

# Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	<a href="#">1995/2100(INI)</a>	Procedure completed
Community policy on research and sustainable development		
Subject 3.50.01 European research area and policy 5.05 Economic growth		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Research, Technological Development and Energy		20/06/1995
		GUE/NGL <a href="#">MARSET CAMPOS</a> <a href="#">Pedro</a>	
	Former committee responsible		
	 Research, Technological Development and Energy		20/06/1995
		GUE/NGL <a href="#">MARSET CAMPOS</a> <a href="#">Pedro</a>	

Key events			
13/06/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/11/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
29/01/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
29/01/1997	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">A4-0382/1996</a>	
29/01/1997	Report referred back to committee		
12/05/1997	Vote in committee		
12/05/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A4-0170/1997</a>	
11/06/1997	Debate in Parliament		
12/06/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0337/1997	Summary
12/06/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/06/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/2100(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 54
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENER/4/08630; ENER/4/06698

### Documentation gateway

Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	<a href="#">A4-0382/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 020 20.01.1997, p. 0003</a>	19/11/1996	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	<a href="#">A4-0170/1997</a> <a href="#">OJ C 182 16.06.1997, p. 0002</a>	12/05/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T4-0337/1997 <a href="#">OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0105-0199</a>	12/06/1997	EP	Summary

## Community policy on research and sustainable development

The Committee adopted the report by MARSET CAMPOS (GUE, E). In the resolution it noted that the introduction, in an ill-considered manner, of an increasing number of technological innovations into the model for economic growth had a questionable effect from both a social and an environmental point of view. The Committee called for the transition to a sustainable development model. To this effect it was essential to construct a social pact which would take account of the social, scientific and technical aspects. The Sustainable Development model should be centred on energy efficiency, resources management based on cooperation and democratic participation, a tax system which takes account of environmental constraints, a more ecological industrial policy, an equitable transfer of technology to countries of the South, etc. RTD could help promote the transition to a sustainable development model by making it easier to understand the interconnection between social, political, economic and environmental mechanisms. The IGC should incorporate criteria for sustainable development in the revised Treaty on European Union. The Commission was called on to include the same criteria in the Fifth RTD Framework Programme. ?

## Community policy on research and sustainable development

At the request of the rapporteur, Mr Pedro MARSET CAMPOS (GUE/NGL, E), the report was sent back to the responsible committee.

## Community policy on research and sustainable development

Adopting the report by Mr Pedro MARSET CAMPOS (GUE/NGL, E) on the policy on research and sustainable development, the European Parliament noted that the multiplicity of technical innovations in the current model for economic growth could result both in job losses as the result of automation and the creation of new jobs. The European Parliament considered that technological innovation could help to resolve environmental problems by making more efficient use of raw materials and energy and reducing emissions of pollutants. Parliament considered that, in order to achieve proper sustainable development, research and development activities needed to concentrate on: - analyzing the links between social/economic processes and the environment; - designing new processes for using raw materials and energy, producing goods and recycling products; The European Parliament also considered that the socio-cultural environment could play a decisive role in the transition to a consumer model which favoured the use of sustainable, hard-wearing, recyclable and biodegradable products. It therefore called on the Commission to integrate sustainable development criteria in Community research programmes (especially the fifth framework programme) as a reference for all actions based on technological research and development. European R&D policy should be based both on economic growth and ecological and social sustainability. Finally, it considered that one fundamental element of the sustainable development model should be based on society's overall choices with regard to energy and the promotion of renewable sources of energy and heat-recovery from non-recyclable refuse.?