## Basic information

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| **1996/2066(COS)**<br><br>COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic) | Procedure completed |
| Energy sector: Euro-Mediterranean partnership<br><br>**Subject**<br><br>3.60.15 Cooperation and agreements for energy<br>6.40.05 Relations with the Mediterranean and southern European countries | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy | SCAPAGNINI Umberto (UPE) | 23/04/1996 |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy | SAKELLARIOU Jannis (PSE) | 24/04/1996 |

### Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
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| Energy | 1975 | 1996-12-03 |
| Energy | 1921 | 1996-05-07 |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 03/04/1996 | Non-legislative basic document published | COM(1996)0149 | Summary |
| 18/04/1996 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 07/05/1996 | Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council | | |
| 01/10/1996 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 01/10/1996 | Committee report tabled for plenary | A4-0296/1996 | |
| 14/11/1996 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 14/11/1996 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 02/12/1996 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |
| 03/12/1996 | Debate in Council | | Summary |

| Technical information | |
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| **Procedure reference** | 1996/2066(COS) |
| **Procedure type** | COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic) |
| **Procedure subtype** | Commission strategy paper |
| **Legal basis** | Rules of Procedure EP 148 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | ENER/4/07776 |

Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Motion for a resolution | | B4-0306/1996 | 29/03/1996 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading | | A4-0296/1996<br>OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0005 | 01/10/1996 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading | | T4-0617/1996<br>OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0234-0287 | 14/11/1996 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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# Energy sector: Euro-Mediterranean partnership

1996/2066(COS) - 03/12/1996

Commissioner Papoutsis presented an oral report to the Council. This report was a response to the conclusions adopted by the Energy Council on this subject on 7 May 1996, inviting the Commission to take measures in order to enhance cooperation between the partners in this field.

# Energy sector: Euro-Mediterranean partnership

1996/2066(COS) - 14/11/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Umberto SCAPAGNINI (UPE, I), Parliament called for the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and partnership strategy to be implemented swiftly in the energy policy sphere. It proposed that the Energy Charter Treaty should include non-Union countries which have entered into the Euro-Mediterranean partnership. It called for encouragement to be given to investment in solar energy (particularly photovoltaic panels technology), cooperation between power stations incorporating desalination systems, and projects to develop interconnections of energy systems. It emphasized that in view of the inter-dependence between the EU countries and the Mediterranean partners in the areas of energy supply, environmental protection, infrastructures development, trade relations, etc. the cooperation strategy for energy policy would enable a more secure balance to be struck in population and socio-economic terms, thereby benefiting the stability being sought for the Mediterranean area as a whole. It proposed that a Euro-Mediterranean Training Institute should be based in a Member State. It would transfer technology, design and operate pilot systems aimed at ensuring sustainable development in the Mediterranean countries. It called on the Commission to embark on a demonstration pilot project and to propose that a Mediterranean agency be set up to galvanize information, training and support efforts aimed both at organizations and at SMUs.

# Energy sector: Euro-Mediterranean partnership

1996/2066(COS) - 03/04/1996 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: the aim of this communication is to give effect to one aspect of the overall partnership called for in the conclusions of the Barcelona Euro-Mediterranean Conference held on 27 and 28 November 1995. The main objective is to strengthen cooperation, intensify dialogue in the energy policy sphere, and foster a favourable climate for investment and the operations of energy companies. SUBSTANCE: on the strength of an analysis of the energy situation in the region, the Commission takes the view that, given the strategic importance of the energy sector, an energy partnership would benefit both the European Union and the Mediterranean countries. Cooperation in the field of energy should be pursued: a) in the field of energy policy, with a view to establishing a framework for discussion so as to formulate coherent energy policies, develop energy planning tools, increase trade in energy products, provide greater security for private investment in energy resources and networks and, finally, to combat the greenhouse effect and climate change; b) with regard to infrastructures and networks, to develop and link up the energy networks in the various regions around the Mediterranean; c) in the field of industrial cooperation and RTD (renewable energy sources and energy efficiency; water treatment and management; oil prospecting, production, refining and distribution, and electricity generation, transmission and distribution). On the basis of these considerations, the Commission puts forward a number of proposals for priority action with special emphasis on: - setting up a Euro-Mediterranean Energy Forum for the joint management of energy cooperation through the establishment of a framework for meeting and information exchange among the members of the partnership; - opening consultations with the Mediterranean partner countries on their possible participation as observers in the work of the European Energy Charter Conference, if they are not already members; - study of mechanisms capable of promoting investment in energy in the Mediterranean regions; - cooperation with the countries concerned, under the partnership agreements, on the implementation of projects of common interest in the field of trans-European networks, taking account of the measures to combat climate change; - facilitation of measures to coordinate and deal with energy projects, in accordance with the objectives and procedures for MEDA.