SAVE II, energy efficiency: multiannual programme 1998-2202

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The Parliament approved the text of the Commission's proposal subject to a number of amendments that emphasise the need to support energy programmes that result in reduced pollution. The rapporteur was Ms. Undine Bloch von Blottnitz (Green, Germany). The Parliament agreed an additional objective for the programme would be to lay the foundations for the development of new instruments and mechanisms to speed up and co-ordinate market penetration by all sustainable energy technologies. Other amendments stress the importance of energy efficiency in the transport sector, the introduction of measures to encourage the switch from conventional power stations to renewable energy facilities and decentralised heat and power plants, the dissemination of information via networks, specific target groups or consumers in general, and the monitoring of energy efficiency progress.