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Amended Proposal for a
DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
adopting a multiannual programme for the promotion of
renewable energy sources in the Community
(1998-2002)

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Commission adopted on 18 November 1997 a proposal for a Council Decision concerning a multiannual framework programme for actions in the energy sector (1998-2002) and connected measures (COM(97) 550 final), Annex IV "Promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community (ALTENER).

The European Parliament delivered on 11 March 1999 its opinion on the draft decision based on Article 175(1) of the Treaty.

The European Parliament's main considerations coincide with those of the Commission.

The majority of the amendments adopted reinforce and clarify the initial proposals, in particular with respect to the key objectives of the programme and the implementation of the White Paper for a Community Strategy and Action Plan by 2010 "Energy for the Future: Renewable Energy Sources". Therefore they have been accepted by the Commission.

The Commission hereby presents the attached modified proposal which takes into consideration most of the amendments adopted by the Parliament.

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ORIGINAL TEXT

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 130s (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions³,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 189c of the Treaty, in cooperation with the European Parliament,⁴

1. Whereas Article 130r of the Treaty lays down that one of the objectives of Community action is to ensure prudent and rational utilization of natural resources;
2. Whereas Article 129 of the Treaty lays down that health protection requirements shall form a constituent part of the Community's other policies; whereas this programme contributes to health protection;
3. Whereas, at its meeting on 29 October 1990, the Council announced its objective of stabilising total CO₂ emissions by 2000 at the 1990 level in the Community as a whole;

MODIFIED TEXT

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 175(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions³,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty⁴,

1. Whereas Article 174 of the Treaty lays down that one of the objectives of Community action is to ensure prudent and rational utilization of natural resources;
2. Whereas Article 152 of the Treaty lays down that health protection requirements shall form a constituent part of the Community's other policies; whereas this programme contributes to health protection;
3. Whereas, at its meeting on 29 October 1990, the Council announced its objective of stabilising total CO₂ emissions by 2000 at the 1990 level in the Community as a whole;

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whereas at its meetings in March and June 1997, the Council adopted as a negotiating position for the Kyoto meeting under the Convention on Climate Change a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 7.5% by 2005 and 15% by 2010 compared with 1990 levels;

4. Whereas to achieve significant reductions in CO₂ emissions in the Community greater efforts are required, particularly in view of the fact that CO₂ emissions from energy consumption in the Community are likely to increase by between 5 and 8% between 1995 and 2000, assuming normal economic growth; whereas it is, therefore, essential to adopt additional measures;
5. Whereas a mechanism for monitoring CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions was established by Council Decision 93/398/EEC of 24 June 1993;⁵
6. Whereas, at its meeting on 25 and 26 June 1996, the Council noted that in the framework of negotiations seeking a protocol according to the Berlin Mandate, the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (SARIPCC) had concluded that the balance of evidence suggests that there is a discernible human influence on global climate change and had stressed the need for urgent action at the widest possible level, noted that significant 'no-regrets' opportunities were available and requested the Commission to identify which measures have to be taken at Community level;
7. Whereas with the Green Paper of 11 January 1995⁶ and the White Paper of 13 December

having regard to the undertaking given by the Community in the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention to the effect that an 8% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for the years 2008 to 2012 compared with 1990 levels would be achieved;

4. Whereas to achieve significant reductions in CO₂ emissions in the Community greater efforts are required in the light of the above-mentioned Kyoto Compromise, particularly in view of the fact that CO₂ emissions from energy consumption in the Community are likely to increase by between 5 and 8% between 1995 and 2000, assuming normal economic growth; whereas it is, therefore, essential to adopt additional measures; whereas measures which would genuinely help to achieve the above objective are energy efficiency and a much more intensive use of renewable energy sources,
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7. Whereas with the Green Paper of 11 January 1995⁶ and the White Paper of 13 December

⁵ OJ L 167, 9.7.1993, p. 31.

⁶ COM(94) 649 of 11.1.1995.

1995⁷ the Commission communicated to the European Parliament and the Council its views on the future of energy policy in the Community and on the role that renewable energy sources should play;

8. Whereas in its resolution of 4 July 1996⁸ the European Parliament calls on the Commission to implement a Community action plan to promote renewable energy sources;
9. Whereas with the Green Paper of 20 November 1996⁹, Energy for the Future: Renewable sources of energy, the Commission started the process of the development and subsequent implementation of a Community strategy and an action plan on renewable energy sources (RES);

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9. Whereas with the Green Paper of 20 November 1996⁹, Energy for the Future: Renewable sources of energy, the Commission started the process of the development and subsequent implementation of a Community strategy and an action plan on renewable energy sources (RES); **whereas these are laid down, together with a 'campaign for take-off', in its White Paper of 26 November 1997^{9a}, Energy for the Future: Renewable sources of energy**

9a **Whereas, in its resolution of 15 May 1997 on the communication from the Commission on Energy for the Future: Renewable Sources of Energy - Green Paper for a Community Strategy^{9b}, the European Parliament urges the Commission to adopt, as soon as possible, a strengthened ALTENER II programme; whereas in its resolution of 18 June 1998 on the Commission communication: Energy for the future: renewable sources of energy - White Paper for a Community Strategy and Action Plan^{9c}, it calls for a clear increase in funding for the ALTENER programme in the energy framework programme;**

9b. **Whereas, in its resolution of 14 November 1996^{9d} on the Commission White Paper on**

⁷ COM(95) 682 of 13.12.1995.

⁸ A4-0188/96 - EP 251.039.

⁹ COM(96) 576 final of 20.11.1996.

9a COM(97) 599 final of 26.11.1997

9b OJ C 167, 2.6.1997, p. 160.

9c OJ C 210, 6.7.1998, p. 215.

9d OJ C 362, 2.12.1996, p. 279.

an energy policy for the European Union, the European Parliament calls on the Commission to develop a financial programme to stimulate renewable energy; whereas, in its abovementioned resolution of 15 May 1997 the European Parliament calls for attention to be paid to the possibility of coordinating policies and initiatives in the sphere of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in order to develop potential existing synergies and avoid duplication of efforts wherever possible, and whereas, in its abovementioned resolution of 18 June 1998, the European Parliament calls for a Charter on Renewable Energies (EURENEW) to be drawn up

10. Whereas Article 130a of the Treaty provides that the Community shall develop and pursue its actions leading to the strengthening of its economic and social cohesion and that, in particular, it shall aim at reducing disparities between the various regions and especially the backwardness of the least-favoured regions; whereas those actions cover *inter alia* the energy sector;

11. Whereas by Decision 93/500/EEC of 13 September 1994¹⁰ the Council adopted a Community programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (ALTENER) aimed at reducing CO₂ emissions by increasing the market share of renewable energy sources and their contribution to overall primary energy production in the Community; whereas that programme ends on 31 December 1997;

¹⁰ OJ L 235 of 18.9.1993.

10. Whereas Article 158 of the Treaty provides that the Community shall develop and pursue its actions leading to the strengthening of its economic and social cohesion and that, in particular, it shall aim at reducing disparities between the various regions and especially the backwardness of the least-favoured regions; whereas those actions cover *inter alia* the energy sector;

10a Whereas Article 8 of Directive 96/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 1996 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity^{9e} allows the Member States to promote the market penetration of electricity generated from renewable energy sources and to give them priority;

11. Whereas by Decision 93/500/EEC of 13 September 1994¹⁰ the Council adopted a Community programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources (ALTENER) aimed at reducing CO₂ emissions by increasing the market share of renewable energy sources and their contribution to overall primary energy production in the Community; whereas that programme ends on 31 December 1997;

^{9e} OJ L 27, 30.1.1997, p. 20.

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| <p>12. Whereas the Community has recognised that the ALTENER programme represents an important element of the Community strategy for reducing CO₂ emissions;</p> <p>13. Whereas the Commission has presented a proposal¹¹ for a Council Decision adopting a multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community (ALTENER II);</p> <p>14. Whereas a multiannual framework programme for actions in the energy sector has been implemented;</p> <p>15. Whereas European Parliament and Council Decision No 1110/94/EC of 26 April 1994¹² established a fourth framework programme for research, technological development and demonstration projects; whereas policy in the field of renewable energy sources is an important instrument for the use and promotion of the new energy technologies that the framework programme will develop; whereas the ALTENER II programme is an instrument which complements that programme;</p> <p>16. Whereas the Commission has presented to the Council and the European Parliament its proposals relating to the 5th RTD Framework Programme¹³;</p> | <p>12. Whereas the Community has recognised that the ALTENER programme represents an important element of the Community strategy for reducing CO₂ emissions;</p> <p>13. Whereas the Commission has presented a proposal¹¹ for a Council Decision adopting a multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community (ALTENER II);</p> <p>14. Whereas a multiannual framework programme for actions in the energy sector has been implemented;</p> <p>15. Whereas European Parliament and Council Decision No 1110/94/EC of 26 April 1994¹² established a fourth framework programme for research, technological development and demonstration projects; whereas policy in the field of renewable energy sources is an important instrument for the use and promotion of the new energy technologies that the framework programme will develop; whereas the ALTENER II programme is an instrument which complements that programme;</p> <p>16. Whereas, <u>furthermore, the Fifth Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration projects adopted by Decision No 182/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council^{12a}, in the specific programme thereof entitled 'Conservation of the ecosystem', devotes particular attention to efficient and renewable energy technologies; whereas the ALTENER II programme should once again constitute a valuable instrument complementing the 5th RTD Framework Programme;</u></p> |
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¹¹ COM(97) 87 final of 12.3.1997.

¹² OJ No L 126, 18.05.1994.

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12a OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

17. Whereas the increased use of renewable energy sources will have a positive effect both on the environment and on security of energy supplies; whereas a high degree of international cooperation is desirable to achieve the best results;
18. Whereas a strengthened ALTENER II programme represents an essential instrument for developing the potential of renewable energy sources;
19. Whereas in implementing the programme, there should be close cooperation with other Community actions and programmes also concerned with promoting renewable energy sources;
20. Whereas it is politically and economically desirable to open the ALTENER II programme to the associated Central and East European countries in accordance with the conclusions of the European Council meeting in Copenhagen in June 1994¹⁴, and as outlined in the communication on this subject presented to the Council by the Commission in May 1994¹⁵, and also to Cyprus,

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18. Whereas a strengthened ALTENER II programme represents an essential instrument for developing the potential of renewable energy sources; **whereas the latter should account for a reasonable share of the European internal energy market so that a cleaner, more autochthonous and more diversified supply results;**
19. Whereas in implementing the programme, there should be close cooperation with other Community actions and programmes also concerned with promoting renewable energy sources; **whereas efforts should be made to develop possible complementarity with initiatives relating to other clean, efficient energy technologies;**
- 19a **Whereas, in order to ensure proper development of the Community strategy and Action Plan to 2010 for renewable energy sources, the Commission needs appropriate means of monitoring and assessing the various initiatives;**
20. Whereas it is politically and economically desirable to open the ALTENER II programme to the associated Central and East European countries in accordance with the conclusions of the European Council meeting in Copenhagen in June 1994¹⁴, and as outlined in the communication on this subject presented to the Council by the Commission in May 1994¹⁵, and also to Cyprus,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION

Article 1

1. A five-year programme of measures and actions to promote renewable energy sources in the Community, called ALTENER II, hereinafter referred to as 'the programme', shall be implemented. The objectives of the programme shall be to:
 - (a) help create the necessary conditions for the implementation of a Community action plan for renewable energy sources, and in particular the legal, socioeconomic and administrative conditions, and to
 - (b) encourage private and public investments in the production and use of energy from renewable sources.

These two objectives contribute to achieving the overall Community objectives and concerns of limiting CO₂ emissions, increasing the share of renewable energy sources in the energy balance, reducing energy import dependence, ensuring the security of energy supply, and fostering economic development, economic and social cohesion and regional and local development.

2. Community financial support shall be granted under the programme for actions meeting the objectives of this Decision.

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 - (a) help create the necessary conditions for implementing the Community strategy and action plan and launching the campaign for Take-Off, as called for in the Commission White Paper of 26 November 1997 entitled 'Energy for the future: renewable sources of energy', and in particular the legal, socioeconomic and administrative conditions, and to
 - (b) encourage private and public investments in the production and use of energy from renewable sources.

These two objectives contribute to achieving the overall Community objectives and concerns of limiting CO₂ emissions, increasing the share of renewable energy sources in order to reach the objective of 12% in the gross internal energy consumption in the Community by 2010, reducing energy import dependence, ensuring the security of energy supply, creating new jobs and fostering economic development, economic and social cohesion and regional and local development.

2. Community financial support shall be granted under the programme for actions meeting the objectives of this Decision.

3. The ALTENER II programme shall begin on 1 January 1998 and end on 31 December 2002.

4. The annual appropriations for the implementation of the programme shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspectives.

Article 2

The following actions and measures relating to renewable energy sources shall be financed under the programme:

(a) Studies and other actions, intended to implement and complement Community measures taken to develop the potential of renewable energy sources. These include the development of sectoral and market strategies, the development of norms and standards, grouped procurement and the analysis of the legal, socio-economic and administrative conditions which are more favourable to the market penetration of renewable energies and the preparation of appropriate legislation;

(b) Pilot actions aimed at creating or extending infrastructures and instruments for the development of renewable energy sources in:

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4. The annual appropriations for the implementation of the programme shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspectives.

Article 2

The following actions and measures relating to renewable energy sources shall be financed under the programme:

(a) Studies and other actions, intended to implement and complement Community measures **and those of the Member States and the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe which are** taken to develop the potential of renewable energy sources. These include the development of sectoral, market **and public-awareness strategies, the development of norms and certifications, grouped procurement, analyses based on projects, comparing the environmental impact and the long term cost/benefit trends resulting from the use of traditional forms of energy and the use of renewable energy sources,** and the analysis of the legal, socio-economic and administrative conditions which are more favourable to the market penetration of renewable energies and the preparation of appropriate legislation, **the development of mechanisms to increase the competitiveness of renewable energies and facilitate the access thereof to commercial distribution networks and channels, and in particular the development of improved methods for assessing the costs and benefits derived from the use of such energies which are not reflected in market prices.**

(b) Pilot actions aimed at creating or extending infrastructures and instruments for the development of renewable energy sources in:

- local and regional planning,
- the tools for planning, design and evaluation,
- new financial and market instruments,
- information,
- education and training;

- (c) Measures proposed by the Commission to encourage the exchange of experience and know-how aimed at improving co-ordination between international, Community, national, regional and local activities; establishment of a centralised system for collecting and circulating information and know-how on renewable energy sources;
- (d) Measures to encourage the exchange of experience and know-how, proposed by an entity other than the Commission;
- (e) Targeted actions facilitating the market penetration of renewable energy sources and encouraging investment, by assisting the preparation, presentation and implementation of projects.

The aim of these targeted actions is to facilitate and accelerate investment in new operational capacity for the production of energy from renewable sources by providing financial support in order to reduce the peripheral and services costs of renewable energy projects, and thus overcome the non-technical obstacles present.

This action shall promote, *inter alia*: access to specialised advice, analysis of market prospects, choice of location of projects, application for construction and operation permits, establishment of financing plan, preparation of calls for tender, training of operators, and plant commissioning.

- local and regional planning,
- the tools for planning, design and evaluation,
- new financial **products** and market instruments,

- (c) **Measures to develop information, education and training structures;** measures to encourage the exchange of experience and know-how aimed at improving co-ordination between international, Community, national, regional and local activities; establishment of a centralised system for collecting and circulating information and know-how on renewable energy sources;

(d) Delete

- (d) Targeted actions facilitating the market penetration of renewable energy sources and encouraging investment, by assisting the preparation, presentation and implementation of projects, in particular actions to support the transition stage between demonstration and marketing.**

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This action shall promote, *inter alia*: access to specialised advice, analysis of market prospects, choice of location of projects, application for construction and operation permits, establishment of financing plan, preparation of calls for tender, training of operators, and plant commissioning.

The targeted actions shall concern projects carried out in the following areas:

- biomass, including energy crops, fire wood, residues from forestry and agriculture, municipal waste,¹⁶ liquid biofuels and biogas,
- thermal and photovoltaic solar systems,
- passive and active solar systems in buildings,
- small scale (<10 MW) hydroelectric projects
- wind power
- geothermal energy.

(f) Actions intended to:

- monitor the implementation of the Community strategy and action plan for the development of renewable energy sources,
- support initiatives taken in implementing the action plan, particularly with a view to promoting better coordination and greater synergy between actions, including all Community funded activities,
- monitor the progress achieved by the Community and its Member States with regard to the development of renewable energy sources,

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- geothermal energy.

(e) Actions intended to:

- monitor the implementation of the Community strategy and action plan for the development of renewable energy sources,
- support initiatives taken in implementing the action plan, particularly with a view to promoting better coordination and greater synergy between actions, including all Community funded activities **and those funded by other financing bodies, such as the European Investment Bank,**
- monitor the progress achieved by the Community and its Member States with regard to the development of renewable energy sources, **and improve the monitoring arrangements so as to ensure the distribution of the Community objectives among Member States as well as the corresponding**

¹⁶ Communication from the Commission on the review of the Community strategy for waste management, COM(96) 399 final of 30.7.1996.

- evaluate the impact and cost effectiveness of measures undertaken under this programme. This evaluation shall also take into account the environmental and social aspects.

Article 3

1. All costs relating to the actions and measures referred to in points (a), (c) and (f) of Article 2 shall be borne by the Community.
2. The level of funding under this programme for the actions and measures referred to in points (b) and (d) of Article 2 may not exceed 50% of their total cost, the balance being made up from either public or private sources or a combination of the two.
3. The level of funding under this programme for the actions and measures referred to in Article 2(e) shall be established annually for each of the targeted actions in accordance with Article 4(2).

obligations.

- evaluate the impact and cost effectiveness of measures undertaken under this programme. This evaluation shall also take into account the environmental and social aspects **and in particular the impact on employment.**
- **monitor the renewable energy technology export sector through greater inclusion in the energy and cooperation areas of external policy, and support its development through greater inclusion in the energy and cooperation area of external policy.**

Article 3

1. All costs relating to the actions and measures referred to in points (a), (c) and (e) of Article 2 shall be borne by the Community. **Where a body other than the Commission proposes measures of the kind referred to in point (c) of Article 2, the Community's financial share shall not exceed 50% of the total cost of the measure, the balance being made up from either public or private sources or a combination of the two.**
2. The level of funding under this programme for the actions and measures referred to in point (b) of Article 2 may not exceed 50% of their total cost, the balance being made up from either public or private sources or a combination of the two.
3. The level of funding under this programme for the actions and measures referred to in Article 2(d) shall be established annually for each of the targeted actions in accordance with Article 4(2).

Article 4

1. The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of the programme.
2. The conditions and guidelines applicable to funding for the actions and measures referred to in Article 2 shall be defined annually, regard being had to:
 - (a) the priorities set out by the Community and the Member States in their programmes for the promotion of renewable energy sources,
 - (b) criteria relating to the profitability and development potential of renewable energy sources and their effects on employment and the environment, in particular the reduction of CO₂ emissions;
 - (c) for the actions referred to in point (e) of Article 2, the relative cost of the assistance, the new production capacity expected to arise and the extent of transregional and/or transnational benefits;
 - (d) the principles established in Article 92 of the Treaty and the relevant Community guidelines on State aid for environmental protection.

Article 5

The Commission shall be assisted by the committee referred to in Article 4 of the Council Decision adopting a multiannual framework programme for actions in the energy sector.

Article 4

1. The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of the programme.
2. The conditions and guidelines applicable to funding for the actions and measures referred to in Article 2 shall be defined annually, regard being had to:
 - (a) the priorities set out by the Community and the Member States in their programmes for the promotion of renewable energy sources,
 - (b) criteria relating to the profitability and development potential of renewable energy sources and their effects on employment and the environment, in particular the reduction of CO₂ emissions;
 - (c) for the actions referred to in point (e) of Article 2, the relative cost of the assistance, the new production capacity expected to arise and the extent of transregional and/or transnational benefits;
 - (d) the principles established in Article 87 of the Treaty and the relevant Community guidelines on State aid for environmental protection.

Article 5

The Commission shall be assisted by the committee referred to in Article 4 of the Council Decision adopting a multiannual framework programme for actions in the energy sector.

Article 6

1. During the second year of the programme, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, on the measures taken to promote renewable energy sources at the level of the Community and of the Member States, with reference in particular to the objectives set out in Article 1. This report shall be accompanied by proposals for any amendments to the programme which may be necessary in the light of those results.

2. On expiry of the programme, the Commission shall assess the results obtained from the application of this Decision and the consistency of national and Community actions. It shall present a report thereon to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

Article 7

The programme shall be open to participation by associated Central and Eastern European countries (CEEC) 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. The programme shall also be open to participation by Cyprus on the basis of additional appropriations, under the same rules as those applied to EFTA/EEA countries, in accordance with procedures to be agreed with those countries.

Article 8

This Decision cancels and replaces Council Decision (EC) No

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Article 9

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Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

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