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Pilot project - Monitoring the impacts of free zones and guidelines for future modernisation in light of the European Green Deal

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REMARKS

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study could also look at the impact on the risk for existing domestic businesses to relocate from the national territory to the free zone and provide examples if it finds any. To the extent possible, the project should compare these results with existing literature looking at similar indicators for zones outside the European Union.

In addition, this study should include some reflection on how to develop European guidelines to ensure the social and environmental impacts of free zones are in line with the European green deal's objectives. This project will develop proposals to ensure fiscal incentives by Member States are also conditional to a range of social and environmental indicators in order to drive existing and potential future free zones towards a sustainable development impact, e.g. for example specialising them into manufacturing activities in renewable energy or innovative products offering low-cost solutions to meet the Paris agreement's objectives.

JUSTIFICATION

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The EU lists over 70 free zones in different Member States: some have several, when some have none. While created originally to promote regional development and increase competitiveness, certain free zones have raised concerns either by the Commission (e.g. state aid investigation) or by the European Parliament (e.g. PANA study on freeports). This pilot project aims at ensuring that the Commission assesses the impact and efficiency of these free zones, compare with their use in third countries and proposes improvement to align them with the objectives of the European Green Deal.

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