# Strategic guidelines for rural development 2007-2013

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The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted a report drafted by Luis Manuel **CAPOULAS SANTOS** (PES, PT), and, in the framework of the consultation procedure, it amended the proposal for a Council decision amending Decision 2006/144/EC on the Community strategic guidelines for rural development (programming period 2007 to 2013).

The sole amendment stipulates that, in the agrifood chain and forestry sector investment support should help to develop innovative and more sustainable ways of replacing fossil fuels and reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, including by means of second-generation agrofuels, whereby it must be ensured that food production is not reduced in consequence and that the energy balance of the farm concerned is improved overall.