

Energy efficiency in the Community: strategy for the rational use of energy

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The Parliament approved unamended its resolution on rational energy use which was drafted by Mr. Ulrich Stockmann (PES, D). The Parliament calls on the Commission to give priority to energy efficient programmes in future energy projects. It urges it to draw up guideline targets by energy type and economic sector. It also calls on the Commission to : - put forward firm proposals for a Union wide energy tax which will take into account the internalisation of external energy consumption costs; - give greater consideration to the energy efficiency dimension in connection with spatial and transport planning (e.g. by means of simulations of traffic flows in conurbations and the optimisation of transport links using different modes of transport); - back proposals to shift traffic flows from energy-intensive to energy efficient modes of transport and to support appropriate pilot projects; - develop a programme for promoting energy service companies (ESCOs) in connection with energy market liberalisation, particularly as regards equal treatment with pure energy producers, for instance where the granting of credit by third parties is concerned.