SAVE II, energy efficiency: multiannual programme 1998-2202

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OBJECTIVE: as part of the framework programme for energy 1998-2002 (CNS97302), to implement a specific multiannual programme for the promotion of energy efficiency (SAVE). SUBSTANCE: the Commission proposes continuing the SAVE programe, which has the following general objectives: - to stimulate energy efficiency measures in all sectors; - to encourage investment in energy conservation by private and public consumers and by industry; - to create the conditions for improving the energy intensity of final consumption in the Union by 1% per annum over and above any improvements deriving from other sources. The SAVE programme, for which the Commission proposes a budget of ECU 68.4 m for 1998-2002, will comprise six types of action and measure: 1) studies and measures designed to implement and supplement Community schemes for improving energy efficiency (such as voluntary agreements, development of standards, cooperative procurements and legislation); 2) targeted sectoral pilot schemes aimed at speeding up investment in energy efficency and/or improving energy use patterns; 3) measures proposed by the Commission to encourage dissemination of information (exchanges of experience and know-how); 4) measures to encourage the dissemination of information proposed by entities other than the Commission (e.g. universities, public and private organizations, energy agencies); 5) monitoring energy efficiency progress in the Community and in each Member State, and ongoing evaluation and monitoring of the schemes and measures carried out under the programme; 6) specific measures to improve energy management at regional and urban level with the aim of achieving greater cohesion between Member States and regions in the field of energy efficiency.