Basic information

1997/0370(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Procedure completed
ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002) **Subject** 3.60.05 Alternative and renewable energies	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
DELE EP Delegation to Conciliation Committee	LANGEN Werner (PPE-DE)	28/10/1999

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	LANGEN Werner (PPE-DE)	29/07/1999
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	ROBLES PIQUER Carlos (PPE)	22/01/1998

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	SEPPÄNEN Esko (GUE/NGL)	03/02/1998
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	DYBKJÆR Lone (ELDR)	04/02/1998

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2210	1999-10-28
Agriculture and Fisheries	2240	2000-01-24
Culture	2195	1999-06-28
Energy	2092	1998-05-11
Energy	2132	1998-11-13

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/11/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0550	Summary
16/02/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
11/05/1998	Debate in Council		
13/11/1998	Debate in Council		
23/02/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
23/02/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0085/1999	
10/03/1999	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
21/05/1999	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0212	Summary
28/06/1999	Council position published	07122/1/1999	Summary
23/07/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
22/09/1999	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
22/09/1999	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0016/1999	
05/10/1999	Debate in Parliament		
06/10/1999	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0042/1999	Summary
28/10/1999	Parliament's amendments rejected by Council		
11/11/1999	Formal meeting of Conciliation Committee		Summary
09/12/1999	Final decision by Conciliation Committee		
23/12/1999	Joint text approved by Conciliation Committee co-chairs	3633/1999	
20/01/2000	Report tabled for plenary, 3rd reading	A5-0011/2000	
24/01/2000	Decision by Council, 3rd reading		
02/02/2000	Debate in Parliament		
03/02/2000	Decision by Parliament, 3rd reading	T5-0033/2000	Summary
28/02/2000	Final act signed		
28/02/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/03/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CODE/5/12200

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0085/1999 OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0005	23/02/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0186/1999 OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0190-0268	11/03/1999	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament confirming position adopted at 1st reading		T4-0413/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0252-0268	06/05/1999	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A5-0016/1999 OJ C 107 13.04.2000, p. 0005	22/09/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T5-0042/1999 OJ C 107 13.04.2000, p. 0029-0064	06/10/1999	Summary
Report tabled for plenary by Parliament delegation to Conciliation Committee, 3rd reading		A5-0011/2000 OJ C 309 27.10.2000, p. 0004	20/01/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, 3rd reading		T5-0033/2000 OJ C 309 27.10.2000, p. 0012-0060	03/02/2000	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council position	07122/1/1999 OJ C 243 27.08.1999, p. 0047	28/06/1999	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0550	18/11/1997	Summary
Reconsultation	SEC(1999)0581	28/04/1999	
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1999)0212	21/05/1999	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1999)1096	16/07/1999	Summary
	COM(1999)0560		

Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading	OJ C 056 29.02.2000, p. 0024 E	04/11/1999	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0056/1998 OJ C 315 13.10.1998, p. 0001	15/07/1998	
CSL/EP	Joint text approved by Conciliation Committee co-chairs	3633/1999	23/12/1999	

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2000/0646
OJ L 079 30.03.2000, p. 0001 Summary

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 18/11/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: as part of the framework programme for energy 1998-2002 (CNS97302), to implement a specific multiannual programme to promote renewable energy resources in the Community (ALTENER II).

SUBSTANCE: the Commission proposes continuing the ALTENER programme, the main objectives of which are as follows:

- to help to create the necessary conditions for the implementation of a Community action plan for renewable energy sources;

- to encourage private and public investment in the production and use of energy from renewable sources.

The ALTENER II programme, for which the Commission proposes a budget of ECU 81.1 m for 1998-2002, will comprise six types of project and measure:

1) studies and other actions intended to implement and complement Community measures taken to develop the potential of renewable energy sources, e.g. sectoral and market strategies, the development of norms and standards, grouped procurement and legislation;

2) pilot actions aimed at creating or extending infrastructures and instruments for the development of renewable energy sources in: local and regional planning; the tools for planning, design and evaluation; new financial and market instruments; information; education and training;

3) measures proposed by the Commission to encourage the dissemination of information (exchanges of experience and know-how; establishment of a centralized system for collecting and circulating information);

4) measures to encourage the dissemination of information proposed by entities other than the Commission (e.g. universities, public bodies, private organizations, etc.);

5) new targeted actions facilitating the market penetration of renewable energy sources and encouraging investment in the following areas: biomass; thermal and photovoltaic solar systems; passive and active solar systems in buildings; small-scale hydroelectric projects; wind power; geothermal energy;

6) new actions intended to implement and monitor the Community strategy for renewable energy sources (implementation of an action plan, improvement of synergy between actions, monitoring of progress).

The overall aim of all these measures is to attain the priority objectives of the Union, namely: to limit carbon dioxide emissions, to increase the share of renewable energy sources in the energy balance, to reduce dependence on imported energy, to achieve security of supply and to promote cohesion and local and regional development.

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 06/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament confirming position adopted at 1st reading

Following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam on 01/05/99, the European Parliament confirmed as its first reading under codecision procedure its vote of 11/03/99 on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council decision adopting a multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community - ALTENER II.

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 16/07/1999 - Commission communication on Council's position

The common position is largely in line with and supportive of the Commission's amended proposal. In several instances, the common position streamlines and updates the Commission's proposal, as well as setting it clearly in the context of the Multiannual Energy Framework Programme.

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 06/10/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

In approving the Council's common position, Parliament passed a number of amendments designed to promote the export of renewable, restore the 81.1 million EURO budget as originally proposed by the Commission, and to reaffirm Parliament's support for a Charter on Renewable Energy (Eurenew) to be drawn up. There was also an amendment regarding improving the involvement of the European Parliament in view of the new procedures established under Council Decision 99/468/EC. Parliament's Rapporteur was Mr. Werner Langen (D, EPP/ED).

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 04/11/1999 - Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading

The Commission accepted either partially or in their totality seven of the eight amendments proposed by the Parliament, and, in particular, that which sought to reinstate the budgetary allocation initially proposed by the Commission, i.e. EUR 81.1 million. These amendments have been incorporated in the new amended proposal.

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 03/02/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 3rd reading

The European Parliament approves the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee regarding the adoption of the ALTENER Programme.

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 21/05/1999 - Modified legislative proposal

The amended proposal takes into account most of the amendments adopted by the Parliament that strengthen and clarify the initial proposals, in particular for what concerns the basic objectives of the programme and the implementation of the White Paper for a Community Strategy and an Action Plan to 2010 'Energy for the Future: Renewable Sources of Energy. The main concerns of the Parliament coincide with those of the Commission.

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 28/06/1999 - Council position

The Council's common position takes up either wholly or partially 16 amendments adopted by the European Parliament in its first reading and accepted by the Commission. On several points, the common position simplifies and updates the Commission's proposal in setting it clearly in the context of the Multiannual Energy Framework Programme for the energy sector adopted in Council Decision 1999/21/EC. Furthermore, the common position adds a reference to the financial framework for the implementation of the ALTENER Programme of 74 million euros (29.6 million euros for 1998-99 - and 44.4 million euros for 2000-2002 § this latter amount shall be reviewed if it is not consistent with the financial perspective for that period). The programme will be reviewed, bearing in mind the priority given to activities undertaken in the energy field, before the end of the year 2000.

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 11/03/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The Parliament adopted the text of the Commission's proposal subject to a number of amendments. Parliament's rapporteur was Mr Carlos ROBLES PIQUER (EPP, Spain). A number of the amendments emphasise the importance of renewables in contributing to cleaning up the environment, as well as their job creating potential. The Parliament stresses the importance of establishing the bases for the development of new instruments and mechanisms which will allow faster co-ordinated market penetration of all sustainable energy technologies. One amendment relating to targeted actions emphasises the need for actions to support the transition stage between demonstration and marketing.

ALTENER II: multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (1998-2002)

1997/0370(COD) - 17/10/2000

PURPOSE: as part of the framework programme for energy 1998-2002 to implement a specific multiannual programme to promote renewable energy resources in the Community (ALTENER).

COMMUNITY MEASURE: Decision 646/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council adopting a multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community (ALTENER) (1999-2002).

CONTENT: this Decision adopts allows the continuation of the Altener programme. Its main objectives are as follow:

- to help to create the necessary conditions for the implementation of a Community action plan for renewable energy resources;
- to encourage private and public investment in the production and use of energy from renewable sources.

The Altener programme, for which the Commission proposes a budget of EUR 77 million for the period 1998-2002, will comprise 6 types of projects and measures:

1) studies and other actions intended to implement and complement Community measures taken to develop the potential of renewable energy sources, e.g. sectoral and market strategies, the development of norms and standards, grouped procurement and legislation;

2) pilot action plans aimed at creating or extending infrastructures and instruments for the development of renewable energy sources in: local and regional planning; the tools for planning, design and evaluation; new financial and market instruments; information; education and training;

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6) new actions intended to implement and monitor the Community strategy for renewable energy sources (implementation of an action plan, improvement of synergy between actions, monitoring of progress).

The overall aim of these measures is to attain the priority objectives of the Union, namely: to limit carbon dioxide emissions, to increase the share of renewable energy, to achieve security of supply and to promote cohesion and local and regional development.

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