Trans-European energy networks, guidelines: list of projects of common interest

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The Committee approved the Commission’s proposal for updating the general objectives of Decision 1254 /96/EC of the Council and the European Parliament, providing for projects in the three new Member States and integrating the networks concerned into the objectives for the countries of the Mediterranean and central and eastern Europe. However, it again expressed doubts on a number of issues, namely: -. the lack of financial resources allocated to preliminary project studies; -. the questions that could arise in the course of the debate on the future directive for the single gas market; -. the insufficient attention being paid to projects aimed at outlying and remote parts of the Community, which could be financed by the Structural Funds; -. the lack of attention to the environmental compatibility of the projects.