Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	WIJKMAN Anders (PPE-DE)	06/06/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	KRONBERGER Hans (NI)	21/11/2000
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	BAKOPOULOS Emmanouil (GUE/NGL)	21/11/2000

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
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European Commission

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Key events

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30/05/2000	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
13/11/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/02/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
06/02/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0054/2001	

13/03/2001	Debate in Parliament		
14/03/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0141/2001	Summary
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Energy efficiency: action plan

2000/2265(COS) - 26/04/2000 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to present the Action Plan to improve energy efficiency in the European Community. CONTENT : there is a pressing need to renew commitment both at Community and Member State level to promote energy efficiency more actively. This is especially true when seen in the light of the Kyoto agreement to reduce CO2 emissions, where improved energy efficiency will play a key role in meeting the EU Kyoto target economically. This Action Plan to improve energy efficiency outlines policies and measures for the removal of these barriers and the realisation of this potential. If a proposed indicative target for improvement of energy intensity by an additional one percentage point per year above the estimated yearly baseline change is met, that can realise two-thirds of the available savings potential by the year 2010. This would result in avoided energy consumption over

100 Mtoe, equivalent to avoided CO2 emissions of almost 200Mt/year or around 40% of the EU Kyoto commitment. Meeting the Community-wide target of doubling the use of cogeneration to 18% of the EU electricity production by 2010 is expected to lead to additional avoided CO2 emissions of over 65 Mt CO2/year by 2010. Three groups of mechanisms for improving energy efficiency are put forward: - measures to enhance the integration of energy efficiency into other Community non-energy policy and programme areas such as regional and urban policy, taxation and tariff policy, etc; - measures for re-focusing and reintroducing existing successful Community energy-efficiency measures; - new common and co-ordinated policies and measures. Furthermore, the Action Plan must be read and seen against the background of the Commission Communication and the Council Resolution on energy efficiency, which are logical steps in a process. Moreover, the Action Plan must be seen in a wider context of Community energy and environmental policy and indeed other relevant Community policies. It is also constructed in such a way as to contribute substantially to the integration of energy and environmental objectives into other policy areas. Overall, this Action Plan is an integrated and coherent combination of policy instruments which reinforce each other and which the Member States are called upon to participate actively in.

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2000/2265(COS) - 14/03/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting this resolution drafted by Mr Anders WIJKMAN (EPP/ED, S), the Parliament welcomes the Commission's Action Plan on energy efficiency, although it considers it insufficient to meet the goals of the Kyoto Protocol or the neends of European enenrgy security. The House would prefer the planned legislative programme to deal with the overall energy saving and hence to include measures to reduce the use of energy in general and fossil fuels in particular. Parliament does not share the Commission's view that the target for reducing energy intensity should be 1% per yer. Instead it reiterates its earlier opinion that annual reductions in final energy intensity of 2.5% ought to be acheiveable, provided the political will is there. It calls therefore on the European Council to integrate energy efficiency in the Lisbon process, through the adoption of a target for an annual reduction in the final intensity of 2.5%. The Council is urged to adopt legislation providing for a Europe-wide pollutant-based climaite tax which does not result in an increase in the overall tax burden and covers all greenhouse gases, and/or - as an alternative in the longer term - a comprehensive EU emissions trading systems with step by step reduction of emission quotas. The Commission and the Member States are also requested to review national systems of taxation in order to create incentives to investments in energy efficiency. In addition, the Commission is called upon to submit a proposal for a directive to impose more stringent standards on the construction industry, both for new buildings and existing building stock, including heating systems. It has also asked to put forward a new directive to promote energy efficiency in electrical equipment. Moreover, it is urged to 'initiate a broad reflection and concrete actions for social marketing in the field of energy efficiency. The House would also like to see the setting up of a European Energy Programme Agency to ensure consistency and continuity in energy related programmes. The Agency would be responsible for the implementation, follow-up and dissemination of all programmes under SAVE, ALTERNER and ENERGIE part of the 5th RTD Framework programme and for coordinating and implementing the Energy Efficiency Action Plan. Parliament considers that special measures should be taken in order to meet a binding Community-wide target of doubling the use of cogeneration to 18% of EU electricity production by the year 2010. This is expected to bring about an additional reduction in CO2-emissions. It demands also that as from 2015, 25% of EU electricity production be provided by cogeneration.