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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 10 April 2008 with a view to the adoption of Decision No .../2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Community's participation in a research and development programme undertaken by several Member States aimed at supporting research and development performing small and medium-sized enterprises

(2009/C 247 E/19)

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position at first reading corresponds to the final legislative act, Decision No .../2008/EC.)

Research Fund for Coal and Steel *

P6_TA(2008)0117

European Parliament legislative resolution of 10 April 2008 on the proposal for a Council decision on the multiannual technical guidelines for the research programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel (COM(2007)0393 — C6-0248/2007 — 2007/0135(CNS))

(2009/C 247 E/20)

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2007)0393),
 - having regard to Article 4(3) of Council Decision 2003/76/EC of 1 February 2003 establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel ⁽¹⁾, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0248/2007),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A6-0039/2008),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 29, 5.2.2003, p. 22.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 2

Article 4, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1a (new)

Such projects shall make coal more competitive on local energy markets, subject to efficient use being made of local coal reserves.

Amendment 3

Article 4, paragraph 2, point (ca) (new)

(ca) more efficient conversion of the primary energy latent in coal into other energy forms, for example through the use of conventional coal gasification and liquefaction technologies;

Amendment 4

Article 4, paragraph 2, point (cb) (new)

(cb) more economic and more reliable technologies.

Amendment 5

Article 6, paragraph 2, point (d)

(d) the refurbishment of waste heaps and the **industrial** use of residues from coal production and consumption;

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Amendment 6

Article 7, paragraph 1

Research projects with this objective shall relate to the prospects for long-term energy supply and concern the upgrading — in economic, energy-related and environmental terms — of coal **deposits** which cannot be extracted economically by conventional mining techniques. Projects may include studies, the definition of strategies, fundamental and applied research and the testing of innovative techniques which offer prospects for the upgrading of Community coal resources.

Research projects with this objective shall relate to the prospects for **safeguarding** long-term energy supply and concern the upgrading **and efficient transport** — in economic, energy-related and environmental terms — of coal which cannot be extracted economically by conventional mining techniques. Projects may include studies, the definition of strategies, fundamental and applied research and the testing of innovative techniques which offer prospects for the upgrading of Community coal resources.

Amendment 7

Article 7, paragraph 2

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Amendment 8

Article 8, point (ja) (new)

(ja) **steel castings and forgings and sintered products obtained by powder metallurgy from iron powders and ferro-alloys as semi-finished products for further processing;**

Amendment 9

Article 9, point (b)

(b) steel **properties** addressing mechanical properties at low and high temperatures such as strength **and toughness**, fatigue, **wear**, creep, **corrosion and resistance against** fracture;(b) steel **characteristics** addressing **the** mechanical properties **of steels** at low and high temperatures such as strength **under varying degrees of tension, hardness, shock resistance, mechanical and thermal** fatigue, creep **and** fracture **resistance and abrasion wear and corrosion resistance;**

Amendment 10 and 11

Article 9, point (c)

(c) prolonging service life, in particular by improving the resistance of steels and steel structures to **heat and** corrosion;(c) prolonging service life, in particular by improving the resistance of steels and steel structures to **high-temperature wear**, corrosion **and other influences;**

Amendment 12

Article 9, point (d)

(d) **steel-containing** composites and **sandwich** structures;(d) **fibrous and layered** composites and structures;

Amendment 13

Article 9, point (e)

(e) predictive simulation models on microstructures **and** mechanical properties;(e) predictive simulation models on microstructures, mechanical properties, **etc;**

Amendment 14

Article 10, point (b)

(b) **steel grades and** design of **assembled** structures to **facilitate the easy** recovery of steel scrap and its reversion into usable steels;(b) design of **steel** structures **that are easy to disassemble at the end of their service life, with a view** to the recovery of steel scrap and its reversion into usable steels;

Amendment 15

Article 13

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Amendment 16

Article 20

The Coal and Steel Advisory Groups (hereinafter referred to as 'the Advisory Groups') shall be independent technical advisory groups.

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Amendment 17

Article 22, paragraph 3

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Amendment 18

Article 25, paragraph 3, subparagraph 1

3. The Commission shall establish an information package setting out the detailed rules for participation, the methods of managing proposals and projects, application forms, rules for the submission of proposals, model grant agreements, eligible costs, the maximum financial contribution allowable, methods of payment and the annual priority objectives of the Research Programme.

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Fishing activities of Community and third-country fishing vessels *

P6_TA(2008)0118

European Parliament legislative resolution of 10 April 2008 on the proposal for a Council regulation concerning authorisations for fishing activities of Community fishing vessels outside Community waters and the access of third country vessels to Community waters (COM(2007)0330 — C6-0236/2007 — 2007/0114(CNS))

(2009/C 247 E/21)

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2007)0330),
- having regard to Article 37 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0236/2007),
- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries and the opinion of the Committee on Development (A6-0072/2008),