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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Poslanecká sněmovna for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Digitalising the energy system – European Union (EU) action plan {COM(2022) 552 final}.*

*The European Green Deal and making Europe Fit for the Digital Age are two central priorities of the Commission and go hand in hand. They require making the EU energy system more efficient and ready for increasing the share of renewable energy sources. For this, we need more innovative digital solutions and a grid that is much smarter and more interactive than it is today. The EU Action Plan, adopted on 18 October 2022, aims at unlocking the potential of digitalising the energy sector and the important energy savings that the digital transformation can provide, benefitting all consumers.*

*The Commission welcomes the favorable assessment of the communication and the support expressed by the Poslanecká sněmovna. We especially appreciate that the Poslanecká sněmovna recognises the Commission's effort to address the EU's dependence on imports of fossil fuels from the Russian Federation as well as its approach on developing the actions needed to achieve the digital and sustainable transformation of the energy system within the Union.*

*The Commission also takes note of the Poslanecká sněmovna's concerns. The EU action plan presents the main priorities for concrete actions in specific areas needed to fully exploit the potential of digital technologies and accelerate the digitalisation of the EU energy system while addressing the challenges it brings. The actions are designed to be implemented in co-operation between the Commission, the Member States and the stakeholders. As such, the recently started implementation phase will also aim at ensuring clarity, precision and effectiveness of the actions themselves, the role of the parties involved at all levels, the activities and initiatives around them, as well as synergies and complementarities with other activities, so as to avoid any potential administrative burden for both Member States and stakeholders.*

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*The Commission shares the Poslanecká sněmovna's view on the importance of building on the already existing and planned activities in the field of digitalisation of energy to avoid duplication. Making use of complementarities and fully exploiting synergies between the EU's energy and digital agenda, and taking into account national and regional activities and initiatives are a crucial component of the actions presented in the EU action plan. The Commission Notice on the Guidance to Member States for updated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) 2021- 2030 {C(2022) 9264 final}<sup>1</sup> - published on 15 December 2022 - encourages Member States to make use of the existing tools and to build on their activities in the field of digital and energy to explore the full potential of the twin green and digital transitions, while avoiding duplication. The platform 'Gathering Energy and Digital innovators from across the EU' (GEDI-EU) - presented in the EU action plan – will enhance structural cooperation between the European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs), the Artificial Intelligence Testing and Experimentation Facilities (AI TEFs)<sup>2</sup>, and the EU network of innovators and research institutions. Among its activities, the platform will also support knowledge communities and cross-sectoral sharing of best practices, taking into account ongoing and planned activities at the EU and National level, and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.*

*The Commission also agrees on the importance to support the development and scale-up of the most energy-efficient technologies and solutions and to consider and address the environmental impact of digital products. On this matter, the EU action plan reflects on how to address the challenges to digitalise the energy sector while meeting the climate neutrality objectives. In implementing the EU action plan, the Commission will pay close attention on the energy consumption of new technologies and solutions. More specifically, under the section 6, the plan presents actions specifically targeting the energy consumption of the Information Communication Technology (ICT) sector. The Commission is also committed to drive investments towards the most energy-efficient solution across the whole energy system, as emphasised in the flagship programme for Digitalisation of Energy in the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024<sup>3</sup>.*

*The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the issues raised by the Poslanecká sněmovna and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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Vice-President*

*Kadri Simson  
Member of the Commission*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022XC1229\(02\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022XC1229(02))

<sup>2</sup> Established under the Digital Europe Programme: <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/digital-programme>

<sup>3</sup> [wp-8-climate-energy-and-mobility\\_horizon-2023-2024\\_en.pdf](https://wp-8-climate-energy-and-mobility_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf) (europa.eu).