this Regulation sets out a requirement to notify, inform or otherwise communicate with the Commission, the address and other contact details to be used for such communication shall be those indicated in Annex I.

#### Article 15

Any information provided to or received by the Commission in accordance with this Regulation shall be used by the Commission only for the purposes for which it was provided or received.

#### Article 16

This Regulation shall apply:

- (a) within the territory of the Union, including its airspace;
- (b) on board any aircraft or vessel under the jurisdiction of a Member State;
- (c) to any natural person inside or outside the territory of the Union who is a national of a Member State;
- (d) to any legal person, entity or body, inside or outside the territory of the Union, which is incorporated or constituted under the law of a Member State;
- (e) to any legal person, entity or body in respect of any business done in whole or in part within the Union.

#### Article 17

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2023.

*For the Council*

*The President*

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

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## ANNEX I

**Websites for information on competent authorities and the address for notifications to the Commission**

## BELGIUM

[https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/policy/policy\\_areas/peace\\_and\\_security/sanctions](https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/policy/policy_areas/peace_and_security/sanctions)

## BULGARIA

<https://www.mfa.bg/en/EU-sanctions>

## CZECHIA

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## ANNEX II

**List of items referred to in Article 2**

## Category 1 – Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

| Description                                                                | CN code                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Unmanned aerial vehicles other than those designed for carrying passengers | 8806.91<br>8806.92<br>8806.93<br>8806.94<br>8806.99 |

## Category 2 – Propulsion and navigation items

| Description                                                                                                         | CN code                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aero gas turbine engines (turboprop, turbojet and turbofan) for aircraft, and specially designed components thereof | ex 8411.11<br>ex 8411.12<br>ex 8411.21<br>ex 8411.22<br>ex 8411.91 |
| Spark-ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines for aircraft                              | 8407.10                                                            |
| Parts suitable for use solely or principally with internal combustion piston engine for aircraft                    | 8409.10                                                            |
| Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines for aircraft                                                | ex 8408.90                                                         |
| Inertial Navigation systems, Inertial Measuring Units (IMU), accelerometers or gyros                                | 9014.20                                                            |
| Radars for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and specially designed components thereof                                       | ex 8526.10<br>ex 8529.90                                           |
| Radio navigational aid apparatus for aircraft and specially designed components thereof                             | ex 8526.91<br>ex 8529.90                                           |
| Flight control unit for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)                                                               | ex 8807.30                                                         |
| Remote control unit for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)                                                              | ex 8807.30                                                         |

## Category 3 – Electronic components and devices

| Description                                                                                                                               | CN code                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Integrated circuits as follows: Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA), microcontroller, microprocessor, signal processor, signal analyser. | ex 8542.31<br>ex 8542.39 |
| MMIC amplifier                                                                                                                            | ex 8542.33               |
| RF filter or Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) filter, suitable for aircraft                                                             | ex 8548.00               |
| Night vision camera                                                                                                                       | 8525.83                  |
| Camera (visible or thermal) specially designed for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles                                                               | ex 8525.89               |

| Description                     | CN code                                                            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Camera for aerial survey        | ex 9006.30                                                         |
| Thermal sensor for UAVs cameras | ex 8529.90<br>ex 9013.80<br>ex 9025.80<br>ex 9026.90<br>ex 9027.50 |

Category 4 – Other Items

‘Satellite navigation system’ equipment, including Aerials and Antennas suitable for the reception of GNSS signals

Airborne laser rangefinder

LIDAR systems

Technology, designed or specifically adapted for the test, development or production of equipment listed above.

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*ANNEX III***List of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Article 3**

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## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1530

of 6 July 2023

**approving *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* extract from open and mature flowers of *Tanacetum cinerariifolium* obtained with hydrocarbon solvents as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 18 in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 89(1), third subparagraph, thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014 <sup>(2)</sup> establishes a list of existing active substances to be evaluated for their possible approval for use in biocidal products. That list includes *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* extract from open and mature flowers of *Tanacetum cinerariifolium* obtained with hydrocarbon solvents.
- (2) *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* extract from open and mature flowers of *Tanacetum cinerariifolium* obtained with hydrocarbon solvents has been evaluated for use in biocidal products of product-type 18, insecticides, acaricides and products to control other arthropods, as described in Annex V to Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(3)</sup>, which corresponds to product-type 18 as described in Annex V to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.
- (3) Spain was designated as the rapporteur Member State and its evaluating competent authority submitted the assessment report together with its conclusions to the Commission on 1 September 2010. After the submission of the assessment report, discussions took place in technical meetings organised by the Commission and, after 1 September 2013, by the European Chemicals Agency ('the Agency').
- (4) It follows from Article 90(2) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 that substances for which the Member States' evaluation has been completed by 1 September 2013 should be assessed in accordance with the provisions of Directive 98/8/EC.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014 of 4 August 2014 on the work programme for the systematic examination of all existing active substances contained in biocidal products referred to in Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 294, 10.10.2014, p. 1).

<sup>(3)</sup> Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market (OJ L 123, 24.4.1998, p. 1).

- (5) In accordance with Article 75(1), second subparagraph, point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, the Biocidal Products Committee prepares the opinion of the Agency regarding the applications for approval of active substances. In accordance with Article 7(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014, the Biocidal Products Committee adopted the opinion of the Agency <sup>(4)</sup> on 22 November 2022, having regard to the conclusions of the evaluating competent authority.
- (6) In the opinion, the Agency concludes that biocidal products of product-type 18 containing *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* extract from open and mature flowers of *Tanacetum cinerariifolium* obtained with hydrocarbon solvents may be expected to satisfy the requirements laid down in Article 5(1), points (b), (c) and (d) of Directive 98/8/EC, provided that certain conditions concerning their use are complied with.
- (7) Taking into account the opinion of the Agency, it is appropriate to approve *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* extract from open and mature flowers of *Tanacetum cinerariifolium* obtained with hydrocarbon solvents as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 18 subject to compliance with certain conditions.
- (8) A reasonable period should be allowed to elapse before an active substance is approved in order to permit interested parties to take the preparatory measures necessary to meet the new requirements.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Biocidal Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

*Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* extract from open and mature flowers of *Tanacetum cinerariifolium* obtained with hydrocarbon solvents is approved as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 18 subject to the conditions set out in the Annex.

#### Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 July 2023.

For the Commission  
The President  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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<sup>(4)</sup> Biocidal Products Committee Opinion on the application for approval of the active substance *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium*, extract from open and mature flowers of *Tanacetum cinerariifolium* obtained with hydrocarbon solvents; Product-type 18; ECHA/BPC/365/2022, adopted on 22 November 2022.

## ANNEX

| Common Name                                                             | IUPAC Name<br>Identification Numbers                                                                                                                                                        | Minimum degree of<br>purity of the active<br>substance <sup>(1)</sup> | Date of approval | Expiry date of<br>approval | Product-<br>type | Specific conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium</i> extract from hydrocarbon solvents | <i>Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium</i> extract from open and mature flowers of <i>Tanacetum cinerariifolium</i> obtained with hydrocarbon solvents<br>EC No: 289-699-3<br>CAS No: 89997-63-7 | 100 % w/w                                                             | 1 February 2025  | 31 January 2035            | 18               | The authorisation of biocidal products is subject to the following conditions:<br><br>(1) the product assessment shall pay particular attention to the exposures, the risks and the efficacy linked to any uses covered by an application for authorisation, but not addressed in the Union-level risk assessment of the active substance;<br><br>(2) the product assessment shall pay particular attention to:<br>i. professional users and general public;<br>ii. surface water and sediment for products applied via large-scale spraying outdoors;<br><br>(3) for products that may lead to residues in food or feed, it shall be assessed whether new maximum residue levels (MRLs) need to be set or the existing MRLs need to be amended in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup> or Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(3)</sup> , and any appropriate risk mitigation measures shall be taken to ensure that such MRLs are not exceeded. |

<sup>(1)</sup> The purity indicated in this column was the minimum degree of purity of the active substance evaluated. The active substance in the product placed on the market can be of equal or different purity if it has been proven to be technically equivalent to the evaluated active substance.

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and amending Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 152, 16.6.2009, p. 11).

<sup>(3)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC (OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1).

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1531****of 18 July 2023****entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Българско кисело мляко/Bulgarsko kiselo mlyako' (PDO))**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, Bulgaria's application to register the name 'Българско кисело мляко/Bulgarsko kiselo mlyako' was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (2) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the name 'Българско кисело мляко/Bulgarsko kiselo mlyako' should therefore be entered in the register,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The name 'Българско кисело мляко/Bulgarsko kiselo mlyako' (PDO) is hereby entered in the register.

The name specified in the first paragraph denotes a product in Class 1.4 – Other products of animal origin (eggs, honey, various dairy products except butter, etc.), as listed in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 <sup>(3)</sup>.*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 July 2023.

For the Commission,  
On behalf of the President,  
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI  
Member of the Commission

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 123, 5.4.2023, p. 32.

<sup>(3)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 of 13 June 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 179, 19.6.2014, p. 36).

# DECISIONS

## COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1532

of 20 July 2023

**concerning restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 July 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/512/CFSP <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) Decision 2014/512/CFSP prohibits the sale, supply, transfer or export of dual-use goods and technology to any person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia. The goods and technology concerned are listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2021/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (3) Decision 2014/512/CFSP also prohibits the sale, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, of goods and technology which might contribute to Russia's military and technological enhancement, or to the development of its defence and security sector, whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia. The goods and technology concerned are listed in Annex VII to Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (4) Decision 2014/512/CFSP also prohibits the sale, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, of goods and technology suited for use in aviation or the space industry, whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia. The goods and technology concerned are listed in Annex XI to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014.
- (5) Decision 2014/512/CFSP also prohibits the sale, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, of goods which could contribute, in particular, to the enhancement of Russia's industrial capacities to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia. The goods and technology concerned are listed in Annex XXIII to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014.
- (6) On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/145/CFSP <sup>(4)</sup>.
- (7) On 20 October 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1986 <sup>(5)</sup> adding three Iranian individuals and one Iranian entity to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures under Decision 2014/145/CFSP in view of their role in the development and delivery of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) used by Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine.

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 13).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items (OJ L 206, 11.6.2021, p. 1).

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 1).

<sup>(4)</sup> Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16).

<sup>(5)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1986 of 20 October 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 272I, 20.10.2022, p. 5).

- (8) On 20 and 21 October 2022, the European Council adopted Conclusions strongly condemning the military support to Russia's war of aggression provided by the Iranian authorities, which must stop. In this regard, the European Council welcomed the sanctions adopted by the Council on 20 October 2022.
- (9) On 12 December 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/2432 <sup>(6)</sup> adding four Iranian individuals and four Iranian entities to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures under Decision 2014/145/CFSP, in view of their role in the development and delivery of UAVs used by Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine.
- (10) On 12 December 2022, the Council approved Conclusions in which it strongly condemned and considered unacceptable any type of military support by Iran, including deliveries of UAVs, to Russia's illegal, unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine, which grossly violates international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The weapons provided by Iran are being used indiscriminately by Russia against Ukraine's civilian population and infrastructure, causing horrendous destruction and human suffering. In this context, the Council recalled that any transfer of certain combat drones and missiles to or from Iran, without prior permission of the UN Security Council, are in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015).
- (11) The Council noted with great concern reports of Iranian weapons, including drones, being manufactured with components of international origin, including from Europe, and noted that it was considering the appropriate measures to take. The Council strongly cautioned Iran against any new deliveries of weapons to Russia, in particular against the taking of any steps towards possible transfers of short-range ballistic missiles to Russia, which would constitute a serious escalation. The Council noted that the Union would continue to respond to all actions supporting the Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and hold Iran accountable, including through additional restrictive measures.
- (12) In its Conclusions of 15 December 2022, the European Council reiterated its condemnation of the military support to Russia's war of aggression provided by the Iranian authorities, which must stop.
- (13) On 25 February 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/432 <sup>(7)</sup> adding four Iranian individuals to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures under Decision 2014/145/CFSP in view of their role in the development and delivery of UAVs used by Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine.
- (14) In its Conclusions of 23 March 2023 and 29 and 30 June 2023, the European Council condemned the continued military support for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine provided by Iran.
- (15) Russia is using Iran-produced UAVs in support of its war of aggression, which violates the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, including against civilians and civilian infrastructure. The Iranian State-sponsored programme for the development and production of UAVs therefore contributes to violations of the UN Charter and of fundamental principles of international law. This programme is run by the Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics of Iran and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, which are both sanctioned by the European Union, and includes the procurement, development, production and transfer of UAVs, notably to Russia. It is based on State-owned as well as private companies and benefits from domestic research capabilities.
- (16) In view of the gravity of the situation, it is appropriate to adopt a framework of restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, through the Iranian State-sponsored programme for the development and production of UAVs, and in full complementarity with other restrictive measures of the Union.

<sup>(6)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/2432 of 12 December 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 318I, 12.12.2022, p. 32).

<sup>(7)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/432 of 25 February 2023 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 59I, 25.2.2023, p.437).

- (17) In particular, it is appropriate to prohibit the export from the Union to Iran of components used in the development and production of UAVs.
- (18) It is also appropriate to prohibit the sales, licensing or transfer in any other way of intellectual property rights or trade secrets as well as the granting of rights to access or re-use any material or information protected by means of intellectual property rights or which constitute trade secrets related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of those goods and technology, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran or for use in Iran.
- (19) Furthermore, travel restrictions and asset freeze measures should be imposed against persons responsible for, supporting or involved in Iran's UAV programme.
- (20) Further action by the Union is needed in order to implement certain measures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

- 1. It shall be prohibited to sell, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, goods and technology which might contribute to Iran's capability to manufacture Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran or for use in Iran.
- 2. It shall be prohibited:
  - (a) to provide technical assistance, brokering services or other services related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of those goods and technology, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran, or for use in Iran;
  - (b) to provide financing or financial assistance related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 for any sale, supply, transfer or export of those goods and technology, or for the provision of related technical assistance, brokering services or other services, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran, or for use in Iran.
  - (c) to sell, license or transfer in any other way intellectual property rights or trade secrets as well as grant rights to access or re-use any material or information protected by means of intellectual property rights or constituting trade secrets related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of those goods and technology, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Iran or for use in Iran.
- 3. The Union shall take the necessary measures in order to determine the relevant items to be covered by this Article.

#### *Article 2*

- 1. Member States shall take the necessary measures to prevent the entry into, or transit through, their territories of natural persons responsible for, supporting or involved in Iran's UAV programme, as listed in the Annex, and natural persons associated with them, as also listed in the Annex.
- 2. Paragraph 1 shall not oblige a Member State to refuse its own nationals entry into its territory.
- 3. Paragraph 1 shall be without prejudice to cases where a Member State is bound by an obligation of international law, namely:
  - (a) as a host country to an international intergovernmental organisation;
  - (b) as a host country to an international conference convened by, or under the auspices of the United Nations;
  - (c) under a multilateral agreement conferring privileges and immunities; or
  - (d) under the 1929 Treaty of Conciliation (Lateran pact) concluded by the Holy See (State of the Vatican City) and Italy.

4. Paragraph 3 shall also apply in cases where a Member State is host country to the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).
5. The Council shall be duly informed in all cases where a Member State grants an exemption pursuant to paragraph 3 or 4.
6. Member States may grant exemptions from the measures imposed under paragraph 1 where travel is justified on grounds of urgent humanitarian need, or on grounds of attendance at intergovernmental meetings, or those promoted or hosted by the Union or by a Member State holding the Chairmanship in office of the OSCE where a political dialogue is conducted that directly promotes the policy objectives of the restrictive measures, including support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.
7. A Member State wishing to grant an exemption pursuant to paragraph 6 shall notify the Council in writing. The exemption shall be deemed to be granted unless one or more of the Council members raises an objection in writing within two working days of receiving the notification of the proposed exemption. Where one or more of the Council members raise an objection, the Council, acting by qualified majority, may decide to grant the proposed exemption.
8. Where, pursuant to paragraph 3, 4, 6 or 7, a Member State authorises the entry into, or transit through, its territory of a person listed in the Annex, the authorisation shall be limited to the purpose for which it is given to the person concerned.

### Article 3

1. All funds and economic resources belonging to, or owned, held or controlled by natural or legal persons, entities or bodies responsible for, supporting or involved in Iran's UAV's programme, and by natural or legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them, as listed in the Annex, shall be frozen.
2. No funds or economic resources shall be made available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of natural or legal persons, entities or bodies listed in the Annex.
3. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2, the competent authority of a Member State may authorise the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources, or the making available of certain funds or economic resources, under such conditions as it deems appropriate, after having determined that the funds or economic resources concerned are:
  - (a) necessary to satisfy the basic needs of the natural persons listed in the Annex and dependent family members of such natural persons, including payments for foodstuffs, rent or mortgage, medicines and medical treatment, taxes, insurance premiums, and public utility charges;
  - (b) intended exclusively for the payment of reasonable professional fees and the reimbursement of incurred expenses associated with the provision of legal services;
  - (c) intended exclusively for the payment of fees or service charges for the routine holding or maintenance of frozen funds or economic resources;
  - (d) necessary for extraordinary expenses, provided that the competent authority has notified the competent authorities of the other Member States and the Commission of the grounds on which it considers that a specific authorisation should be granted, at least two weeks prior to the authorisation; or
  - (e) to be paid into or from an account belonging to a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation enjoying immunities in accordance with international law, insofar as such payments are intended to be used for official purposes of the diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under this paragraph within two weeks of that authorisation.

4. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authorities of a Member States may authorise the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources, or the making available of certain funds or economic resources, provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) the funds or economic resources are the subject of an arbitral decision rendered prior to the date on which the natural or legal person, entity or body referred to in paragraph 1 was listed in the Annex, or of a judicial or administrative decision rendered in the Union, or a judicial decision enforceable in the Member State concerned, prior to or after that date;
- (b) the funds or economic resources will be used exclusively to satisfy claims secured by such a decision or recognised as valid in such a decision, within the limits set by applicable laws and regulations governing the rights of persons having such claims;
- (c) the decision is not for the benefit of a natural or legal person, entity or body listed in the Annex; and
- (d) recognition of the decision is not contrary to public policy in the Member State concerned.

The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under this paragraph within two weeks of that authorisation.

5. Paragraph 1 shall not prevent a natural or legal person, entity or body listed in the Annex from making a payment due under a contract or agreement entered into, or an obligation that arose, prior to the date on which such natural or legal person, entity or body was listed therein, provided that the Member State concerned has determined that the payment is not, directly or indirectly, received by a natural or legal person, entity or body referred to in paragraph 1.

6. Paragraph 2 shall not apply to the addition to frozen accounts of:

- (a) interest or other earnings on those accounts;
- (b) payments due under contracts, agreements or obligations that were concluded or arose prior to the date on which those accounts became subject to the measures provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2; or
- (c) payments due under judicial, administrative or arbitral decisions rendered in the Union or enforceable in the Member State concerned;

provided that any such interest, other earnings and payments remain subject to the measures provided for in paragraph 1.

7. The prohibition set out in paragraph 2 shall not apply to organisations and agencies which are pillar-assessed by the Union and with which the Union has signed a financial framework partnership agreement on the basis of which the organisations and agencies act as humanitarian partners of the Union, provided that the provision of the funds or economic resources referred to in paragraph 2 is necessary for exclusively humanitarian purposes in Iran.

8. In cases not covered by paragraph 7, and by way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2, the competent authorities of a Member State may grant specific or general authorisations, under such general or specific conditions as they deem appropriate, to release certain frozen funds or economic resources or to make available certain funds or economic resources, provided that the provision of such funds or economic resources is necessary for exclusively humanitarian purposes in Iran.

9. The prohibitions in Article 3(1) and (2) shall not apply until 27 October 2023 to obligations arising from a contract concluded before 26 July 2023, or ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such a contract.

#### Article 4

1. The Council, acting by unanimity upon a proposal from a Member State or from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative'), shall establish and amend the list in the Annex.

2. The Council shall communicate a decision pursuant to in paragraph 1, including the grounds for the listing, to the natural or legal person, entity or body concerned, either directly, if the address is known, or through the publication of a notice, providing such natural or legal person, entity or body with an opportunity to submit observations.

3. Where observations are submitted, or where substantial new evidence is presented, the Council shall review the decision concerned and inform the natural or legal person, entity or body concerned accordingly.

#### *Article 5*

1. The Annex shall include the grounds for listing the natural or legal persons, entities or bodies referred to in Articles 2 and 3.

2. The Annex shall also contain, where available, the information necessary to identify the natural or legal persons, entities or bodies concerned. With regard to natural persons, such information may include names and aliases, date and place of birth, nationality, passport and identity card numbers, gender, address, if known; and function or profession. With regard to legal persons, entities or bodies, such information may include names, place and date of registration, registration number and place of business.

#### *Article 6*

1. The Council and the High Representative shall process personal data in order to carry out their tasks under this Decision, in particular:

- (a) as regards the Council, for preparing and making amendments to the Annex;
- (b) as regards the High Representative, for preparing amendments to the Annex.

2. The Council and the High Representative may process, where applicable, relevant data relating to criminal offences committed by listed natural persons, and to criminal convictions or security measures concerning such persons, only to the extent that such processing is necessary for the preparation of the Annex.

3. For the purposes of this Decision, the Council and the High Representative are designated as 'controller' within the meaning of point (8) of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 <sup>(8)</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council, in order to ensure that the natural persons concerned can exercise their rights under that Regulation.

#### *Article 7*

No claims in connection with any contract or transaction the performance of which has been affected, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the measures imposed under this Decision, including claims for indemnity or any other claim of this type, such as a claim for compensation or a claim under a guarantee, in particular a claim for extension or payment of a bond, guarantee or indemnity, in particular a financial guarantee or financial indemnity, of whatever form, shall be satisfied, if they are made by:

- (a) designated natural or legal persons, entities or bodies listed in the Annex;
- (b) any natural or legal person, entity or body acting through or on behalf of one of the natural or legal persons, entities or bodies referred to in point (a).

<sup>(8)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (Text with EEA relevance.) (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

*Article 8*

It shall be prohibited to participate, knowingly or intentionally, in activities the object or effect of which is to circumvent the prohibitions set out in this Decision.

*Article 9*

In order to maximise the impact of the measures set out in this Decision, the Union shall encourage third States to adopt restrictive measures similar to those provided for in this Decision.

*Article 10*

This Decision shall apply until 27 July 2024 and shall be kept under constant review. It shall be renewed, or amended as appropriate, if the Council deems that its objectives have not been met.

The exemption referred to in Article 3(7) in respect of Article 3(2) shall be reviewed at regular intervals and at least every 12 months.

*Article 11*

This Decision shall enter into force on the on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2023.

*For the Council*

*The President*

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

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*ANNEX***List of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Article 3**

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**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2023/1533****of 24 July 2023****on the recognition of the requirements of the Ecoprofit environmental management system as complying with the corresponding requirements of the eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS) in accordance with Article 45 of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS), repealing Regulation (EC) No 761/2001 and Commission Decisions 2001/681/EC and 2006/193/EC <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 45(4) thereof,

After consulting the Committee established by Article 49 of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009,

Whereas:

- (1) Austria sent a written request in accordance with Article 45(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 for recognition of the ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) environmental management system to the Commission on 9 May 2022. Austria subsequently sent additional information to provide the Commission with the necessary evidence to assess the equivalence of the relevant parts of the Ecoprofit environmental management system with the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (2) Based on Austria's request, the Commission assessed the equivalence of the following parts of the ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) environmental management system with the corresponding requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009: (i) the commitment of top management; (ii) the management review; (iii) the establishment of an environmental review; (iv) the establishment of an environmental policy; (v) the ensuring of legal compliance; (vi) the objectives and environmental programme established to ensure continuous improvement; (vii) the organisational structure (roles and responsibilities), and the training and employee involvement; (viii) the documentation requirements; (ix) operational control; (x) emergency preparedness and response; (xi) internal audit and corrective action; (xii) communication (internal and external); (xiii) accreditation or licensing requirements for the certification bodies.
- (3) Considering top management responsibilities' and involvement in every step of the ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) programme, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Commitment of the top management' should be recognised as equivalent with the requirements set out in parts A.5.1, A.5.2, and B.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (4) Considering the lack of management review or documentation of the management assessment in the ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) programme, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Management Review' should not be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in part A.9.3 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (5) Considering that, within the ECOPROFIT programme, the main environmental aspects are identified and analysed as part of the initial consultation (first environmental audit) but that the programme does not take the indirect environmental aspects sufficiently in account and that not all EMAS relevant elements are considered and documented, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) 'Establishment of an environmental review' should only partly be recognised as equivalent with the requirements set out in Annex I to, and part A.6.1. of Annex II to, the Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009. Specifically, the following parts of the ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) 'Establishment of

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 342, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

an environmental review' should be recognised as equivalent: (i) determination of the organisational context; (ii) identification of the interested parties and determination of their relevant needs and expectations; (iii) identification of the applicable legal requirements relating to the environment; (iv) evaluation of feedback from the investigation of previous incidents; (v) determination and documentation of risk and opportunities; (vi) examination of existing processes, practices and procedures. However, (vii) identification of all direct and indirect environmental aspects; and (viii) assessment of the significance of the environmental aspects should not be recognised as equivalent.

- (6) Considering that, in ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT), top management sets and publishes the environmental policy and guidelines laying down principles and defining a framework for setting environmental objectives, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Establishment of an environmental policy' should be recognised as equivalent with the requirements set out in part A.5.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (7) Considering that ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) system requires organisations to provide the necessary material or documentary evidence showing that it complies with all applicable legal requirements relating to the environment, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Ensuring legal compliance' should be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in Article 4(4) of, parts A.6.1.3 and B.4 of Annex II to, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (8) Considering that in ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) follow-up programme, the organisation has the opportunity to continually improve the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the ECOPROFIT system to enhance environmental performance and that the continuous improvement of the environmental performance is audited each year by experts from the ECOPROFIT commission, the part of ECOPROFIT related to 'Objectives and environmental programme established to ensure continuous improvement' should be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in part A.10.3 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009, Article 1 of, and part B.1 of Annex II to, that Regulation and in Article 18(2), point (c), of, and Article 18(7), point (b), of that Regulation.
- (9) Considering in the ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) programme the ECOPROFIT manager is appointed by the top management and is responsible for the correct implementation of the ECOPROFIT system, that the ECOPROFIT managers participate in regular trainings and workshops with respect to the environmental performance of the organisations and that all employees of the organisation at all levels are involved and can actively participate in the scheme, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Organisational structure, training and employee involvement' should be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in part A.5.3 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009, and part A.7.2 of Annex II to, that Regulation and Article 1 of, and part B.6 of Annex II to, that Regulation.
- (10) Considering the ECOPROFIT environmental report includes documentation on environmental objectives, the organisation's environmental aspects and a list of the implemented measures but the criteria used in the assessment of the significance of an organisation's environmental aspects are not documented, nor the indirect environmental aspects, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Documentation requirements' should not be recognised as aligned to the requirements set out in Article 20 of, and parts A.4.4, A.6.2.1 and A.7.5 of Annex II to, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (11) Considering that operational planning and control are not or are only partially addressed by ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT), the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT), related to 'Operational control' should not be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in part A.6.1 and 6.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (12) Considering that emergency preparedness and response is not or only partially addressed by ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT), the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Emergency preparedness and response' should not be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in part A.8.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (13) Considering that independent internal review of the ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) programme does not fully cover the evaluation of the environmental performance of the organisation or the performance of the environmental management system, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Internal audit and corrective action' should not be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in Article 4(1), points (b) and (c), of, Article 6(2), point (a), of, Article 9 of, parts A.9.2, A.10.2 of Annex II to, and Annex III to, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.

- (14) Considering that the ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) programme does not require companies to publish information on environmental aspects or core indicators of their systems externally, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Communication (internal and external)' should not be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in parts A.7.4 and B.7 of Annex II to, and Annex IV to, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009.
- (15) Considering that the verification of an ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) organisation is not carried out by an environmental verifier, the part of ECOPROFIT (ÖKOPROFIT) related to 'Accreditation or licensing requirements for the certification bodies' should not be recognised as equivalent to the requirements set out in Article 4(5) of, Articles 6, 7, 18 to 27 of, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Commission recognises the parts of the Ecoprofit scheme that are specified in the Annex to this Decision as complying with the corresponding requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 ('EMAS requirements').

*Article 2*

Any change to the Ecoprofit scheme that affects this Decision shall be reported to the Commission, at least on a yearly basis.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 2023.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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## ANNEX

| Assessment summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |                |
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| Requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Equivalent | Not equivalent |
| <b>1. Commitment of top management</b><br>(parts A.5.1, A.5.2, and B.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                                                                                    | X          |                |
| <b>2. Management review</b><br>(part A.9.3 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                                                                                                                |            | X              |
| <b>3. Establishment of an environmental review</b><br>(Annex I, and in part A.6.1. of Annex II, to the Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                                                                   |            |                |
| (1) determination of the organisational context                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | X          |                |
| (2) identification of the interested parties and determination of their relevant needs and expectations                                                                                                                                                                | X          |                |
| (3) identification of the applicable legal requirements relating to the environment                                                                                                                                                                                    | X          |                |
| (4) evaluation of feedback from the investigation of previous incidents                                                                                                                                                                                                | X          |                |
| (5) determination and documentation of risk and opportunities                                                                                                                                                                                                          | X          |                |
| (6) examination of existing processes, practices and procedures                                                                                                                                                                                                        | X          |                |
| (7) identification of all direct and indirect environmental aspects                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            | X              |
| (8) assessment of the significance of the environmental aspects                                                                                                                                                                                                        |            | X              |
| <b>4. Establishment of an environmental policy</b><br>(part A.5.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                                                                                         | X          |                |
| <b>5. Ensuring of legal compliance <sup>(1)</sup></b><br>(Article 4(4) of, parts A.6.1.3 and B.4 of Annex II to, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                                                         | X          |                |
| <b>6. Objectives and environmental programme established to ensure continuous improvement</b><br>(part A.10.3 of Annex II to, Article 1 of, part B.1 of Annex II to, and Article 18(2), point (c), of, and Article 18(7), point (b), of, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009) | X          |                |
| <b>7. Organisational structure, training and employee involvement</b><br>(part A.5.3 of Annex II to, part A.7.2 of Annex II to, and Article 1 of, and part B.6 of Annex II, to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                           | X          |                |
| <b>8. Documentation requirements</b><br>(Article 20 of, and parts A.4.4, A.6.2.1 and A.7.5 of Annex II to, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                                                               |            | X              |
| <b>9. Operational control</b><br>(part A.6.1 and 6.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                                                                                                      |            | X              |

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| 10. <b>Emergency preparedness and response</b><br>(part A.8.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                                               |  | X |
| 11. <b>Internal audit and corrective action</b><br>(Article 4(1), points (b) and (c), of, Article 6(2), point (a), of, Article 9 of, parts A.9.2, A.10.2 of Annex II to, and Annex III to, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009) |  | X |
| 12. <b>Communication (internal and external)</b><br>(Parts A.7.4 and B.7 of Annex II to, and Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                                   |  | X |
| 13. <b>Accreditation or licensing requirements for certification bodies</b><br>(Articles 4(5), Articles 6, 7, 18 to 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009)                                                                  |  | X |

(<sup>1</sup>) This criterion refers to existing internal procedures to identify, document and ensure legal compliance. However, it does not refer to the assessment of legal compliance by a third-party verifier which is covered under point 13 of this assessment.

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2023/1534****of 24 July 2023****selecting the entities forming the initial network of European Digital Innovation Hubs in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/694 of the European Parliament and of the Council****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/694 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 establishing the Digital Europe Programme and repealing Decision (EU) 2015/2240 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 16(3), first paragraph, and Article 23(2),

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 16(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/694, the Commission is to select the entities forming an initial network of European Digital Innovation Hubs.
- (2) In order to select the European Digital Innovation Hubs forming the initial network based on the list of candidate entities designated by Member States, the Commission opened two calls for proposals and evaluated the submitted proposals with the support of an independent board of experts. The first call (DIGITAL-2021-EDIH-01-INITIAL) opened on 17 November 2021 and closed on 22 February 2022 and the second call (DIGITAL-2022-EDIH-03) opened on 29 September 2022 and closed on 16 November 2022. In both evaluations, the Commission took the utmost account of the opinion of each Member State before selecting European Digital Innovation Hubs in the territory of that Member State.
- (3) The Commission retained 136 proposals from the first call and 15 proposals from the second call.
- (4) In order to enable a Member State to finance more European Digital Innovation Hubs in its territory, European Digital Innovation Hubs which have successfully passed all evaluation thresholds, but which could not be funded due to a lack of budget available for the relevant calls in the work programme, should be awarded the Seal of Excellence in accordance with Article 23(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/694.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Digital Europe Programme Coordination Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The European Digital Innovation Hubs forming the initial network thereof are selected, as set out in Annexes I and II.

*Article 2*

The entities retained for funding by the Digital Europe Programme are listed in Annex I.

The entities awarded the Seal of Excellence are listed in Annex II.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 166, 11.5.2021, p. 1.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 2023.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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## ANNEX I

**List of European Digital Innovation Hubs retained for funding by the Digital Europe Programme**

| Grant Agreement number | Acronym           | Country  | Proposal title                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 101083458              | EDIH innovATE     | Austria  | EDIH innovATE – The European Digital Innovation Hub for Agrifood, Timber and Energy                                                                                                                     |
| 101083942              | Crowd in Motion   | Austria  | EDIH for crowd technology and AI for motion data analytics: Use of internet of Things, FabLabs and access to finance for the green and digital transformation of the alpine tourism and sports industry |
| 101083472              | AI5production     | Austria  | AI driven digital transformation of SMEs – towards Industry 5.0 production processes                                                                                                                    |
| 101083940              | Applied CPS       | Austria  | EDIH Applied Cyber Physical Systems for manufacturing, construction and automotive sectors                                                                                                              |
| 101083685              | WalHub            | Belgium  | WalHub, to boost the digital transformation of manufacturing companies and the adoption of key technologies – i.e. AI, HPC, Cybersecurity and IoT – in their industrial and supply chain processes      |
| 101083626              | EDIH-CONNECT      | Belgium  | A European Digital Innovation Hub for Construction powered by Electronics, Artificial Intelligence & Information and Communication Technologies.                                                        |
| 101083575              | DIGITALIS         | Belgium  | European Digital Innovation Hub on Manufacturing                                                                                                                                                        |
| 101083704              | Flanders AI EDIH  | Belgium  | Flanders Artificial Intelligence European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                                        |
| 101083663              | sustAIIn.brussels | Belgium  | Creating a lever for a future-proof and sustainable economy for Brussels enabled by AI and other emerging digital technologies                                                                          |
| 101083326              | EDIH-EBE          | Belgium  | European Digital Innovation Hub – Energy in the Built Environment                                                                                                                                       |
| 101083554              | SynGReDiT         | Bulgaria | European Digital Innovation Hub Zagore – Synergy for Green Regional Digital Transformation of South-east region of Bulgaria]                                                                            |
| 101083892              | EDICS             | Bulgaria | Enabling Digitalisation In the Construction Sector                                                                                                                                                      |
| 101083473              | AgroDigiRise      | Bulgaria | Unlocking the innovative potential of the South Central Region of Bulgaria and in the agricultural sector                                                                                               |

|           |                                                    |          |                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 101083793 | CYBER4All STAR                                     | Bulgaria | CYBERsecurity 4 All STakeholdeRs                                                                                                          |
| 101083963 | JURK EDIH, <i>to be renamed</i> AI and Gaming EDIH | Croatia  | Digital transformation of Central Croatia and Northern Adriatic through AI and Gaming EDIH                                                |
| 101083735 | AI4HEALTH.Cro                                      | Croatia  | Artificial Intelligence for Smart Healthcare and Medicine                                                                                 |
| 101083838 | EDIH Adria                                         | Croatia  | European Digital Innovation Hub Adriatic Croatia                                                                                          |
| 101083599 | CROBOHUBplusplus                                   | Croatia  | CROatian Industry and Society BOosting – European Digital Innovation HUB                                                                  |
| 101083772 | DiGiNN                                             | Cyprus   | Cyprus DIGital INnovation Hub                                                                                                             |
| 101120003 | EDIH NEB                                           | Czechia  | EDIH Northern and Eastern Bohemia                                                                                                         |
| 101083359 | EDIH CTU                                           | Czechia  | EDIH Czech Technical University in Prague                                                                                                 |
| 101083932 | CIH                                                | Czechia  | Cybersecurity Innovation Hub                                                                                                              |
| 101084053 | EDIH B4I                                           | Czechia  | Brain 4 Industry (B4I)                                                                                                                    |
| 101083672 | EDIH-DIGIMAT                                       | Czechia  | EDIH-DIGIMAT: Flexible Manufacturing Systems Using Artificial Intelligence                                                                |
| 101083551 | EDIH OVA                                           | Czechia  | EDIH Ostrava                                                                                                                              |
| 101120807 | GC EDIH                                            | Denmark  | Greater Copenhagen European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                        |
| 101083595 | CD-EDIH                                            | Denmark  | Smart specialisation on advanced digitalisation technologies through Central Denmark European Digital Innovation Hub                      |
| 101083474 | AddSmart                                           | Denmark  | AddSmart – The European Digital Innovation Hub of North Denmark                                                                           |
| 101120685 | SEDIH                                              | Denmark  | Smart Energy Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                       |
| 101083814 | EDOCobot                                           | Denmark  | EDIH Odense for deployment of collaborative robots (cobots) in many domains especially manufacturing and logistics                        |
| 101083677 | AIRE                                               | Estonia  | AI and Robotics Estonia (EDIH)                                                                                                            |
| 101083405 | FAIR                                               | Finland  | Finnish AI Region                                                                                                                         |
| 101083680 | LIH                                                | Finland  | Location Innovation Hub                                                                                                                   |
| 101083631 | Robocoast                                          | Finland  | Robocoast EDIH Consortium                                                                                                                 |
| 101083544 | HHFIN                                              | Finland  | HealthHub Finland – the future of healthcare shaped by a Hub of partners facilitating data-driven digital solutions in Finland and Europe |
| 101083367 | EDIH Corsica.ai                                    | France   | European Digital Innovation Hub Corsica.ai                                                                                                |

|           |                 |         |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 101120918 | EDIH OCCITANIA  | France  | To boost an ethical and sustainable digital transformation to improve competitiveness and resilience, and foster the use of space data specially for agri-food, mobility and health sectors |
| 101083886 | DIHNAMIC        | France  | Digital Innovation Hub for Nouvelle-Aquitaine Manufacturing Industry Community                                                                                                              |
| 101119976 | DIHNAMO         | France  | Digital Innovation Hub Normandy Advanced Mobility                                                                                                                                           |
| 101083293 | EDIH BRETAGNE   | France  | EDIH Bretagne – One-stop shop to accelerate the digitization and Cybersecurity of SMEs/MCs/PSOs through training, test before invest, support to find investment and EU networking services |
| 101083769 | CYBIAH          | France  | Cybersecurity and AI Hub   France                                                                                                                                                           |
| 101083637 | GreenPowerIT    | France  | GreenPowerIT Hauts-de-France                                                                                                                                                                |
| 101119925 | DIGIHALL        | France  | DIGIHALL, The Paris Region Hub supporting the digital transformation of companies by practical adoption of responsible AI                                                                   |
| 101120851 | LVDH            | France  | Loire Valley Data Hub for Centre-Val de Loire region's digitalisation                                                                                                                       |
| 101120881 | EDIH-GE         | France  | EDIH Grand Est – Accelerate digitalisation of manufacturing sector in Grand Est                                                                                                             |
| 101083775 | MINASMART       | France  | MINASMART                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 101121061 | EDIH LA REUNION | France  | Developing cybersecurity in the digital transition of European outermost regions                                                                                                            |
| 101083683 | Move2Digital    | France  | MOVE2DIGITAL, the French SUD Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region one-stop-shop to support the digital transformation and ecosystem building of SMEs, through AI, Cybersecurity, and IoT       |
| 101083710 | DEDIHCATED BFC  | France  | DDevelop Digital Innovation Hub to Create and Accompany new Trends in European Industries in Bourgogne-Franche-Comté                                                                        |
| 101083383 | POLYTRONICS     | France  | Innovation Hub for Smart Polymers and Digital Technologies                                                                                                                                  |
| 101083550 | DIVA            | France  | Digital Innovation Value Accelerator                                                                                                                                                        |
| 101120343 | BMH             | Germany | EDIH Thuringia – Bauhaus.Mobility Hub                                                                                                                                                       |
| 101083415 | EDIHDO          | Germany | Digital Hub Logistics Dortmund as European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                           |
| 101083994 | EDIH-AICS       | Germany | European Digital Innovation Hub applied Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity                                                                                                           |

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| 101083338 | EDIH-SH             | Germany | European Digital Innovation Hub Schleswig-Holstein                                                                                                               |
| 101083715 | DIH4AISec           | Germany | European Digital Innovation Hub for Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity in Lower Saxony                                                                    |
| 101083741 | EDIH Suedwest       | Germany | European Digital Innovation Hub Suedwest                                                                                                                         |
| 101083713 | EDIH4UrbanSAVE      | Germany | EDIH for urban interconnected supply and value Ecosystems                                                                                                        |
| 101081880 | EDITH               | Germany | Enabling Digital Transformation in Hesse                                                                                                                         |
| 101083517 | EDIH Saxony         | Germany | European Digital Innovation Hub Saxony                                                                                                                           |
| 101120719 | EDIH DIGICARE       | Germany | EDIH Digital Innovation for Healthcare (DIGICARE)                                                                                                                |
| 101082978 | CITAH               | Germany | Cross-Industry Transformation in Agriculture and Health                                                                                                          |
| 101083635 | EDIH Rheinland      | Germany | European Digital Innovation Hub Rheinland                                                                                                                        |
| 101083427 | DInO                | Germany | Digital Innovation Ostbayern                                                                                                                                     |
| 101083754 | pro_digital         | Germany | pro_digital EDIH                                                                                                                                                 |
| 101083668 | EDIH Suedwestfalen  | Germany | European Digital Innovation Hub for employee-centered digital transformation in South Westphalia                                                                 |
| 101083337 | IDIH-Saarland       | Germany | Industrial Service Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence HUB Saarland                                                                                       |
| 101083951 | DigiAgriFood        | Greece  | Digital Transformation and Green Transition of the Agri-Food Value Chain in Central and Northern Greece                                                          |
| 101083630 | smartHEALTH         | Greece  | European Digital Innovation Hub for Smart Health: Precision Medicine and Innovative E-health Services                                                            |
| 101083565 | SmartAttica-AtHeNAI | Greece  | Smart Attica DIH, the Attica region – Greek Innovation hub for Artificial Intelligence in Energy and Environment, Supply chain and mobility, Culture and Tourism |
| 101083646 | GR digiGOV-innoHUB  | Greece  | The Greek digital Government and Public Services innovation HUB                                                                                                  |
| 101120929 | AI EDIH Hungary     | Hungary | Artificial Intelligence EDIH Hungary                                                                                                                             |
| 101083965 | DigitalTech EDIH    | Hungary | Cybersecurity and digital competencies                                                                                                                           |
| 101083676 | AEDIH               | Hungary | Agricultural EDIH                                                                                                                                                |
| 101120890 | HPC EDIH HU         | Hungary | Establishing High Performance Computing European Digital Innovation Hub in Hungary                                                                               |

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| 101083971 | Data-EDIH         | Hungary       | Hungarian DATA EDIH                                                                                                                      |
| 101083762 | EDIH-IS           | Iceland       | Establishing a national EDIH in Iceland for digital transformation                                                                       |
| 101079817 | FxC               | Ireland       | FactoryxChange                                                                                                                           |
| 101083669 | CeADAR            | Ireland       | CeADAR Ireland's AI EDIH                                                                                                                 |
| 101083662 | ER2Digit          | Italy         | Emilia-Romagna Regional Ecosystem of Digital Innovation                                                                                  |
| 101083759 | ARTES 5.0         | Italy         | ARTES 5.0 Restart Italy                                                                                                                  |
| 101083724 | DIHCUBE           | Italy         | Digital Italian Hub for ConstrUction and Built Environment                                                                               |
| 101083904 | HSL               | Italy         | HERITAGE SMARTLAB                                                                                                                        |
| 101083938 | P.R.I.D.E.        | Italy         | POLO REGIONALE PER L'INNOVAZIONE DIGITALE EVOLUTA                                                                                        |
| 101083699 | CETMA-DIHSME      | Italy         | CETMA-Digital Innovation Hub for SMEs                                                                                                    |
| 101083913 | DANTE             | Italy         | Digital Solutions for a Healthy, Active and Smart Life                                                                                   |
| 101083443 | EXPAND            | Italy         | EXtended Piedmont and Aosta valley Network for Digitalization                                                                            |
| 101083398 | I-NEST            | Italy         | Italian National hub Enabling and Enhancing networked applications & Services for digitally Transforming SMEs and Public Administrations |
| 101084027 | EDIH4Marche       | Italy         | EDIH4Marche                                                                                                                              |
| 101083612 | MicroCyber        | Italy         | MicroCyber                                                                                                                               |
| 101083396 | Tuscany X.0       | Italy         | Tuscany EU Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                        |
| 101083745 | CHEDIH            | Italy         | Circular Health European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                          |
| 101083718 | DAoL              | Latvia        | Digital Accelerator of Latvia                                                                                                            |
| 101083983 | EDIHLV            | Latvia        | Development of AI – ICT for Manufacturing EDIH in Latvia                                                                                 |
| 101119742 | digihub.li        | Liechtenstein | digihub.li – Ecosystem innovation and growth with a regenerative purpose                                                                 |
| 101083434 | DI4 LITHUANIAN ID | Lithuania     | Digital Innovation For Lithuanian Industrial Development                                                                                 |
| 101083844 | EDIH VILNIUS      | Lithuania     | EDIH VILNIUS: accelerating green and digital transformation in Vilnius region                                                            |
| 101083746 | EDIH4IAE.LT       | Lithuania     | European Digital Innovation Hub for Industry, Agrofood and Energy sectors in Lithuania                                                   |
| 101120714 | L-DIH             | Luxembourg    | Luxembourg Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                        |
| 101083552 | Malta-EDIH        | Malta         | The creation of the Malta-EDIH as part of the network of European Digital Innovation Hubs                                                |

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| 101083610 | EDIH-SNL             | Netherlands | European Digital Innovation Hub South Netherlands                                                                                                                   |
| 101083349 | BOOST Robotic EastNL | Netherlands | EDIH BOOST Robotics East Netherlands                                                                                                                                |
| 101083001 | EDIH NN              | Netherlands | European Digital Innovation Hub Northern Netherlands                                                                                                                |
| 101083302 | EDIH-SMITZH          | Netherlands | EDIH-SMITZH Zuid-Holland                                                                                                                                            |
| 101083343 | EDIH-NWNL            | Netherlands | EDIH NWNL Digitalisation transformation on the road to AI and HPC                                                                                                   |
| 101083172 | VNG NL DIGI HUB      | Netherlands | Dutch Societal Innovation Hub                                                                                                                                       |
| 101083778 | OCEANOPOLIS          | Norway      | OCEANOPOLIS                                                                                                                                                         |
| 101083966 | Nemonoor             | Norway      | A Norwegian EDIH on Artificial Intelligence                                                                                                                         |
| 101083875 | WAMA EDIH            | Poland      | WaMa Innovation Hub                                                                                                                                                 |
| 101083500 | TKDIH                | Poland      | Technopark Kielce DIH                                                                                                                                               |
| 101083954 | CyberSec             | Poland      | National Center for Secure Digital Transformation                                                                                                                   |
| 101083764 | HPC4Poland EDIH      | Poland      | HPC4Poland European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                          |
| 101083499 | EDIH-SILESIA         | Poland      | EDIH SILESIA SMART SYSTEMS capacity building and deployment in the EDIH network to enhance digital transformation in the Silesia and Opolskie Voivodships in Poland |
| 101083652 | h4i                  | Poland      | hub4industry                                                                                                                                                        |
| 101083587 | re_d                 | Poland      | re_d: rethink digital – Central Poland Digitalisation Hub                                                                                                           |
| 101084068 | PDIH                 | Poland      | Pomeranian Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                                   |
| 101083509 | Mazovia EDIH         | Poland      | European Digital Innovation Hub of Mazovia                                                                                                                          |
| 101083862 | Smart Secure Cities  | Poland      | Creating Smart Secure Cities for EU citizens                                                                                                                        |
| 101083533 | WRO4digITal          | Poland      | WRO4digITal European Digital Innovation Hub Wroclaw                                                                                                                 |
| 101083770 | ATTRACT              | Portugal    | Digital Innovation Hub for Artificial Intelligence and High-Performance Computing                                                                                   |
| 101083487 | PRODUTECH DIH        | Portugal    | PRODUTECH DIH                                                                                                                                                       |
| 101083681 | DIGITALbuilt         | Portugal    | Digital Innovation Hub for the Built Environment                                                                                                                    |
| 101083952 | DIH4Society          | Romania     | Digital Innovation Hub for a Smarter, Safer and more Sustainable Society (DIH4Society)                                                                              |
| 101083508 | TDIH                 | Romania     | Transilvania Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                                 |
| 101083915 | FIT EDIH             | Romania     | Futures of Innovation Technologies EDIH – Centru Region, RO                                                                                                         |

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| 101083885 | DIGIVEST            | Romania  | EDIH Regiunea Vest Romania                                                                                                                          |
| 101083582 | CiTyInnoHub         | Romania  | ConsTanta INNOvation Hub, a center for the digital transformation of SMEs and PSOs in SE Romania – CiTyInnoHub                                      |
| 101083410 | WeH                 | Romania  | Wallachia eHub                                                                                                                                      |
| 101083392 | eDIH-DIZ            | Romania  | DIGITAL INNOVATION ZONE EDIH – MANUFACTURING & SMART HEALTH for better business, life and health in the North East Romania region                   |
| 101084051 | CIH                 | Slovakia | Center for Innovative Healthcare                                                                                                                    |
| 101083419 | SKAI-eDIH           | Slovakia | Slovak Artificial Intelligence Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                               |
| 101083660 | EXPANDI 4.0         | Slovakia | Expanding Digitalisation of Industry (4.0) in Slovakia                                                                                              |
| 101083466 | EDCASS              | Slovakia | EDIH CASSOVIVUM                                                                                                                                     |
| 101083351 | SRC-EDIH            | Slovenia | Smart, Resilient and Sustainable Communities – European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                      |
| 101082654 | DIGI-SI             | Slovenia | DIGITAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR SLOVENIA                                                                                                             |
| 101083736 | DIH4CAT             | Spain    | Catalonia Digital Innovation Hub (DIH4CAT)                                                                                                          |
| 101083701 | CIDIHUB             | Spain    | Canary Islands Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                               |
| 101083755 | DATAlife            | Spain    | Digital Innovation Hub for the deployment of Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics in SMEs in the primary, biotechnological and health sectors |
| 101083906 | i4CAMHUB            | Spain    | Innovation for Competitiveness and Advance Manufacturing                                                                                            |
| 101083564 | EDIH MADRID REGION  | Spain    | EDIH MADRID REGION                                                                                                                                  |
| 101083760 | AgrotechDIH         | Spain    | Andalucía Agrotech Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                           |
| 101083411 | IRIS                | Spain    | European Digital Innovation Hub of Navarre                                                                                                          |
| 101083667 | Tech4EfficiencyEDIH | Spain    | EXTREMADURA EDIH T4E: Tech for Efficiency                                                                                                           |
| 101083898 | DIGIS3              | Spain    | Smart, Sustainable and coheSive Digitalization conceived as a Digital Innovation Hub                                                                |
| 101083729 | AsDIH               | Spain    | Asturias Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                     |
| 101083776 | Aragon EDIH         | Spain    | Aragon European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                              |
| 101083002 | InnDIH              | Spain    | InnDIH – Valencia Region Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                     |

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| 101083629 | HDS        | Sweden | Health Data Sweden                                                                      |
| 101083691 | ShiftLabs  | Sweden | Swedish network for Sustainable Digitalisation and Human-Centric Factory Transformation |
| 101083708 | DIGITHUBSE | Sweden | DigIT Hub Sweden                                                                        |
| 101083348 | Aero EDIH  | Sweden | EDIH for Digital Transformation of the Aviation and Aerospace Industry                  |

## ANNEX II

**List of European Digital Innovation Hubs with a Seal of Excellence**

The EDIHs are listed in *italics* when there is no information <sup>(1)</sup> concerning a possible future financing. Only EDIHs securing financing are expected to take part in the network.

| Proposal Identification | Acronym                     | Country         | Proposal title                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 101083623               | EDIH SA                     | <i>Austria</i>  | <i>EDIH SOUTHERN AUSTRIA – European Digital Innovation Hub Southern Austria</i>                                                                                                                           |
| 101083621               | <i>EDIH.energy.ai.mobil</i> | <i>Austria</i>  | <i>EDIH.ENERGY.AI.MOBILITY – Powering up the Twin Transition in Europe</i>                                                                                                                                |
| 101083442               | S2MARTER HOUSE              | <i>Austria</i>  | <i>EDIH for SMART and Sustainable Entrepreneurial Regions – HOUSE of Digitalization</i>                                                                                                                   |
| 101083706               | BANG                        | <i>Belgium</i>  | <i>Creative BANG Flanders</i>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 101083828               | EDIH PT and L               | <i>Belgium</i>  | <i>European Digital Innovation Hub Ports, Transport &amp; Logistics</i>                                                                                                                                   |
| 101083478               | EDIH4Agrifood               | <i>Belgium</i>  | <i>European Digital Innovation Hub for the agrifood sector in Belgium</i>                                                                                                                                 |
| 101083751               | EdTech Station              | <i>Belgium</i>  | <i>Hub for digital transformation and business-to-business innovation with educational and learning technologies, based in Flanders, Europe</i>                                                           |
| 101083640               | RemEDIH                     | <i>Belgium</i>  | <i>Regional Excellence in Medecine and care by European Digital Innovation Hub</i>                                                                                                                        |
| 101082948               | ADi4SMEs                    | <i>Bulgaria</i> | <i>Accelerated Digitalisation of SMEs in the North Central Region through creation and development of a European Digital Innovation Hub</i>                                                               |
| 101083457               | EDIH DIGIHUB                | <i>Bulgaria</i> | <i>IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF SMEs AND PSOs IN THE SOUTH-EAST REGION OF BULGARIA THROUGH INTEGRATED INNOVATIVE DIGITAL SOLUTIONS</i>                                                                |
| 101084092               | EDIH-NWACB                  | <i>Bulgaria</i> | <i>European Digital Innovation Hub – Northwest Automotive Cluster Bulgaria</i>                                                                                                                            |
| 101083697               | InnovationAmp               | <i>Bulgaria</i> | <i>Boosting Digitalisation in SouthWest of Bulgaria</i>                                                                                                                                                   |
| 101083339               | MECH-E-DIH                  | <i>Bulgaria</i> | <i>Establishment and development of Digital Innovation Hub Mechanika, Bulgaria</i>                                                                                                                        |
| 101083752               | Next-Gen-BIoTechEDIH        | <i>Bulgaria</i> | <i>Develop, innovate and provide Next-Gen-BIoTech DIH's services in the South-Center region in Bulgaria to accelerate the best use of digital technologies for local SMEs, Mid-cap, and public sector</i> |

<sup>(1)</sup> State as of Q2/2023, based on information provided by national authorities.

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| 101083370 | RCDSI NCIZ       | Bulgaria | Regional Center for Digital Solutions and Innovation NCIZ                                                                                                                                            |
| 101084083 | UDIH 4 EU        | Bulgaria | UDIH: Equip Explore Empower Expand Utilize                                                                                                                                                           |
| 101083979 | Bluedih          | Croatia  | Blue European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 101083747 | CYDIHUB-EDIH     | Cyprus   | CYPRUS DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB – EDIH                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 101083981 | 5STAR eCorridors | Finland  | 5STAR eCorridors EDIH proposal                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 101082926 | SIX EDIH         | Finland  | Sustainable Industry X (SIX) Manufacturing EDIH                                                                                                                                                      |
| 101083515 | WellLake EDIH    | Finland  | WellLake EDIH                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 101120594 | DIBI             | Germany  | Digital Innovation for Bavarian Industry                                                                                                                                                             |
| 101083439 | DISC             | Germany  | Digital Innovation Solution Center                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 101084102 | EDIH-HB          | Germany  | European Digital Innovation Hub Bremen                                                                                                                                                               |
| 101083964 | EDIH-ON          | Germany  | European Digital Innovation Hub Ost- and Nordhessen                                                                                                                                                  |
| 101083749 | EasyHPC          | Greece   | easyHPC@eco.plastics.industry.WCG:An open HPC ecosystem for the ecological transformation and the advancement of the competitiveness of the Plastic Industry in the Regions of West & Central Greece |
| 101083850 | HEALTH HUB       | Greece   | HEALTH HUB – Healthcare & Pharmaceutical Industry Transformation through Artificial Intelligence Digital Services                                                                                    |
| 101083707 | SYNERGiNN EDIH   | Greece   | Digital Innovation Hub of Western Macedonia                                                                                                                                                          |
| 101083995 | Data2Sustain     | Ireland  | EDIH for DATA-BASED INNOVATION FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY, OPERATIONS & SUSTAINABILITY                                                                                                                     |
| 101083482 | ENTIRE           | Ireland  | Intelligent and Secure Trustable Systems enabling Digital Transformation                                                                                                                             |
| 101084004 | AI MAGISTER      | Italy    | AI MAGISTER                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 101083639 | AI-PACT          | Italy    | Artificial Intelligence for Public Administrations Connected                                                                                                                                         |
| 101083454 | Ap-EDIH          | Italy    | Apulian-EDIH                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 101083645 | BIREX plus plus  | Italy    | HPC & Big Data Processing for a more digital and sustainable Manufacturing                                                                                                                           |
| 101121054 | CATCH atMIND     | Italy    | advanCed digitAl TeChnology Hub for the Life Sciences at MIND                                                                                                                                        |
| 101083928 | DAMAS            | Italy    | Digital Hub for Automotive and Aerospace                                                                                                                                                             |
| 101083364 | DIPS             | Italy    | Digitalization and Innovation of Public Services                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 101083605 | DIS-HUB                  | Italy         | Digital Innovation Hub South Tyrol – DIS-HUB                                                                 |
| 101083870 | DMH                      | Italy         | Digital Marine Hub                                                                                           |
| 101083438 | EDIH L                   | Italy         | EDIH Lombardia                                                                                               |
| 101083391 | EDIH4DT                  | Italy         | Secure Digital Transformation of Public Administrations – EDIH4DT                                            |
| 101083622 | EDIHAMo                  | Italy         | European Digital Innovation Hub Abruzzo Molise                                                               |
| 101120581 | <i>Fondazione MAXXI</i>  | <i>Italy</i>  | <i>CURE – Creativity for Urban Rebirth</i>                                                                   |
| 101083601 | HD-MOTION                | Italy         | Hub for the Digital MObility TransformatIOn                                                                  |
| 101084043 | INNOVA                   | Italy         | Innovating Video Analytics                                                                                   |
| 101120603 | InnovAction              | Italy         | InnovAction: Network Italiano dei Centri per l'Innovazione Tecnologica                                       |
| 101120592 | IP4FVG – EDIH            | Italy         | IP4FVG EDIH – Industry Platform for Friuli Venezia Giulia EDIH                                               |
| 101120871 | NEST                     | Italy         | NEST – Network for European Security and Trust                                                               |
| 101120711 | NEURAL                   | Italy         | veNEto hUb foR Advanced digital technoLogies                                                                 |
| 101120666 | PAI                      | Italy         | Public Administration Intelligence                                                                           |
| 101083930 | PICS2                    | Italy         | Puglia Innovation Center for Safety and Security                                                             |
| 101083476 | R.O.M.E. Digital Hub     | Italy         | Research and innovation Organization for the dissemination of knowledge on advanced technologies Digital Hub |
| 101083893 | SharD-HUB                | Italy         | SharD-HUB – Sardinia Digital Innovation Hub                                                                  |
| 101083320 | UDD                      | Italy         | Umbria Digital Data                                                                                          |
| 101120963 | EDIH Digital Trust       | Liechtenstein | The European Digital Innovation Hub for digital trust and emerging digital technologies                      |
| 101083618 | <i>AgriSmartHub</i>      | <i>Poland</i> | <i>Smart Agriculture Digital Innovation Hub</i>                                                              |
| 101084052 | <i>digit-in hub</i>      | <i>Poland</i> | <i>DIGITAL CLOUD INNOVATION HUB</i>                                                                          |
| 101083835 | <i>EDIH CYBERSEC HUB</i> | <i>Poland</i> | <i>National EDIH specialized in cybersecurity</i>                                                            |
| 101083836 | <i>EDIH4CP-1</i>         | <i>Poland</i> | <i>European Digital Innovation Hub for North – Central Poland – 1</i>                                        |
| 101121069 | FTCH                     | Poland        | FinTech Copernicus Hub                                                                                       |
| 101084060 | HGD                      | Poland        | European Digital Innovation Hub – HealthGoDigital                                                            |
| 101121077 | LUBDIGHUB                | Poland        | Establishment of European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) in Lubelskie region Poland                           |

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| 101083977 | <i>Lucet Capital</i> | <i>Poland</i>   | <i>Polish Hyper Automation Hub (PHAH)</i>                                                                                                                          |
| 101084065 | POLFOTON             | <i>Poland</i>   | <i>Polish EDIH specialised in photonic technologies for digital transformation</i>                                                                                 |
| 101083761 | AI4PA_Portugal       | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>AI4PA Portugal – Artificial Intelligence &amp; Data Science for Public Administration Portugal Innovation Hub</i>                                               |
| 101120672 | AzoresDIH            | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Azores Digital Innovation Hub on Tourism and Sustainability</i>                                                                                                 |
| 101083642 | C-Hub                | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>C-Hub: Cybersecurity Digital Inovation Hub</i>                                                                                                                  |
| 101082771 | CONNECT5             | <i>Portugal</i> | CONNECT5                                                                                                                                                           |
| 101119429 | Defence4Tech Hub     | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Defence Innovation Hub for Technology Transfer</i>                                                                                                              |
| 101083732 | DigiHealthPT         | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Digital Health Portugal – From Portugal to the Digital World</i>                                                                                                |
| 101083988 | DIH4CN               | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Digital Innovation Hub for Climate Neutrality</i>                                                                                                               |
| 101083962 | DIH4GlobalAutomotive | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>DIH4GlobalAutomotive</i>                                                                                                                                        |
| 101120601 | InnovTourism DIH     | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>InnovTourism DIH – Gateway for Tourism innovation &amp; digitalization, strengthening the sector ecosystem and enabling technology adoption in the industry</i> |
| 101120729 | PBDH                 | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Portugal Blue Digital Hub</i>                                                                                                                                   |
| 101083733 | PTCentroDiH          | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Digital Innovation Hub da Região Centro</i>                                                                                                                     |
| 101084063 | SFT-EDIH             | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Smart Sustainable Farms Foods and Trade</i>                                                                                                                     |
| 101083477 | SIH                  | <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Smart Islands Hub</i>                                                                                                                                           |
| 101083511 | SCDI proposal        | <i>Slovakia</i> | <i>Slovenske centrum digitalnych inovacii</i>                                                                                                                      |
| 101083858 | 4PIH                 | <i>Slovenia</i> | <i>Public, private, people partnership Digital Innovation Hub</i>                                                                                                  |
| 101083465 | AGORA DIH            | <i>Spain</i>    | <i>Murcia Region DIH</i>                                                                                                                                           |
| 101083514 | AIR4S                | <i>Spain</i>    | <i>Digital Innovation Hub in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics for Sustainable Development Goals</i>                                                            |
| 101083341 | AIR-Andalusia        | <i>Spain</i>    | <i>ANDALUSIAN DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ROBOTICS</i>                                                                                   |
| 101083914 | BDIH_EDIH            | <i>Spain</i>    | <i>Basque Digital Innovation Hub: EDIH</i>                                                                                                                         |
| 101083591 | Cantabria DIH        | <i>Spain</i>    | <i>Cantabria Digital Innovation Hub (DIH)</i>                                                                                                                      |
| 101120119 | CyberDIH             | <i>Spain</i>    | <i>Cybersecurity Innovation Hub</i>                                                                                                                                |

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| 101083698 | Digital Impulse Hub | Spain  | Digital Impulse Hub, Digital Made Easy in Catalonia                                                                                                                                              |
| 101120210 | DIHBAI-TUR          | Spain  | Digital Innovation Hub of the Balearic Islands in Artificial Intelligence in Tourism and the Agrifood sectors                                                                                    |
| 101083413 | DIH-bio             | Spain  | DIH-bio (Digital Health – Biosciences)                                                                                                                                                           |
| 101083957 | DIHGIGAL            | Spain  | Digital Innovation Hub of the Galician Industry                                                                                                                                                  |
| 101083151 | DIHSE               | Spain  | DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB SILVER ECONOMY                                                                                                                                                            |
| 101083318 | eDIH La Rioja 4.0   | Spain  | European Digital Innovation Hub EDIH La Rioja 4.0                                                                                                                                                |
| 101083705 | INFAB HUB           | Spain  | INFAB HUB                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 101084072 | Agrihub Sweden EDIH | Sweden | Smart Agtech Sweden EDIH                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 101083819 | AI Sweden EDIH      | Sweden | AI Sweden EDIH – Applied AI transformation in SME and public sector.                                                                                                                             |
| 101083632 | AM-EDIH             | Sweden | European Digital Innovation Hub Boosting Additive Manufacturing through Digital Services                                                                                                         |
| 101083682 | DIN                 | Sweden | Digital Impact North – European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                                           |
| 101083624 | IndTech             | Sweden | The Industrial Technology European Digital Innovation Hub                                                                                                                                        |
| 101120191 | MIGHTY EDIH         | Sweden | Mid Sweden Industry and GovTech EDIH                                                                                                                                                             |
| 101083390 | Sweden ICT          | Sweden | Sweden ICT – a constellation of six of Sweden's leading Science Parks, have joined forces to accelerate impact towards a green and sustainable future by using new technology on a broader scale |



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