

1) **Fiche to be used for each step:**

The step under review	Step: For consumption-based metering and billing at individual-level, individual meters shall be installed where technically feasible and cost effective in terms of being proportionate in relation to energy savings in line with Directive 2023/955 (i) All newly constructed buildings.
Baseline	Baseline for (i) (2018) is 0.
Deadline of the step	(i) December 2025
Actual results	In line with Annex 1 of the Reform Agenda of North Macedonia 2024-2027, a verification report request (number 19-5861/1) was sent to "ESM Heat Distribution LLC Skopje" on 12 December 2025. Furthermore, in accordance with the VTC Monitoring Session held on 31 October 2025, a joint technical working group is being formed. The Ministry of Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources has requested nominations for members of this working group from various institutions, including "ESM Heat Distribution LLC Skopje," "JSC ESM-Subsidiary 'Energetics'," "ESM Heat Supply LLC Skopje," the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, and the Energy, Water Services and Municipal Waste Management Services Regulatory Commission. The nomination process is currently underway.
Evidence provided	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report verification request number 19-5861/1 (12 December 2025) sent to "ESM Heat Distribution LLC Skopje." 2. Request number 19-5860/1 (12 December 2025) for nominations to the joint technical working group, sent to multiple institutions, including "ESM Heat Distribution LLC Skopje," "JSC ESM-Subsidiary 'Energetics'," "ESM Heat Supply LLC Skopje," and relevant ministries and regulatory bodies. 3. Response to Request number 19-5860/1 from "JSC ESM-Subsidiary 'Energetics'" (Reply number 02-2009/2, 22 December 2025) 4. Nomination of members to the joint technical working group (Request number 03-3800, 25 December 2025) from "ESM Heat Distribution LLC Skopje." 5. Response to the nomination request from the Energy, Water Services and Waste Management Regulatory Commission (Reply number 03-2355/2, 22 December 2025). 6. Notification of nominated members from the Ministry of Environment

	and Physical Planning (Notification number 02-4858/2, 22 December 2025).
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	In December 2025, a verification report request (number 19-5861/1) was sent to the distributor of heat energy "ESM Heat Distribution LLC Skopje", in line with Annex 1 of the Reform Agenda of North Macedonia 2024-2027. Additionally, regarding the adoption of secondary legislation under Article 244, the Energy, Water Services and Waste Management Regulatory Commission of the Republic of North Macedonia (ERC) has prepared the Draft Rules on the Supply of Thermal Energy. A preparatory session will be held on 16 January 2026 to review the observations submitted on these Draft Rules.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	The implementation of the steps does not contravene the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 11(4) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1449 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement. The implementation of the step does not contravene the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle (DNSH).
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Partially achieved