

## European Energy Policy

*\* Early in 2007 the European Union proposed a new energy policy as a first step towards becoming a low-energy economy, whilst making the energy more secure, competitive and sustainable. A common policy is the most effective way to tackle today's energy challenges, which are shared by all Member States. The policy puts energy back at the heart of EU action, the position it occupied when the European venture first got under way with the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC Treaty, 1951) and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom Treaty, 1957). The aims of the policy are supported by market-based tools (mainly taxes, subsidies and the CO2 emissions trading scheme), by developing energy technologies (especially technologies for energy efficiency and renewable or low-carbon energy) and by Community financial instruments.*

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A European Energy Policy will firmly commit the European Union (EU) to a low consumption economy based on more secure, more competitive and more sustainable energy. Priority energy objectives involve ensuring the smooth functioning of the internal market in energy, security of strategic supply, concrete reductions in greenhouse gas emissions caused by the production or consumption of energy and the EU's ability to speak with a single voice on the international stage.

European Energy Policy – Summaries of Legislation

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/s14001.htm>

*An Energy Policy for Europe*

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/lvb/l27067.htm>

Energy Efficiency

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/s14003.htm>

Action Plan for Energy Efficiency (2007-12)

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/lvb/l27064.htm>

Green paper on energy efficiency

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/lvb/l27061.htm>

Green Paper: A European strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/lvb/l27062.htm>

Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/lvb/l27063.htm>

"Intelligent Energy - Europe" programme (2007-2013)

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/lvb/n26104.htm#INTELLENERGY>

"Intelligent Energy – Europe" – 2009 Call for Proposals

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call\\_for\\_proposals](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals)