


Procedure file

Basic information		
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SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		26/09/1995
		PPE SOULIER André	
	Former committee responsible		
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		PPE SOULIER André	
	Former committee for opinion		
	BUDG Budgets		
Council of the European Union	RELA External Economic Relations		17/10/1995
		PPE DIMITRAKOPOULOS Giorgos	
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		17/10/1995
		V TELKÄMPER Wilfried	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Fisheries	1998	14/04/1997
	Energy	1975	03/12/1996
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Key events			
06/09/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0197	Summary
13/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/12/1995	Debate in Council	1894	Summary
27/02/1996	Vote in committee		Summary

27/02/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0065/1996	
15/04/1996	Debate in Parliament		
16/04/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0169/1996	Summary
06/05/1996	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0194	Summary
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14/02/1997	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
14/02/1997	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	01160/1997	
27/02/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
27/02/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, reconsultation	A4-0065/1997	
12/03/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0088/1997	Summary
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14/04/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0065/1996 OJ C 117 22.04.1996, p. 0003	27/02/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0169/1996 OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0020-0052	16/04/1996	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		COM(1996)0194 OJ C 194 05.07.1996, p. 0020	06/05/1996	EC	Summary
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation		01160/1997	14/02/1997	CSL	
Committee final report tabled for plenary, reconsultation		A4-0065/1997 OJ C 115 14.04.1997, p. 0004	27/02/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament after reconsultation		T4-0088/1997	12/03/1997	EP	Summary

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Follow-up document		SEC(1999)1980	25/11/1999	EC	
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European Commission		EUR-Lex			
Final act					
Regulation 1997/701 OJ L 104 22.04.1997, p. 0001 Summary					

SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation

- OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a decision seeks to establish a multiannual programme to promote international cooperation in the formulation and elaboration of energy policy in non-member countries (SYNERGY programme). - SUBSTANCE: * The programme is to run for a period of 5 years (from 01.01.1996 to 31.12.2000) and seeks in particular: - to promote sustainable development, particularly by reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and pollution associated with energy consumption; - to improve security of energy supply; - to improve energy efficiency. * The SYNERGY programme is addressed at all non-member countries which are faced with energy problems: Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Mediterranean countries, Latin America and the ACP countries; * The cooperation measures will take the following form: - technical assistance and training aid; - conferences and seminars; - dissemination of information; - the delegation of European experts to third-country organisations; - energy studies; - support for international networks which examine and advise on energy policy matters; - support for energy centres in non-member countries. * The funding provided for under SYNERGY will be in the form of non-refundable aid and will cover the entire project in question or will be co-financed with another partnership. * The main themes of the programme are as follows: - to strengthen Europe's public image; - to support sustainable development in non-member countries; - to promote dialogue with energy producing countries; - to promote the reduction of the greenhouse effect and the emission of pollutants associated with energy consumption in all sectors; - to promote the interconnection of networks; - to promote energy programming in non-member countries; - to promote the integration of non-member countries. * The Commission will be assisted by an advisory committee comprising representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative from the Commission. ?

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The Council took note of progress of work in connection with the Commission communication concerning a multiannual programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector (SYNERGY Programme), accompanied by a proposal for a Council Regulation adopting the programme. The aim of the proposal is, firstly, to provide the Commission with an instrument for international cooperation on energy as regards the formulation and implementation of energy policy in third countries and, secondly, to supplement and reinforce the existing instruments. The proposal is based on experience and the results already achieved in this area since 1980 and on developments in the international energy situation. The Permanent Representatives Committee was instructed to resume examination of the proposal in the light of Parliament's opinion.

SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation

In unanimously adopting the report by Mr André SOULIER (EPP, F) on a proposal for a regulation (consultation of Parliament), the Research Committee, in its amendments, sought to improve the Commission's proposal. In particular, it adopted an amendment, which was proposed by the rapporteur, in the form of an annex clarifying the substance and general direction of the programme, the geographical zones concerned, the types of action proposed, the indicative apportionment of credits by geographic zone and type of activity, etc. The Research Committee highlighted the need to introduce a global energy strategy in relation to non-member countries, and the programme should form one aspect of this. The strategy, which comprises three categories as presented in the White Paper (global competitiveness, security of supply and environmental protection), is described in the annex in the form of actions to be taken. Actions highlighted in the annex include: the promotion of energy efficiency in non-member states, the development of local and renewable energy sources, the promotion of regional energy integration, support for the dissemination of European technology and the penetration of industry in key markets in the energy sector (Asia and Latin America), dialogue with energy-producing and exporting countries (the Gulf States, Russia, etc. and the energy transit countries), support for the financing of the necessary investment in non-member countries for energy production and transit, the dissemination of Community energy and environmental techniques, the promotion of "clean" coal combustion technology, particularly in the major consumer countries (such as China), improving nuclear safety in existing facilities in the CCEE and the CIS, etc. ?

SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector.

Reconsultation

In adopting the report by Mr André SOULIER (PPE, F) Parliament highlighted the need to introduce an overall energy strategy in relation to non-member countries (particularly developing countries), of which the SYNERGY programme will form one aspect. Parliament's amendments clarified the substance and general direction of the programme by emphasizing the promotion of energy efficiency in non-member states, the development of local and renewable energy sources, promoting regional energy integration, support for the dissemination of European technology and the penetration of industry in key markets in the energy sector (Asia and Latin America), dialogue with energy-producing and exporting countries (the Gulf states, Russia, etc., and the energy transit countries), support for the financing of the necessary investment in third countries for energy production and transit, the dissemination of Community energy and environmental techniques, encouraging clean technology, in particular for the combustion of coal in major consumer countries (such as China), and improving nuclear safety in existing facilities in the CCEE and the CIS, etc. Parliament adopted the following indicative apportionment of credits (in %) by type of activity and geographic area: - Energy producer-consumer dialogue (4%); - Energy efficiency and use of renewables (20%); - Developing local resources and investments (29%); - Preparing for accession (6%); - Integration (8%); - Promoting technologies and enterprises (10%); - Training and advice for decision-makers (14%); - Nuclear safety (6%); - Others (3%). ?

SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation

The amended proposal for a regulation on the adoption of the Synergy programme aimed at promoting international cooperation in the energy sector was in line with and incorporated almost all of the amendments adopted by the European Parliament. Only two amendments, which called into question the organisation of the relevant delegations to the Commission, were rejected by the Commission. ?

SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation

The draft legislative resolution was adopted unanimously. The rapporteur saw no point in re- opening the debate, despite certain discrepancies with the amended proposal, in order to avoid the risk of causing the definitive loss of funding earmarked for SYNERGY.?

SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation

The European Parliament approved with modifications the proposal for a regulation on a programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector (SYNERGY programme). It called for the financial reference amount for the implementation of this programme to be raised to ECU 10 million (instead of ECU 7 million) and for the Commission to be assisted by a committee of an advisory nature. ?

SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation

OBJECTIVE: To adopt a programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 701/97 amending a programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector - SYNERGY programme. SUBSTANCE: The Community establishes a programme of cooperation with non-Member States (the SYNERGY programme) in the field of formulation, elaboration and implementation of energy policy in areas of mutual interest. SYNERGY is addressed to all states which are not members of the Community and, first and foremost, those countries and regions included in the priorities of the Community's external relations in terms of its political, security of energy and economic interests: Central and Eastern Europe, Cyprus and Malta, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Mediterranean countries, Latin America (Mercosur, Chile, Mexico and Venezuela), Asia (China, India, South East Asia) and Africa. SYNERGY will be implemented from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 1997. The financial reference amount is ECU 7 million. The programme will help achieve the Community's main energy objectives as described in the white paper 'on an energy policy for the European Union', namely: global competitiveness, security of supply and environmental protection. In order to achieve these objectives, the Community will contribute, in particular, to the financing of activities concerning: - energy policy advice and training, - energy analyses and forecasting, - the organization of conferences and seminars, - support to regional transboundary cooperation. The indicative apportionment of credits by type of activity was as follows: - Energy producer-consumer dialogue (4%); - Energy efficiency and use of renewables (20%); - Developing local resources and investments (31%); - Preparing for accession (6%); - Integration (9%); - Promoting technologies and enterprises (13%); - Training and advice for decision-makers (14%); - Others (3%). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 12 May 1997 ?