

Highlights of a Possible Commission Proposal for a Directive on Energy Efficient Public Procurement

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Background

- ◆ Energy Efficiency Action Plan (2000)
- ◆ Parliamentary Report (2000)
- ◆ ECCP Communication (2000)
- ◆ DG ENV/ENTR/TREN Handbook on Green Procurement (2003)
- ◆ In Commission Work Prog .(2003:4)

Justification

- ◆ Public Sector 5% -10% of EU energy.
- ◆ Public Procurement 3% of GDP.
- ◆ Savings potential of 20% (12 billion €).
- ◆ Investments required = 80 million €.
- ◆ Leadership by example. Investment in learning.
- ◆ Creates demand. Transforms market.

Proposed Scope & Content (1/5)

- ◆ EU-wide co-operation (Board/ platform) to disseminate/harmonise .
- ◆ Standard practices for procurement/energy management.
- ◆ Commission responsibility.
- ◆ EU Institutions included.

Proposed Scope & Content (2/5)

- ◆ EU Institutions to use internal performance contracting .
- ◆ EU Institutions to use TPF.
- ◆ EU Institutions to strengthen energy efficiency management units.
- ◆ Renewables included whenever possible in EU & MS procurement.

Proposed Scope & Content (3/5)

- ◆ MS to recognise PAs as relevant & responsible actors to meet targets.
- ◆ MS to set targets for savings and for public investment in energy efficiency.
- ◆ MS to ensure that PA integrate energy efficiency into expenses & budgets.
- ◆ MS to ensure that national public sector information centres/pltf. are established.

Proposed Scope & Content (4/5)

- ◆ MS to ensure that national centres co-operate with each other.
- ◆ Standard practices for procurement/energy management.
- ◆ PAs above a threshold to establish energy efficiency management units.
- ◆ MS to ensure effective use of performance contracting and TPF.

Proposed Scope & Content (5/5)

- ◆ MS to promote shared savings schemes.
- ◆ MS to put in place mechanisms to develop and promote measures at regional and local level.