Energy: international cooperation, multiannual programme SYNERGY 1998-2002

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OBJECTIVE: to establish a specific multiannual international cooperation programme in fields of mutual interest with third countries (SYNERGY) as part of the 1998-2002 framework programme for energy. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 1999/23/EC. CONTENTS: the Council decided to continue the SYNERGY programme, which concerns: - assistance to third countries in preparing, formulating and implementing the energy policies of third countries; - promotion of industrial cooperation between the Community and third countries in the field of energy; - stepping up the coordination of the Community's external actions in the field of energy. In order to achieve these objectives, the Community will help to support projects designed to: - provide advice and training in matters related to energy policy; - provide analysis and forecasts in energy matters; - promote dialogue in matters related to energy policy and the exchange of information (organisation of conferences and seminars); - support cross-border regional cooperation; - improve the framework for industrial cooperation in the field of energy. The reference amount for implementing the SYNERGY programme is ECU 15 m (of which ECU 6 m for the period 1998/1999).