State aid to facilitate the closure of uncompetitive coal mines

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The Commission briefed the Council on its proposal aiming to phase out subsidies in order to facilitate the closure of uncompetitive coal mines. It stressed, nevertheless, that EU objectives concerning climate change must be taken into account and that investments should be redirected to renewable energies. Such state aid would be allowed only in the context of closure plans to completed by 1 October 2014.