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ASSESSMENT



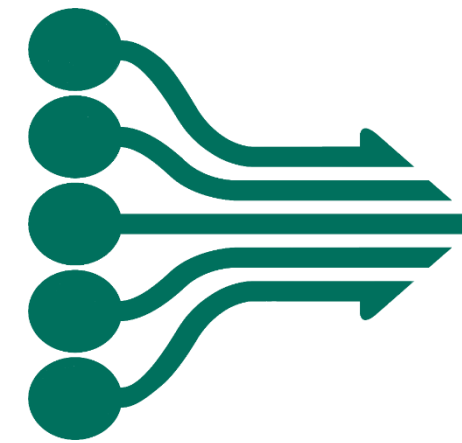
POLICY GUIDELINES



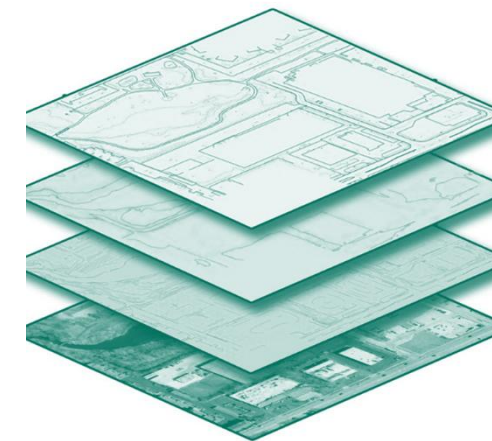
POLICY GUIDELINES
by the Energy Community Secretariat

**on the Permit-Granting and Planning of Energy Projects in
the Energy Community**

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**Streamline
procedures**

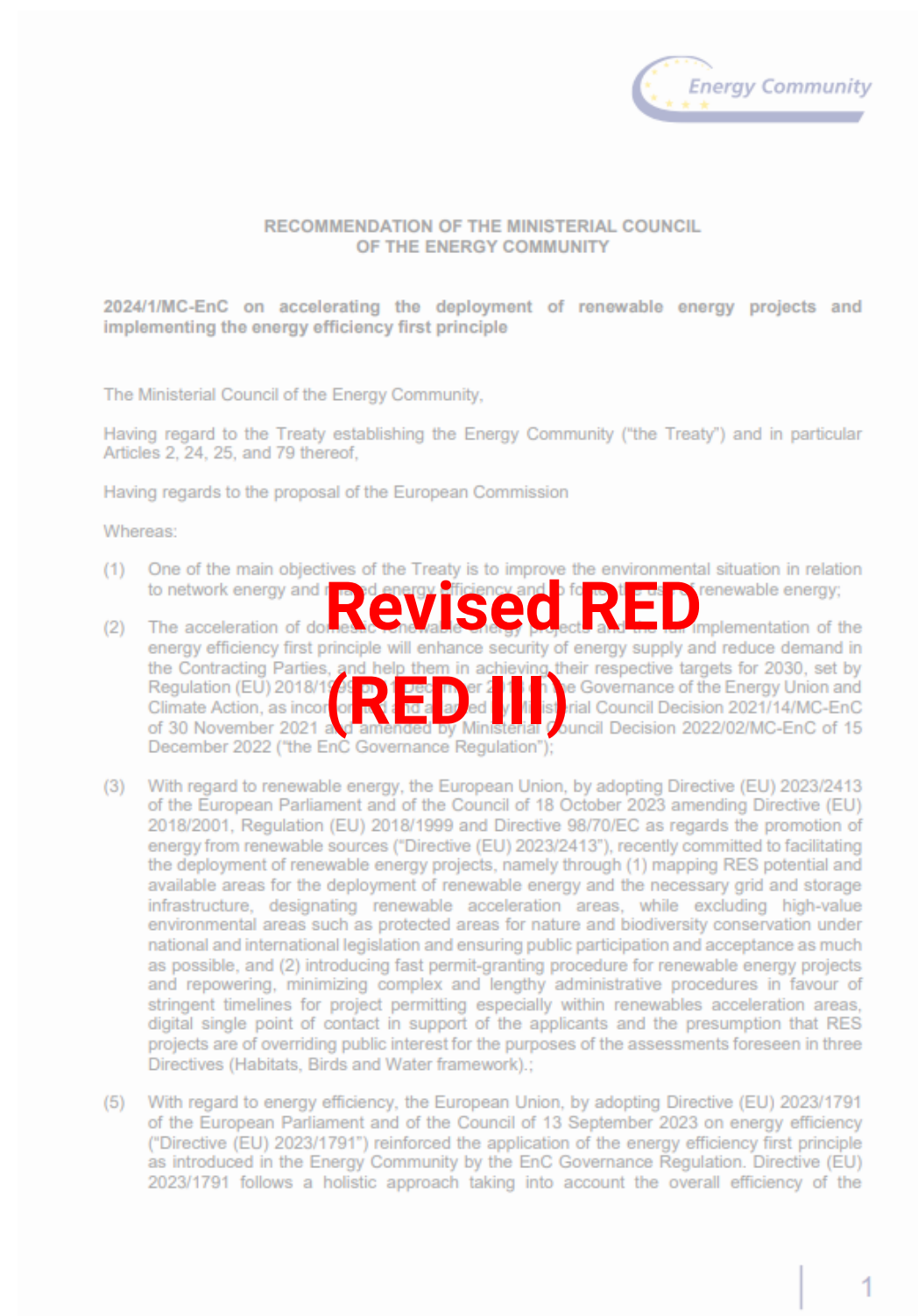


**One stop-shop
set up**



**Acceleration
areas**

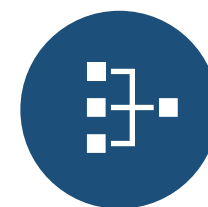
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RES MAPPING (NECP)

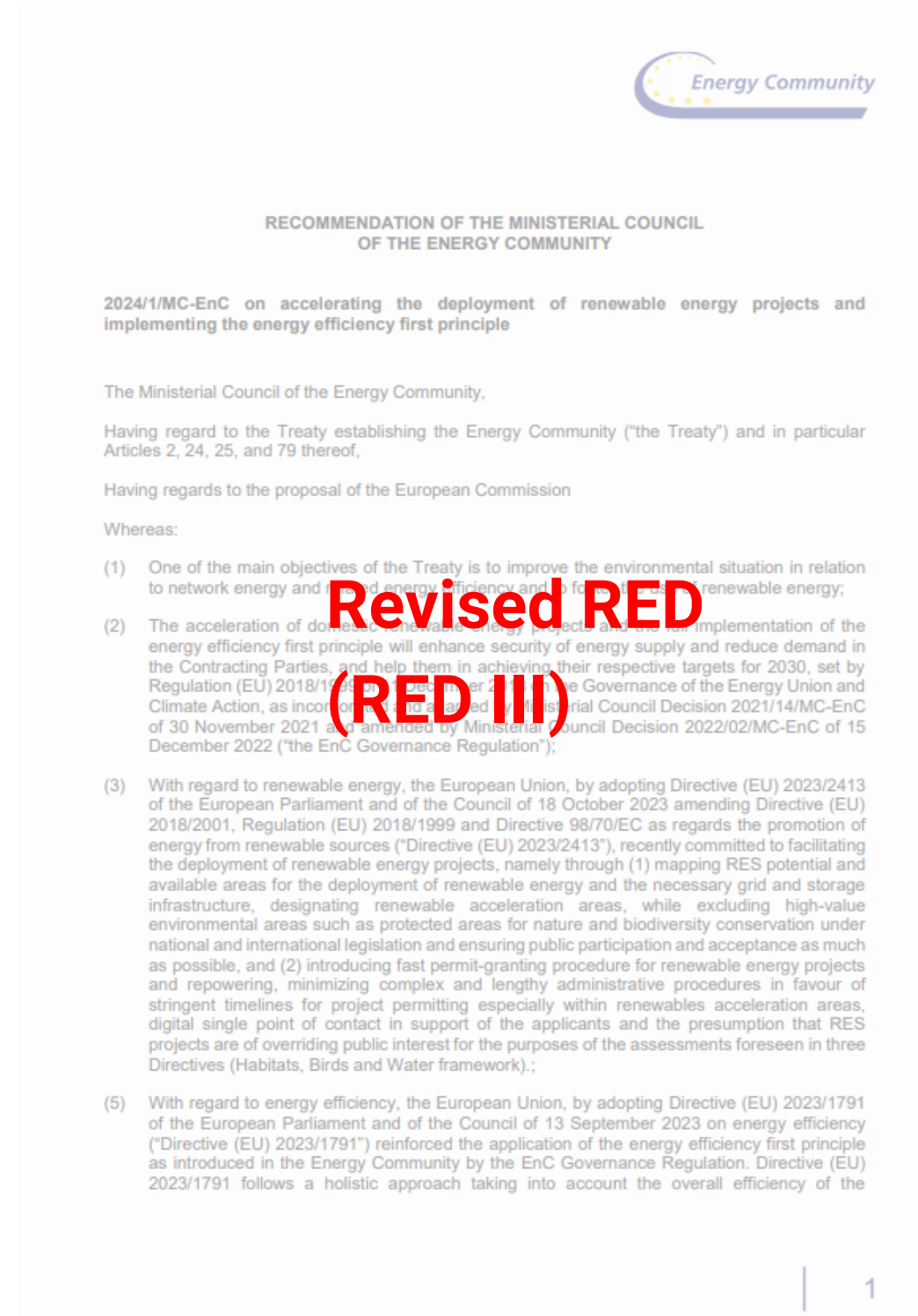


RENEWABLE ACCELERATION AREAS



PERMIT STREAMLING

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➤ ROLE OF CONTRACTING PARTIES

Prepare legal & institutional frameworks for:

- Mapping RES potential & infrastructure
- Designating Renewable Acceleration Areas

➤ ROLE OF THE SECRETARIAT

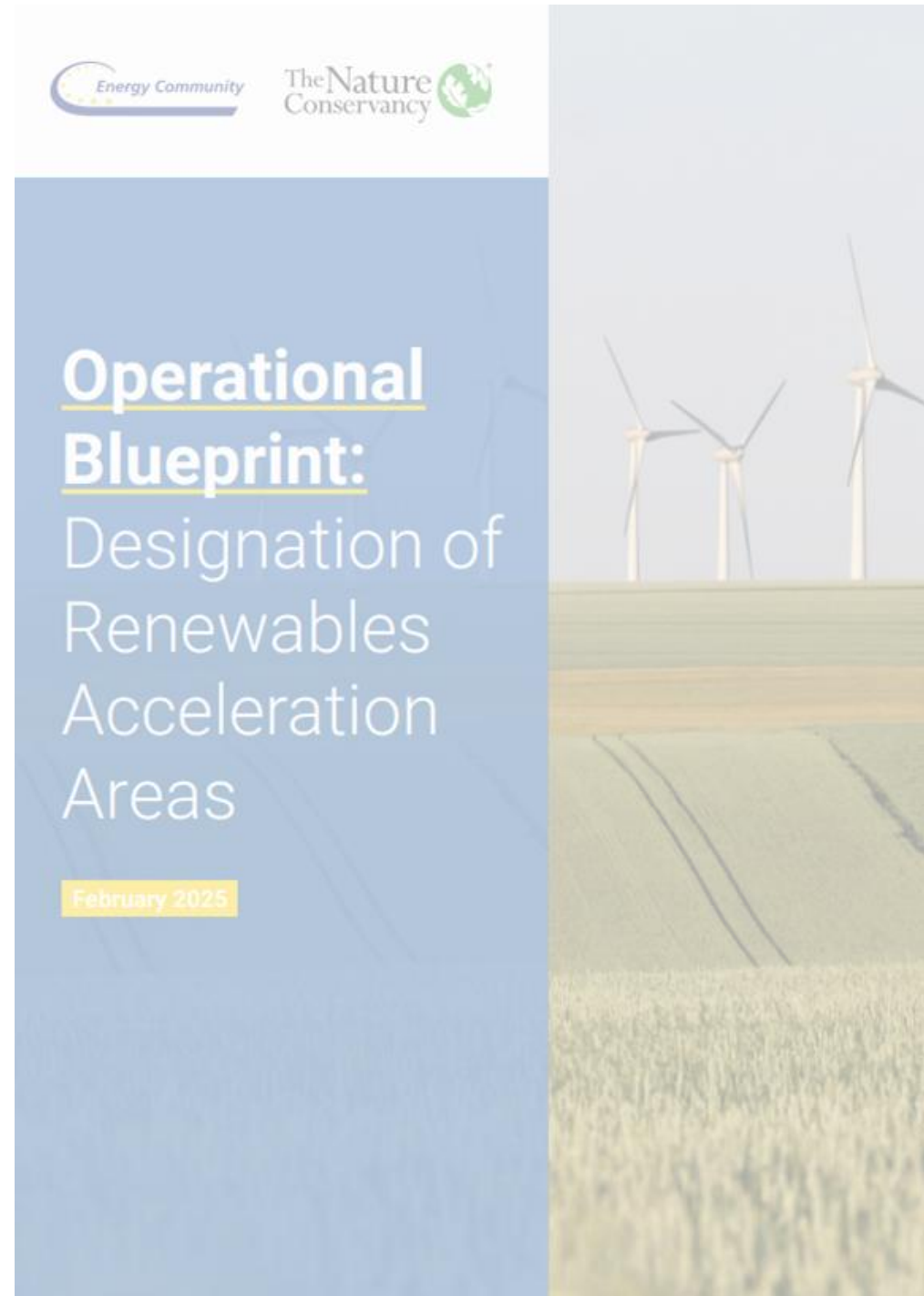
Support Function

- Assists Contracting Parties in implementing selected provisions of Revised RED (Directive 2023/2413)

Monitoring & Reporting

- Tracks progress of Contracting Parties
- Reports annually to the Ministerial Council

OPERATIONAL BLUEPRINT



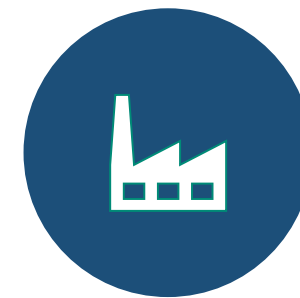
ROOFTOPS OF BUILDINGS



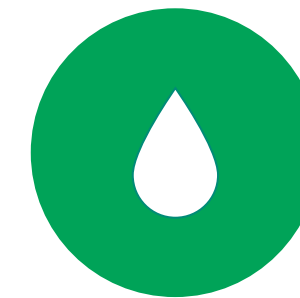
TRANSPORT CORRIDORS
AND PARKING AREAS



DEGRADED AGRICULTURAL
LAND

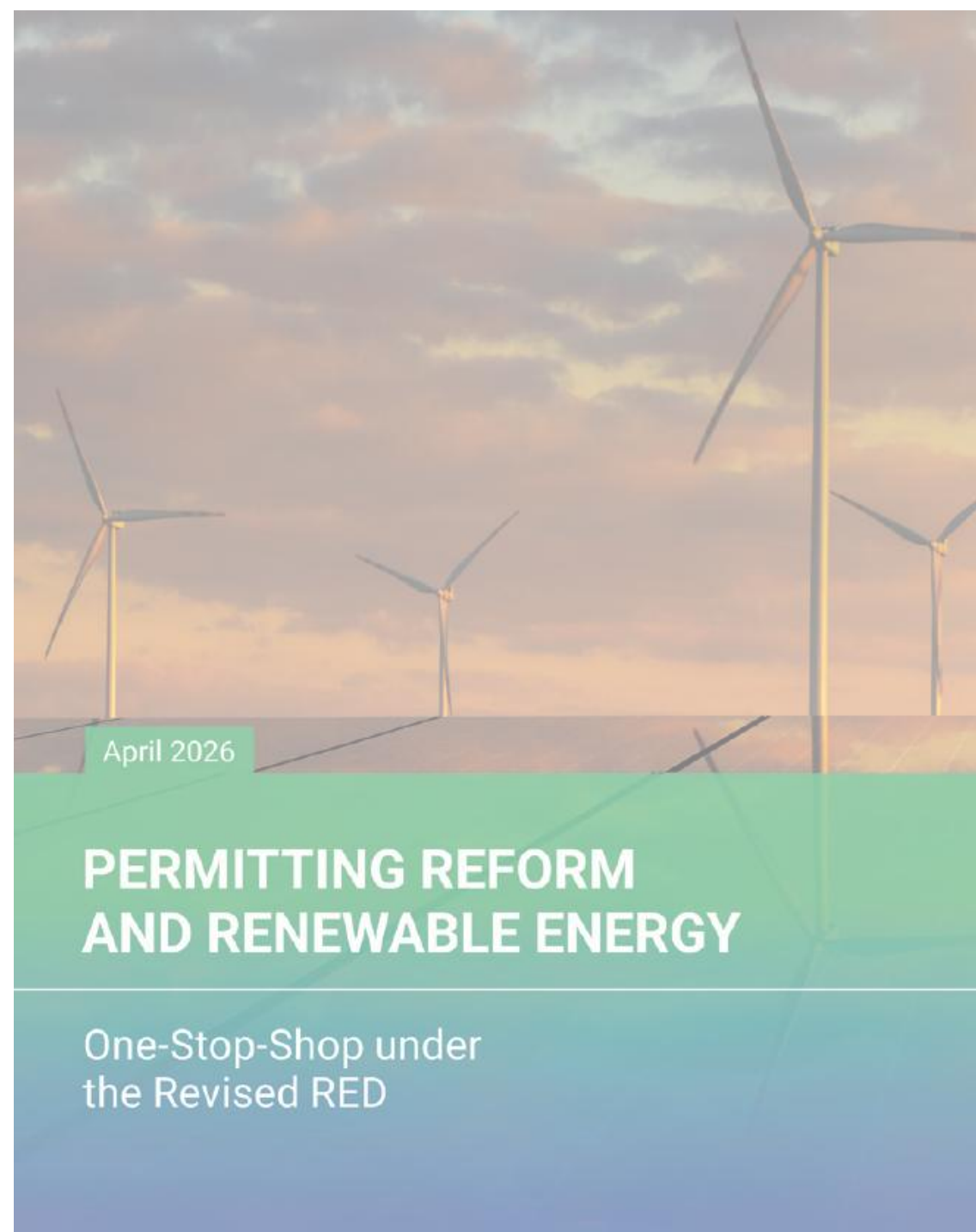


COAL MINES, INDUSTRIAL
AND WASTE SITES

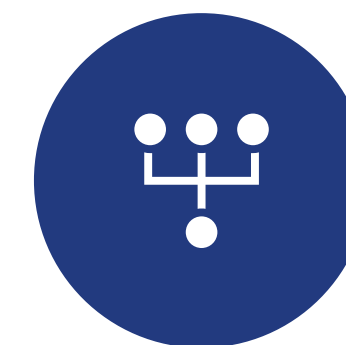


ARTIFICIAL INLAND WATER
BODIES

PERMITTING PROTOCOL



RED II AND REVISED RED



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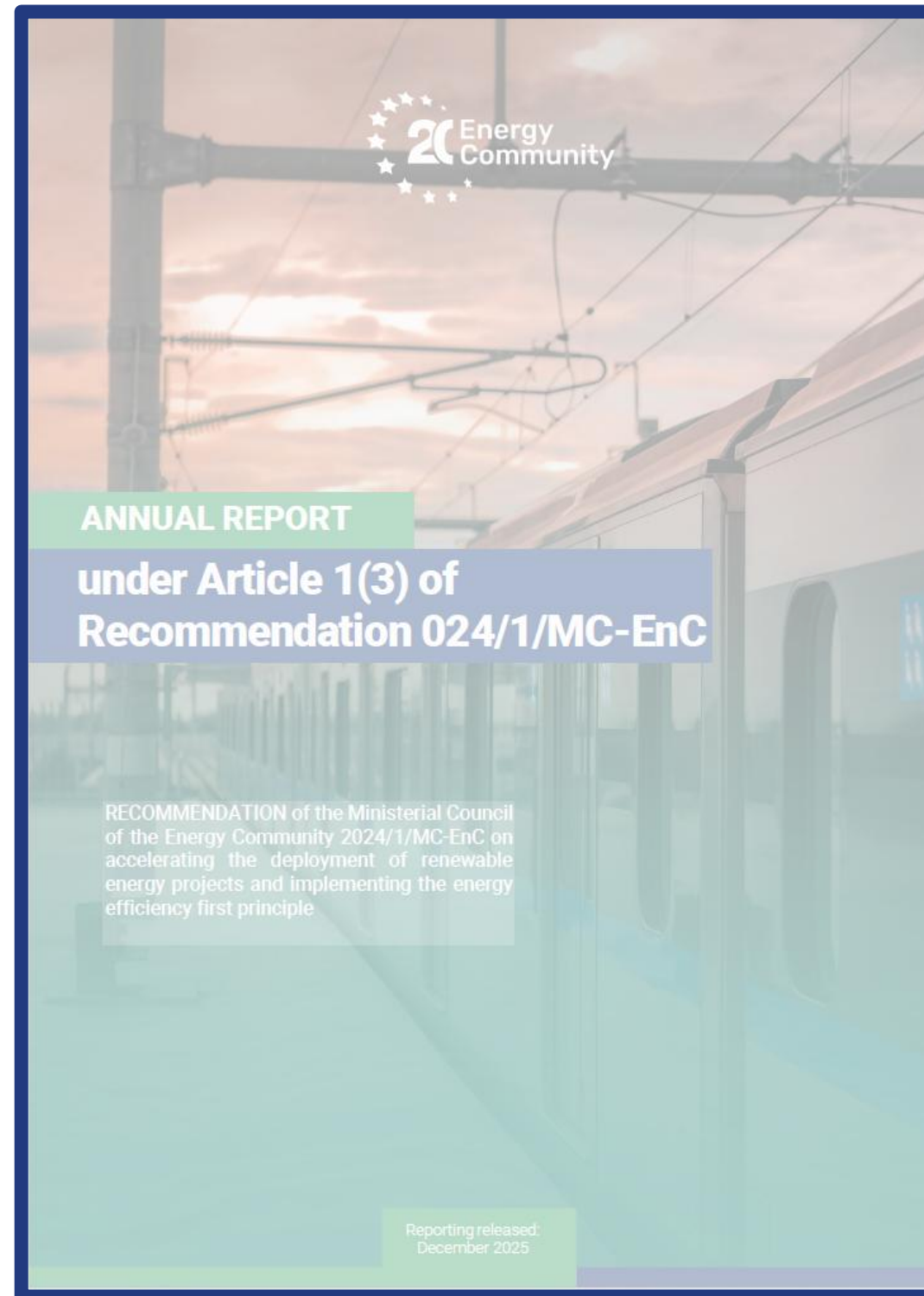


SET UP

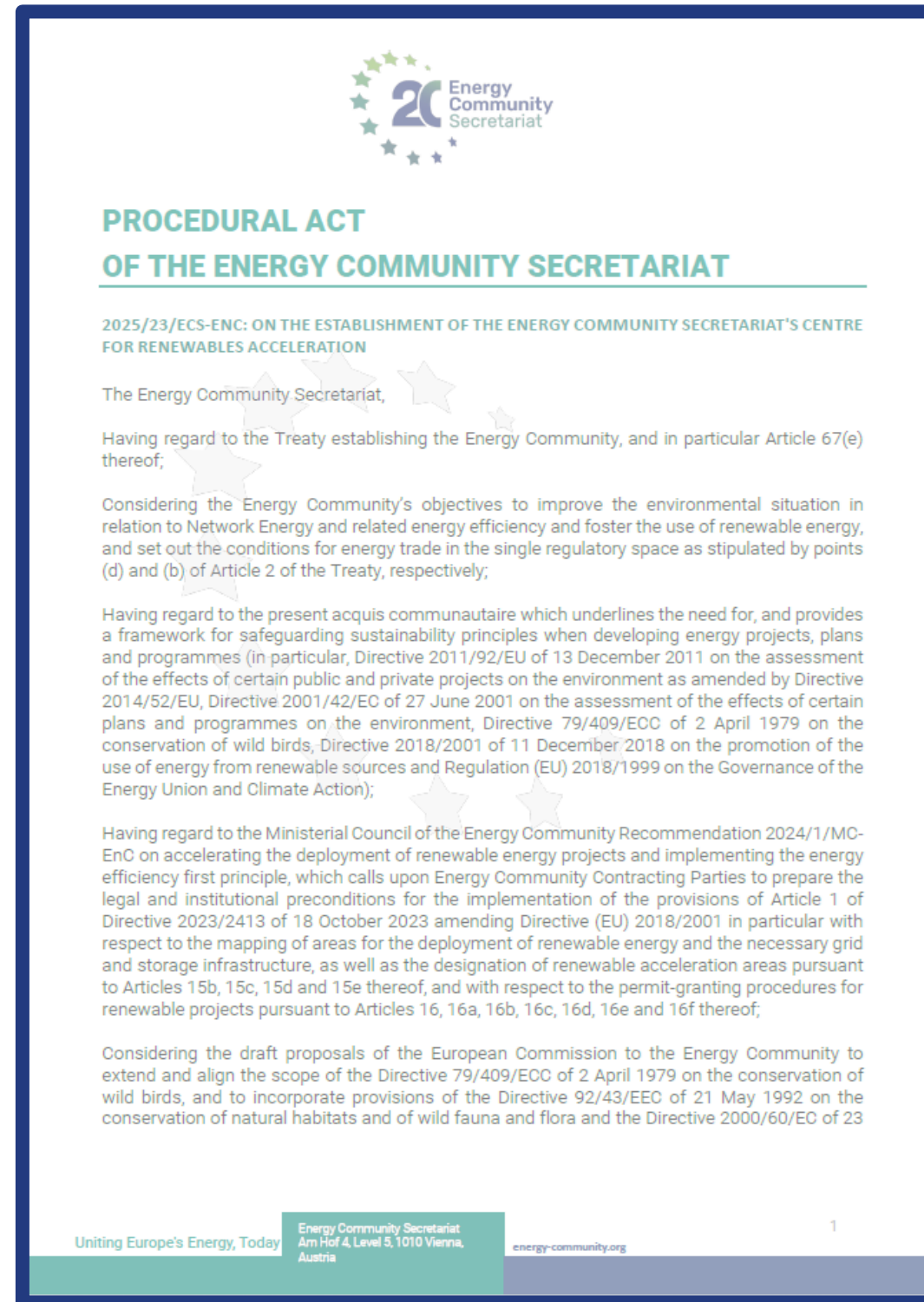


CONCLUSIONS AND BEST PRACTICE

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ANNUAL REPORT



RES CENTRE



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CENTRE for RES Acceleration

Platform for cooperation
among authorities, institutions, and stakeholders



Capacity building & knowledge exchange
workshops, training, best practice



CORE FUNCTIONS

Technical support on permitting

Streamlining & digitalising procedures
One-stop-shops & single contact points
Dispute resolution mechanisms



Planning & programming of RES projects

Spatial mapping (GIS-based)
Identification of Renewable Acceleration Areas
Integration of environmental safeguards



CENTRE for RES Acceleration

Purpose:

- Accelerates renewable energy deployment
- Promotes streamlined permitting & strategic planning

Structure:

- Led by Secretariat; supported by experts & consultants
- Operates via a Core
- Backed by Secretariat units

Key institutional links:

- Task Force on Environment → environmental alignment
- RE Coordination Group → permitting & planning reforms

Delivery:

- Technical support & capacity building
- Cooperation with external experts
- Pilot projects

WEBSITE... COMING SOON

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Renewable Energy
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Partnerships and projects



Open Society Foundation - Western Balkans (OSF-WB)

The OSF-WB supports the Centre for Renewables Acceleration by providing tailored technical assistance to Western Balkan Contracting Parties to accelerate renewable energy deployment.



European Climate Foundation (ECF)

The European Climate Foundation supports the Secretariat in advancing renewable energy deployment in Ukraine, with a focus on enabling a resilient and accelerated green transition in the context of recovery and reconstruction.

The partnership combines



The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

The Secretariat partners with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to advance renewable energy deployment in line with environmental safeguards. The collaboration combines spatial planning and biodiversity expertise with policy support, delivering practical tools to identify suitable sites and minimise environmental conflicts. TNC also provides a delegated expert

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Guidance tool for good practices in bird conservation in the development of renewable energies

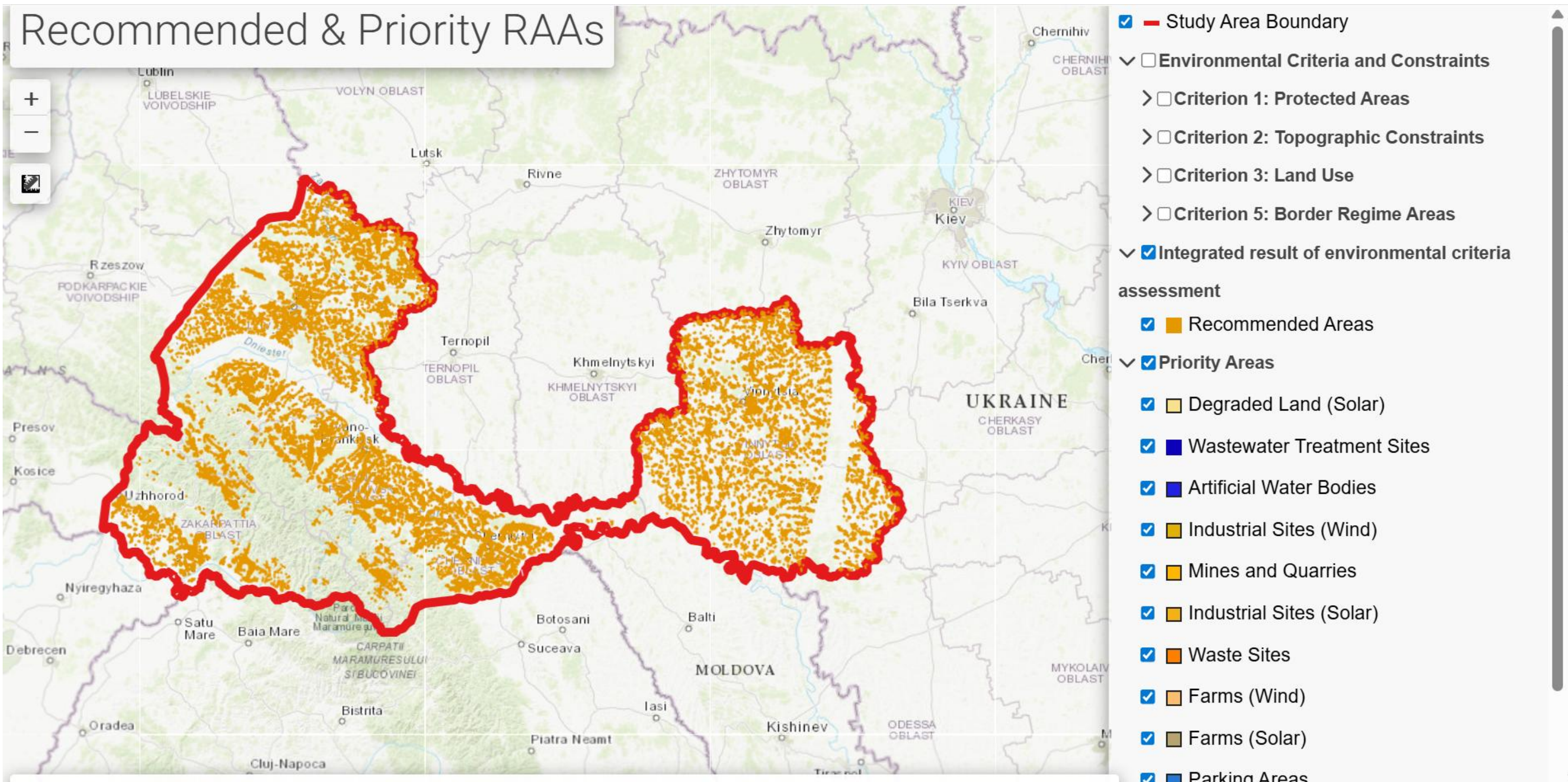
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TARGETED SUPPORT:Ukraine

Supported by European Climate Foundation



TARGETED SUPPORT: Western Balkans

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FOUNDATION:
Centre for RES Acceleration
institutionalisation

- Embedded expertise (delegated expert)
- Operational structure & stakeholder mapping
- Delivery of actions under the Annual Work Programme



CAPACITY:
Strengthen national
capacities

- Targeted workshops & high-level dialogues
- Structured support programme and synergies
- Practical tools & guidance



DELIVER IN PRACTICE:
Targeted support to
Contracting Parties

- Needs-based support (call for expressions of interest)
- Tailored assistance to remove bottlenecks
- Scaling up solutions across the region

TARGETED SUPPORT: Western Balkans

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THECNICAL WORKSHOP

Funded by: Open Society Foundations Western Balkans

Technical Workshop on Renewable Acceleration Areas & Permitting Reform

Focus: Western Balkans, *hybrid*

Date & Venue: 28–27 April 2026, Podgorica

Key Topics:

- Legal framework for RAAs & permitting (Revised RED),
- Environmental safeguards
- One-stop-shop & permitting protocols
- Case studies

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Funded by: Open Society Foundations Western Balkans

1. General Information

- Contracting Party concerned:
- Applicant (legal or natural person, including consortia):
- Public institution supporting the Project:
- Contact Person (Name, Position, Email):
- Other relevant partners in the Pilot Project (if any):

2. Scope and Context of the proposed pilot project (Max. 800 words)

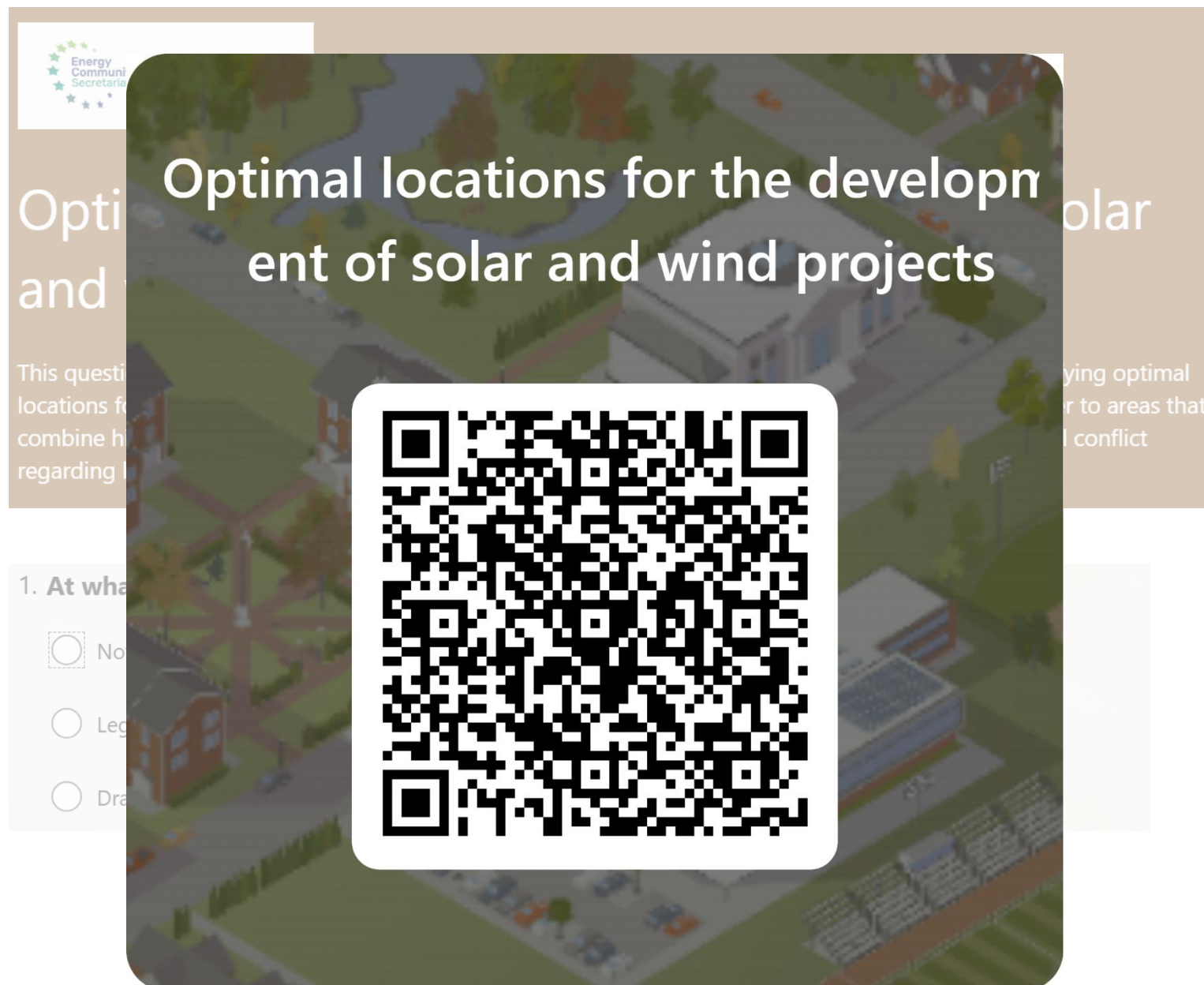
Please describe here the context for the proposed pilot project. A pilot project may be either linked to a concrete (potential) RAA (a specific site or area, an RAA project idea etc.) (Category A) or be of general overarching nature provided the pilot project, to the extent that, if supported by the requested technical assistance, such assistance can be conducive for the designation of RAA (Category B). The description should include:

- Specification of the pilot project to be supported by technical assistance. This may relate to the following (non-exhaustive) list of categories
 - Identification of suitable areas for RAA
 - Spatial planning processes
 - Feasibility studies and needs assessments
 - Collection or verification of data (e.g. of technical, environmental,

THECNICAL WORKSHOP

28-29 April 2026, Montenegro

- Hands-on discussions and country interventions



Optimal locations for the development of solar and wind projects

This question concerns identifying optimal locations for solar and wind projects, taking into account various factors such as land availability, environmental impact, and proximity to infrastructure. The goal is to find areas that are suitable for development while minimizing conflicts with other land uses.

1. At what locations should solar and wind projects be developed?

- No
- Legal
- Draft



The current state of permitting procedures for solar and wind projects

This question concerns the current state of permitting procedures for solar and wind projects. It aims to identify the challenges and opportunities in the permitting process, such as the complexity of procedures, the time taken to obtain permits, and the impact of these procedures on the development of renewable energy projects.

1. Have you experienced any challenges in the permitting process?

- No



THANK YOU!



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