

Procurement water, energy, transport and postal sectors: coordination of procedures for award, utilities directive

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The committee adopted the report by Stefano ZAPPALA (EPP-ED, I) broadly approving the proposal under the codecision procedure (1st reading), subject to a few amendments. The chief demand contained in the report was for a 88%-100% increase in the thresholds proposed by the Commission (i.e. the amount above which a public contract will be subject to Community rules). The report also sought to revise the scope of the existing legislation in the light of the gradual liberalisation of the water, energy, transport and telecommunications sectors. Lastly, the committee adopted a large number of technical amendments aimed at clarifying and strengthening the proposal on issues such as the definition of public works contracts, the central purchasing groups, the framework agreements, the need for confidentiality etc.