

# **Energy and sustainable development: multiannual programme "Intelligent Energy for Europe", 2003-2006**

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**PURPOSE** : to adopt a multiannual programme for action in the field of energy: "Intelligent Energy for Europe". **COMMUNITY MEASURE** Decision No 1230/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council adopting a multiannual programme for action in the field of energy: "Intelligent Energy - Europe" (2003 - 2006). **CONTENT** : the Council adopted a Decision on a multiannual programme for action in the field of energy: "Intelligent Energy for Europe" (2003-2006), following an agreement reached with the European Parliament in second reading under the co-decision procedure. This Programme is aimed at improving energy efficiency, supporting initiatives relating to all energy aspects of transport and promoting renewable energy sources both at Community and at international level. The amendments agreed on by Council and European Parliament refer to EUR 200 million as financial framework for the implementation of this programme. The specific objectives of this programme are as follows: - to provide the elements needed for the promotion of energy efficiency, the increased use of renewable energy sources and energy diversification, such as through new developing and renewable energy sources, including in transport, the improvement of sustainability, the development of the potential of the regions, in particular the outermost regions, and of islands, and the preparation of the legislative measures needed to attain these strategic objectives; - to develop means and instruments, which may be used by the Commission and the Member States, to follow up, monitor and evaluate the impact of the measures adopted by the Community and its Member States in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, including the energy aspects of transport; - to promote efficient and intelligent patterns of energy production and consumption based on solid and sustainable foundations by raising awareness, notably through the educational system, and promoting exchanges of experience and know-how among the main players concerned, businesses and citizens in general, by supporting actions intended to boost investment in emerging technologies, and by encouraging the spread of best practices and the best available technologies, as well as by means of promotion at international level. This programme is structured in four specific fields as follows: - "SAVE", which concerns the improvement of energy efficiency and the rational use of energy, in particular in the building and industry sectors, with the exception of actions under STEER, including the preparation of legislative measures and their application; - "ALTENER", which concerns the promotion of new and renewable energy sources for centralised and decentralised production of electricity and heat and their integration into the local environment and the energy systems, with the exception of actions under STEER, including the preparation of legislative measures and their application; - "STEER", which concerns support for initiatives relating to all energy aspects of transport, the diversification of fuels, such as through new developing and renewable energy sources, and the promotion of renewable fuels and energy efficiency in transport, including the preparation of legislative measures and their application; - "COOPENER", which concerns support for initiatives relating to the promotion of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in the developing countries, in particular in the framework of the Community cooperation with developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 04/08/03.