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Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	1997/0371(COD) Procedure completed
SAVE II, energy efficiency: multiannual programme 1998-2002	
Subject 3.60 Energy policy	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	DELE EP Delegation to Conciliation Committee	V/ALE AHERN Nuala	28/10/1999
	Former committee responsible		
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	V/ALE AHERN Nuala	29/07/1999
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	V BLOCH VON BLOTTNITZ Undine-Uta	22/01/1998
	Former committee for opinion		
BUDG Budgets	GUE/NGL SEPPÄNEN Esko	03/02/1998	
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	ELDR DYBKJÆR Lone	04/02/1998	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2240	24/01/2000
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2210	28/10/1999
	Culture	2195	28/06/1999
	Energy	2132	13/11/1998
Energy	2092	11/05/1998	

Key events			
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	2092	
13/11/1998	Debate in Council	2132	
23/02/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
23/02/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0084/1999	
10/03/1999	Debate in Parliament		
11/03/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0187/1999	Summary
05/05/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
06/05/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0414/1999	Summary
21/05/1999	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0211	Summary
28/06/1999	Council position published	07123/1/1999	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	A5-0015/1999	
05/10/1999	Debate in Parliament		
06/10/1999	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0043/1999	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	3634/1999	
20/01/2000	Report tabled for plenary, 3rd reading	A5-0010/2000	
24/01/2000	Decision by Council, 3rd reading		
02/02/2000	Debate in Parliament		
03/02/2000	Decision by Parliament, 3rd reading	T5-0034/2000	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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Procedure subtype	Legislation

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CODE/5/12201

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0550	18/11/1997	EC	Summary
Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0056/1998 OJ C 315 13.10.1998, p. 0001	15/07/1998	CofR	
Follow-up document	COM(1998)0458	17/07/1998	EC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0084/1999 OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0005	23/02/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0187/1999 OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0190-0274	11/03/1999	EP	Summary
Reconsultation	SEC(1999)0581	28/04/1999	EC	
Text adopted by Parliament confirming position adopted at 1st reading	T4-0414/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0252-0268	06/05/1999	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1999)0211	21/05/1999	EC	Summary
Council position	07123/1/1999 OJ C 232 13.08.1999, p. 0020	28/06/1999	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1999)1095	16/07/1999	EC	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0015/1999 OJ C 107 13.04.2000, p. 0005	22/09/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0043/1999 OJ C 107 13.04.2000, p. 0029-0067	06/10/1999	EP	Summary
Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading	COM(1999)0558	04/11/1999	EC	Summary
Joint text approved by Conciliation Committee co-chairs	3634/1999	23/12/1999	CSL/EP	
Report tabled for plenary by Parliament delegation to Conciliation Committee, 3rd reading	A5-0010/2000 OJ C 309 27.10.2000, p. 0004	20/01/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 3rd reading	T5-0034/2000 OJ C 309 27.10.2000, p. 0012-0061	03/02/2000	EP	Summary
Implementing legislative act	32002L0041 OJ L 133 18.05.2002, p. 0017	17/05/2002	EU	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

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OBJECTIVE: as part of the framework programme for energy 1998-2002 (CNS97302), to implement a specific multiannual programme for the promotion of energy efficiency (SAVE). **SUBSTANCE:** the Commission proposes continuing the SAVE programme, which has the following general objectives: - to stimulate energy efficiency measures in all sectors; - to encourage investment in energy conservation by private and public consumers and by industry; - to create the conditions for improving the energy intensity of final consumption in the Union by 1% per annum over and above any improvements deriving from other sources. The SAVE programme, for which the Commission proposes a budget of ECU 68.4 m for 1998-2002, will comprise six types of action and measure: 1) studies and measures designed to implement and supplement Community schemes for improving energy efficiency (such as voluntary agreements, development of standards, cooperative procurements and legislation); 2) targeted sectoral pilot schemes aimed at speeding up investment in energy efficiency and/or improving energy use patterns; 3) measures proposed by the Commission to encourage dissemination of information (exchanges of experience and know-how); 4) measures to encourage the dissemination of information proposed by entities other than the Commission (e.g. universities, public and private organizations, energy agencies); 5) monitoring energy efficiency progress in the Community and in each Member State, and ongoing evaluation and monitoring of the schemes and measures carried out under the programme; 6) specific measures to improve energy management at regional and urban level with the aim of achieving greater cohesion between Member States and regions in the field of energy efficiency.?

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The Committee approved, subject to a number of amendments, the Commission proposals for Council decisions concerning the multi-annual programme (1998-2002): one for the promotion of energy efficiency (Rapporteur: Ms BLOCH VON BLOTTNITZ (V,D))(cooperation procedure, 1st reading; it should be noted that codecision will be applicable to both programmes after the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty). This proposal is part of the multi-annual framework programme for actions in the energy sector. The former is the continuation of the SAVE II programme adopted by the Council in December 1996 and aligns the period of application of the programme with those of the other energy programmes. According to the committee, the progress achieved under the SAVE programme in terms of improved energy efficiency is primarily due to Community legislative acts (directives). Therefore, one of the main points of the programme should be the drafting of Community legislation. The Committee disagrees with the Commission's target of a further 1% annual improvement in energy intensity of final consumption, and proposes instead that SAVE II should aim at a 1.5% annual improvement. The committee proceeded to specify areas in which efforts should be concentrated, such as the introduction of an energy certificate for buildings, the insulation of new buildings, regular checks on boilers, the promotion of third-party funding of energy-saving investments, combined heat and power and, in particular, the elaboration of energy standards in transport. The Commission claims in its proposal that 180-200 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions could be avoided by an improvement of 5% in the energy intensity of final demand. The Energy Committee believes that these figures could be increased by a shift towards renewable energy sources. ?

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The Parliament approved the text of the Commission's proposal subject to a number of amendments that emphasise the need to support energy programmes that result in reduced pollution. The rapporteur was Ms. Undine Bloch von Blotnitz (Green, Germany). The Parliament agreed an additional objective for the programme would be to lay the foundations for the development of new instruments and mechanisms to speed up and co-ordinate market penetration by all sustainable energy technologies. Other amendments stress the importance of energy efficiency in the transport sector, the introduction of measures to encourage the switch from conventional power stations to renewable energy facilities and decentralised heat and power plants, the dissemination of information via networks, specific target groups or consumers in general, and the monitoring of energy efficiency progress.?

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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 energy efficiency (1998-2002).?

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The Commission's amended proposal takes into consideration 6 of the 19 amendments adopted by the European Parliament in its first reading. These amendments concern: - the need for improved utilisation of energy sources; - the importance of taking into consideration the promotion of sustainable, renewable technologies that require low energy consumption; - the dissemination of information via networks, to specific target groups or consumers in general should be reached by all the available media (publications, videos, workshops, conferences and seminars, and databases).?

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The common position takes up 3 amendments adopted by the European Parliament in its first reading and accepted by the Commission. On a number of points, it simplifies and updates the Commission's proposal by placing it clearly within the context of the multiannual framework programme for the energy sector which is the subject of Council Decision 1999/21/EC. Furthermore, the common position sets the budget for the implementation of the SAVE programme at 64 million euros (25.6 million for 1998-99 and, in the form of a reference amount, 38.4 million euros for 2000-2002). The programme will be reviewed, taking into account the priority given to activities undertaken in the energy field, before the end of the year 2000.?

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The common position is, to a large degree, in line with and complementary to the Commission's amended proposal. Where appropriate it updates the amended proposal and places it clearly within the context of the multiannual framework programme for the energy sector. The Commission, therefore, supports the common position.?

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The Committee adopted the draft recommendation regarding the Council's common position on the multi-annual programme (1998-2002): for the promotion of energy efficiency SAVE (rapporteur: Nuala Ahern (Greens, Irl)) . This is the continuation of the SAVE II programme adopted by the Council in December 1996 and aligns the period of application of the programme with those of other energy programmes. With regard to SAVE , the committee felt that given the improvement in final energy efficiency achieved so far ,as well as Eu commitments in terms of CO2 reductions, the Commission's proposed target of a further 1% reduction in final energy demand should be increased to 1.5%. The financial framework for the implementation of the SAVE programme will be EUR 68,4 million, 25,6 million for the period 1998 to 1999 and 42,8 million for the period 2000 to 2002. ?

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In approving Council's common position, Parliament approved a number of amendments including one to increase the budget for 1998-1999 from 64 to 68.4 million EUROS. Parliament also approved the insertion of a reference to Council Decision 99/468/EC which established new procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission with the aim of improving the involvement of the European Parliament. Parliament's Rapporteur was Ms. Nuala Ahern (Ireland, Greens).?

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The Commission accepted wholly or partially 5 out of the 8 amendments proposed by the European Parliament and in particular those which aim to re-establish the budget allocation proposed at the beginning by the Commission, i.e. EUR 68,4 million. These amendments have been incorporated in the new amended proposal.?

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Since the current programmes will expire at the end of this year and the Council cannot accept all of the amendments adopted (8), the Finnish Presidency decided to convene the Conciliation Committee in the near future. The constituent meeting of the delegation took place on 20 October 1999. As regards the substance, the disagreement with the Council appears to revolve around the budget issue, since Parliament is proposing that the funding for SAVE II be increased by EUR 4.4 m.

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The European Parliament approves the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee regarding the SAVE Programme.?

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PURPOSE : as part of the framework programme for energy 1998-2002, to adopt a specific multiannual programme for the promotion of the energy efficiency (SAVE). COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 647/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council adopting a multiannual programme for the promotion of energy efficiency (SAVE) (1998-2002). CONTENT : this Decision shall continue the SAVE programme, which has the following general objectives: - to stimulate energy efficiency measures in all sectors; - to encourage investment in energy conservation by private and public consumers and by industry; - to create conditions for improving the energy intensity of final consumption in the Union. As regards the financial framework for implementation of the SAVE programme is set at EUR 66 million. The SAVE programme shall consist of 6 types of actions and measures: 1) studies and measures designed to implement and supplement Community schemes for improving energy efficiency (such as voluntary agreements, development of standards, cooperative procurements and legislation); 2) targeted sectoral pilot schemes aimed at speeding up investment in energy efficiency and/or improving energy use patterns; 3) measures proposed by the Commission to encourage dissemination of information (exchanges of experience and know-how); 4) measures to encourage the dissemination of information proposed by entities other than the Commission (e.g. universities, public and private organisations and energy

agencies); 5) monitoring energy efficiency progress in the Community and in each Member State, and ongoing evaluation and monitoring of the schemes and measures carried out under the programme; 6) specific measures to improve energy management at regional and urban level with the aim of achieving greater cohesion between Member States and regions in the field of energy efficiency. The SAVE programme shall be open to participation by associated central and eastern European countries in accordance with the conditions including financial provisions, laid down in the additional protocols to the Association Agreements, or in the Association Agreements themselves, relating to participation in Community programmes. This programme shall also be open to participation by Cyprus on the basis of additional appropriations, under the same rules as those applied to the EFTA/EEA countries. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 19.03.2000.?