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The report by Mrs Elly PLOOIJ-VAN GORSEL (ELDR, NL) was adopted. In the report, the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy regretted the delayed and cursory evaluation of the EURET programme (1990-1994). This situation had meant that it was not possible to take account of the conclusions in the drafting of the Fourth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development or the specific programme on this issue. This was the first Community programme concerning research and technological development in the field of transport. It came under the Second Framework Programme and had been allocated ECU 34.8 million. As far as the committee was concerned, in future, clear criteria should be laid down prior to each evaluation in terms of methods and procedures to be used, including a timetable which must be adhered to. The Commission should ensure that the recommendations made by the panel of experts were incorporated in both the current and future RDT policy on transport. The Commission should also provide detailed information on the activities of Member States and the coordination of their efforts with those made at Community level. Finally, it should submit comprehensive details of Community expenditure for both the 1990-1994 EURET programme and its continuation under the Fourth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development.