Solid fuels: multiannual programme of technological actions for an efficient and clean use 1998-2002

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OBJECTIVE: to adopt a specific multiannual programme of technological actions promoting the clean and efficient use of solid fuels (CARNOT). SUBSTANCE: as part of the framework programme in the field of energy 1998-2002 (CNS97302), the Commission proposes to support a series of measures to promote the industrial penetration of clean and efficient solid fuel technologies. The CARNOT programme, for which the Commission proposes a budget of ECU 4.10 m for 1998-2002, will comprise two categories of measures: a) measures to foster the creation of an information network aimed at promoting better marketing opportunities and technical information between national, Community and international activities; b) measures to foster industrial strategic cooperation, such as business workshops and seminars, industrial on-site visits, studies, evaluations and concertation groupings, aimed at promoting the industrial exploitation of solid-fuel technologies, including the international promotion of Community technology. These measures, taken as a whole, should make it possible to complement the measures of Member States and industry so as to help attain the Community objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2010 in relation to 1990, and to combat acidification. They will also help to reduce world carbon dioxide emissions by means of technology transfer.