



Brussels, 9 March 2023

Dear Commissioner Simson,

On behalf of EDSO, Europacable and T&D Europe, representing the distribution system operators and the grid technology providers operating across Europe, I am writing to you with an urgent request to explicitly include high, medium and low voltage electrical equipment, services and ICT for electrical transmission and distribution in the upcoming proposal for a Net-Zero Industry Act.

Based on our understanding of the current draft, we are strongly concerned there is no specific provision under Article 4(b), which provides specific indicative targets for the manufacturing capacity of strategic net-zero technology products, despite grid technologies being included in the Annex as strategic net-zero technologies.

To ensure all strategic net-zero technologies are treated equally, we call for the inclusion of grid technologies in Article 4 (b):

(vi) the manufacturing capacity within the Union of high, medium and low voltage electrical equipment, services and ICT for electrical transmission and distribution is able to meet at least 85% of the deployment needs within the Union.

Electricity networks are the backbone of Europe's energy system and facilitator of the energy transition. By 2050, more than 80% of electricity will come from renewable energy sources and integrating a higher share of renewables will require a reliable, flexible and smart power system to continue to ensure a reliable energy supply. Developing this system will require the manufacturing of the necessary hardware and the development of specific software for the digitalization of the energy sector.

The strength of the grid technology sector across Europe lies in the combination of large, multinational corporations and a large variety of specialised SMEs. Together they form a strong industrial base in Europe, which needs to be preserved and strengthened.

We remain available for further support to you and your services on this crucial proposal for our industry.

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