SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation

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OBJECTIVE: To adopt a programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 701/97 amending a programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector - SYNERGY programme. SUBSTANCE: The Community establishes a programme of cooperation with non-Member States (the SYNERGY programme) in the field of formulation, elaboration and implementation of energy policy in areas of mutual interest. SYNERGY is addressed to all states which are not members of the Community and, first and foremost, those countries and regions included in the priorities of the Community's external relations in terms of its political, security of energy and economic interests: Central and Eastern Europe, Cyprus and Malta, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Mediterranean countries, Latin America (Mercosur, Chile, Mexico and Venezuela), Asia (China, India, South East Asia) and Africa. SYNERGY will be implemented from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 1997. The financial reference amount is ECU 7 million. The programme will help achieve the Community's main energy objectives as described in the white paper 'on an energy policy for the European Union', namely: global competitiveness, security of supply and environmental protection. In order to achieve these objectives, the Community will contribute, in particular, to the financing of activities concerning: - energy policy advice and training, - energy analyses and forecasting, - the organization of conferences and seminars, - support to regional transboundary cooperation. The indicative apportionment of credits by type of activity was as follows: - Energy producer-consumer dialogue (4%); - Energy efficiency and use of renewables (20%); - Developing local resources and investments (31%); - Preparing for accession (6%); - Integration (9%); - Promoting technologies and enterprises (13%); - Training and advice for decision-makers (14%); - Others (3%). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 12 May 1997