Basic information

2002/2072(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Climate change: implementation of the first phase of the European programme **Subject** 3.70.02 Atmospheric pollution, motor vehicle pollution 3.70.03 Climate policy, climate change, ozone layer	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	HULTHÉN Anneli (PSE)	06/11/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	LANGEN Werner (PPE-DE)	18/12/2001
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	2399	2001-12-12
Environment	2457	2002-10-17

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Environment	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/10/2001	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2001)0580	Summary

12/12/2001	Debate in Council		
11/04/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/06/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
18/06/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0237/2002	
25/09/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0439/2002	Summary
25/09/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/10/2002	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
14/11/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Committee dossier	ENVI/5/16109

Documentation gateway

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Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0237/2002	18/06/2002	
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European Commission

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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0458/2001 OJ C 192 12.08.2002, p. 0059	13/03/2002	

Climate change: implementation of the first phase of the European programme

2002/2072(COS) - 23/10/2001 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: To set out the Commission's work programme for the coming 24 months on implementing measures relating to climate change. CONTENT: The Commission's Communication on implementing measures to curb climate change is a complete list of priority actions for the realisation of targets set at Kyoto and relates to the coming 24 months. It refers to the EPPC report on measures which can be taken in order to achieve greater reductions in green house gas emissions. The initiatives listed are divided into various sections, including cross-sector, energy, transport and industry. Proposals listed are as follows: - Promoting effective implementation of the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive, with particular emphasis on climatic reduction initiatives between 2002-03. - Proposal for a Directive on linking project based mechanisms including JI and CDM to EC emission trading scheme. This proposal has been designed to compliment the Framework Directive on Emission Trading. An initial proposal should be ready by the first half of 2003. - Proposal for a review of the monitoring mechanism. The current system of monitoring national initiatives needs to be updated in line with the Bonn and Marrakech Protocols. This is to be presented by the second half of 2002. - Proposal for a Framework Directive for minimum efficiency requirements for end-use equipment. To be proposed in 2002. - Proposal for a Directive on Energy Demand Management. To be proposed in the course of 2002. - Proposal for a Directive for the promotion of Combined Heat and Power (CHP). To be proposed in 2002. - Initiatives on increased energy-efficient public procurement. Initiatives to be presented in 2002. - Public awareness campaign and campaign for take-off To be proposed in 2002. - Proposal for shifting the balance between modes of transport. - Proposal for improvements in infrastructure use and charging. - Promotion of the use of biofuels for transport. To be proposed in the second half of 2001. - Proposal for a framework Directive on Fluorinated gases. To be proposed in the first half of 2002. Within the context of the ECCP recommendations the Communication notes that further measures need to be taken if the EU is to reach targets set at Kyoto. Future orientations are likely to be more issue specific rather than sectoral and will be coordinated by the ECCP steering Committee with representation from relevant Commission Directorates General. Finally a follow-up report similar to that of 2001 will be prepared in 2002.

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2002/2072(COS) - 25/09/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Anneli HULTHEN (PES, Sweden) on the Climate Change programme. (Please refer to the document dated 18/06/02.) Despite the proposed measures at EU level, national responsibility for achieving climate-protection objectives still applies and national margins of manoeuvre must be retained. Each member country must adhere to the quotas already allocated to it under the burden sharing arrangements. Control mechanisms on pollution prevention, such as energy taxation and emission trading, must be co-ordinated so that price relations in the long term develop in such a way that low carbon dioxide emissions cost less than high emissions. Subsidies which conflict with emission reduction targets e.g. aid to the coal industry must be phased out simultaneously. Those sectors which are not involved with emission trading must be subject instead to a pollution-related levy which is revenue and competition neutral and coordinated and harmonised on a Europe wide basis. On the question of energy, Parliament pointed out that there is an urgent need to introduce minimum efficiency requirements for end-use equipment so that the least efficient equipment disappears from the market. Energy saving with no loss of convenience is possible in this area. In many cases the cost is recouped within a few months or years. The Commission is asked to submit proposals by the end of the year. With regard to transport issues, economic instruments on market terms must favour fuels and technologies with low or zero emissions. A proposal for uniform fuel taxation is positive, but minimum levels are needed to avoid Member States having to reduce their levels and depriving them of a means of honouring their share of EU commitments. The Commission and Council's hesitance over tax harmonisation in the transport sector and the lack of comprehensive legislative instruments in conjunction with the simultaneous adoption of the directive on trading in greenhouse gas emission allowances may lead to undesirable distortions between rail and road, for example. There needs to be prompt proposals for effective control mechanisms.