## Basic information

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| **1995/0237(AVC)**<br>AVC - Assent procedure (historic) | Procedure completed |
| Energy Charter and Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects<br>**Subject**<br>3.60 Energy policy | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy | MATIKAINEN-KALLSTRÖM Marjo (PPE) | 20/01/1997 |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | 20/12/1995 |
| RELA External Economic Relations | TOIVONEN Kyösti (PPE) | 19/12/1995 |

### Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
|---|---|---|
| Energy | 1850 | 1995-06-01 |
| Energy | 2009 | 1997-09-23 |
| Energy | 1921 | 1996-05-07 |
| Energy | 1975 | 1996-12-03 |
| Energy | 1894 | 1995-12-20 |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| 01/06/1995 | Debate in Council | | |
| 20/09/1995 | Initial legislative proposal published | COM(1995)0440 | |
| 20/12/1995 | Debate in Council | | Summary |
| 07/05/1996 | Debate in Council | | Summary |
| 06/12/1996 | Legislative proposal published | 12046/1996 | Summary |

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| 13/12/1996 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 05/02/1997 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 05/02/1997 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0041/1997 | |
| 17/02/1997 | Debate in Parliament |  | Summary |
| 23/09/1997 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 23/09/1997 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 09/03/1998 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 1995/0237(AVC) |
| **Procedure type** | AVC - Assent procedure (historic) |
| **Procedure subtype** | International agreement |
| **Legal basis** | Euratom Treaty A 101-p2<br>EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a2<br>ECSC Treaty C 095 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | ENER/4/08514 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A4-0041/1997<br>OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0005 | 05/02/1997 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T4-0038/1997<br>OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0019-0034 | 18/02/1997 | Summary |

**Council of the EU**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legislative proposal | 12046/1996 | 06/12/1996 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Initial legislative proposal | COM(1995)0440 | 20/09/1995 | |

## Additional information

| Source | Document | Date |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

| Final act | |
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| Decision 1998/0181<br>OJ L 069 09.03.1998, p. 0001 | Summary |

# Energy Charter and Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects

1995/0237(AVC) - 23/09/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to consolidate the initiative and the central role of the European Communities by enabling them to participate fully in the implementation of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council and Commission Decision 98/181/EC, ECSC, Euratom. SUBSTANCE: the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects are approved on behalf of the Community, the ECSC and Euratom. The principles and objectives of the Charter Protocol will help to improve environmental protection, particularly by promoting energy efficiency.

# Energy Charter and Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects

1995/0237(AVC) - 18/02/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Maria Tuulevi MATIKAINEN-KALLSTROM (EPP, FIN) Parliament gave its assent to the conclusion of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects.

# Energy Charter and Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects

1995/0237(AVC) - 07/05/1996

The Council presented an update of the situation as regards the European Energy Charter on the basis of a progress report submitted by the General Secretariat to the Council. In this it reaffirmed its support for the European Energy Charter, which provided a stable legal framework for long-term energy cooperation between the countries of eastern and western Europe , and repeated its resolute commitment to the Charter. According to the Council, it was extremely important that the Energy Charter Treaty should be ratified by the Member States as soon as possible and subsequently concluded by the European Communities.

# Energy Charter and Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects

1995/0237(AVC) - 03/12/1996

The Council was in political agreement and took note of the progress being made in the negotiations on the supplementary treaty.

# Energy Charter and Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects

1995/0237(AVC) - 06/12/1996 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVES: - to consolidate the initiative and the central role of the European Communities by enabling them to participate fully in the implementation of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects applied by the EC on a provisional basis since they were signed on 17 December 1994; - to develop cooperation with the countries of central and eastern Europe and

with the countries of the Community of Independent States; - to give investors greater legal security by giving them the benefit of national treatment, to introduce the obligation of transparency in the treatment of investments and to give consumer countries guarantees of supply. CONTENT: - the Commission proposes, with Parliament's assent, that the Council adopt the decision on the conclusion of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects under the EC Treaty; - this text has also been submitted to the Council by the Commission as a draft decision: . for assent under the ECSC Treaty; . and for agreement under the Euratom Treaty.

# Energy Charter and Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects

1995/0237(AVC) - 20/12/1995

The Council noted the progress of work on the negotiations concerning the second phase of the European Energy Charter. Negotiations on the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) and on the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects were successfully completed in 1994. To date, 49 countries plus the European Union have signed the texts. Member States of the European Union are expected to complete their ratification procedures by summer 1996. The ECT is an important milestone especially because it guarantees the security of operations and supplies and pays particular attention to environmental protection. For investors it offers a basic legal framework that will make it possible to overcome obstacles, speed up negotiations and settle disputes in accordance with balanced procedural rules. However, it became clear during the negotiations that a Supplementary Treaty was necessary both in order to protect investments in the pre-investment phase and to address the issue of energy-related equipment and update the existing trade provisions in the light of the outcome of the Uruguay Round negotiations.