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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem (Net Zero Industry Act) - <i>Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions</i> ¹

1. On 16 March 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council and the European Parliament the proposal for a Regulation on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem (Net Zero Industry Act)¹.
2. The proposal aims to set up a legal framework which supports the development of the manufacturing of net-zero energy technologies in the Union, in order to support the Union's 2030 decarbonisation targets and 2050 climate neutrality target, and to ensure the security of supply for net-zero technologies needed to safeguard the resilience of the Union's energy system.

¹ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance

² Doc. 7613/23.

3. The proposal is based on Article 114 TFEU, which provides for the European Parliament and for the Council to act in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and after consulting the Economic and Social Committee. Thus, in principle, the opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required. However, considering the subject matter of the proposal in question and its possible impact for European regions, it would appear appropriate to also consult the Committee of the Regions on this proposal.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above-mentioned proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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