


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1997/0369(CNS)	Procedure completed
Energy: international cooperation, multiannual programme SYNERGY 1998-2002		
Subject 3.60.15 Cooperation and agreements for energy		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	PPE SOULIER André	22/01/1998
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		03/02/1998
		GUE/NGL SEPPÄNEN Esko	
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2151	14/12/1998
	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		
11/05/1998	Debate in Council	2092	
23/09/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
23/09/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0322/1998	
08/10/1998	Debate in Parliament		
08/10/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0576/1998	Summary
20/10/1998	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0607	Summary
14/12/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation		

	of Parliament		
14/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/01/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/0369(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 235
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENER/4/09752

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	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0322/1998 OJ C 328 26.10.1998, p. 0003	23/09/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0576/1998 OJ C 328 26.10.1998, p. 0136-0180	08/10/1998	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		COM(1998)0607	20/10/1998	EC	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 1999/23 OJ L 007 13.01.1999, p. 0023 Summary
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OBJECTIVE: to establish a specific multiannual international cooperation programme in fields of mutual interest with third countries (SYNERGY), as part of the framework programme for energy 1998-2002 (CNS97302). **SUBSTANCE:** the Commission proposes continuing the SYNERGY programme, which concerns: - assistance in preparing, formulating and implementing the energy policies of third countries; - promotion of industrial cooperation between the Community and third countries in the field of energy; - stepping up the coordination of the Community's external action in the field of energy. The SYNERGY programme, for which the Commission proposes a budget of ECU 36.4 m for 1998-2002, will in particular support projects designed to: - improve energy efficiency in third countries; - promote the use of environmentally benign technology; - promote the exploitation of local resources, particularly renewable energy sources; - assist regional energy integration in third countries and the opening up of this sector; - promote dialogue on energy policy and contacts between Europe, third countries and particularly producing countries and international energy organizations; - support the penetration of European energy enterprises in third countries; - strengthen links between experts and decision-makers in the field of energy within the Community and between the Community and third countries. Community participation will not normally exceed 50% of the total cost of a project, and may be implemented on a co-financing basis with third countries, Member States or international organizations. The programme will also support the Union's external relations policy and help pave the way for the accession of Central and Eastern European countries. ?

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The Committee adopted the report in the field of multiannual energy programmes: all five are to do with the simplification and coordination of energy policy and is designed to establish priorities. The report by André SOULIER (EPP, F) was on the multiannual programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector (SYNERGY). Mr Soulier felt that, in the light of the world and European energy outlook, it was now more necessary than ever to establish international cooperation in the field of energy policy. World energy reserves were still adequate, but they must be rationally managed. Helping non-Member countries to deal with the production and consumption of energy was the objective of energy cooperation as set up by the SYNERGY programme. Amendments were adopted on complementarity with other Community programmes, budgetary aspects and on the role of the EP. The programme, it was felt, should each year be allotted approximately 18% of the total amount earmarked for the Framework Programme for Energy.

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In adopting the report by Mr André SOULIER (PPE, F), the European Parliament stressed the complementarity of the SYNERGY programme with other Community programmes, with a view to avoiding duplication of effort. It considered that the programme should receive around 18% of the total budget for the framework programme for energy each year.?

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The Commission's amended proposal incorporates those of the European Parliament's amendments which underline the need for complementarity between the SYNERGY programme and other Community programmes, in order to avoid duplication.?

Energy: international cooperation, multiannual programme SYNERGY 1998-2002

OBJECTIVE: to establish a specific multiannual international cooperation programme in fields of mutual interest with third countries (SYNERGY) as part of the 1998-2002 framework programme for energy. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 1999/23/EC. CONTENTS: the Council decided to continue the SYNERGY programme, which concerns: - assistance to third countries in preparing, formulating and implementing the energy policies of third countries; - promotion of industrial cooperation between the Community and third countries in the field of energy; - stepping up the coordination of the Community's external actions in the field of energy. In order to achieve these objectives, the Community will help to support projects designed to: - provide advice and training in matters related to energy policy; - provide analysis and forecasts in energy matters; - promote dialogue in matters related to energy policy and the exchange of information (organisation of conferences and seminars); - support cross-border regional cooperation; - improve the framework for industrial cooperation in the field of energy. The reference amount for implementing the SYNERGY programme is ECU 15 m (of which ECU 6 m for the period 1998/1999).?