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## **Council adopts nuclear decommissioning programmes for Bulgaria, Slovakia and Lithuania**

The Council today adopted<sup>1</sup> two regulations on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Bulgaria and Slovakia; and in Lithuania covering the period 2014-2020 ([16635/13](#), [16635/13 COR 1](#), [16633/13](#), [16633/13 COR 1](#)).

The first regulation establishes a programme for the implementation of Union financial support for measures linked to the decommissioning of units 1 and 2 of the Ignalina nuclear power plant in Lithuania. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Ignalina programme for the period 2014-2020 is set at EUR 450 818 000 at current prices.

The second regulation establishes a programme for the implementation of Union financial support for measures connected with the decommissioning of units 1 to 4 of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant in Bulgaria and units 1 and 2 of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia. A total of EUR 293 032 000 has been set aside for the period 2014-2020 for the implementation of the Kozloduy programme, while a total of EUR 225 410 000 has been set aside for the Bohunice programme at current prices.

In the context of the negotiations for accession to the European Union, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia undertook to close and subsequently decommission the abovementioned nuclear reactors. The EU has undertaken to assist those countries in addressing the exceptional financial burden imposed by the decommissioning process.

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<sup>1</sup> At a meeting of Environment Council, without discussion.

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