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Amendment 16

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Report

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Research programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel
COM(2016)0075 – C8-0099/2016 – 2016/0047(NLE)

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – point -1 (new)

Decision 2008/376/EC

Article 3 - point 1 - point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(-1) Point (g) of point 1 of Article 3 is
deleted;***

Or. en

Justification

*Oil shales have been recently defined as unconventional fuels rather than as coal in EU
publications*

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Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – point -1 a (new)

Decision 2008/376/EC

Article 4 - paragraphs 2 and 3

Present text

Amendment

(-1a) In Article 4, paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:

2. Research projects shall also aim to achieve scientific and technological progress with a view to gaining a better understanding of the behaviour and control of deposits in relation to rock pressure, gas emissions, the risk of explosion, ventilation and all other factors affecting mining operations. Research projects with these objectives shall present the prospect of results applicable in the short or medium term to a substantial part of Community production.

*“2. Research projects shall also aim to **map best practices and achieve** progress on the process to return to ecological balance and productive use of coal mines, once their mining use is finished. Research projects shall ensure effective rehabilitation of sites characterised by substantial land-use intervention, accumulation of rock and soil slag heaps and lower groundwater levels:*

(a) decommissioning of above-ground facilities, buildings and equipment, including the demolition of power plants and mining machinery, and removal of associated waste;

(b) re-cultivation of the land to productive use, such as agriculture and forestry;

(c) remediation of contaminated sites;

(d) development of a self-regulating, water balance, including restoration of ground water to original levels; flooding

of surface-mining depressions; and remediation of water quality;

(e) assurance of geotechnical and public safety, e.g. securing open pits and making above-ground land formations stable from landslides;

(f) creation of a master plan for future regional use of former mining activities.

3. Preference shall be given to projects that promote at least one of the following:

(a) integration of individual techniques in systems and methods and the development of integrated mining methods;

(b) substantial reduction of production costs;

(c) benefits in terms of mine safety and the environment.

3. Preference shall be given to projects that promote at least one of the following:

(a) an integrated approach to industrial restructuring, socially just labour market transition and environmental rehabilitation;

(b) substantial reduction of costs and environmental benefits for rehabilitation activities;

(c) a regional concept for future economic development and the creation of green jobs with an adapted transformation of the employment structure;"

Or. en

Justification

As the community coal industry is undergoing constant restructuring, the fund should support research into mitigating economic, social and environmental impacts resulting from the closure of mines.

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Amendment 18

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Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – point 11 a (new)

Decision 2008/376/EC

Annex - table 1

Present text

Amendment

(11a) In the Annex, table 1 is replaced by the following:

"ANNEX

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The composition of the Coal Advisory Group referred to in Article 22:

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Members Maximum total

Members Maximum total

a) From coal producers/national federations or related research centres 8

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b) From organisations representing coal producers at European level 2

b) From organisations representing coal producers at European level 2

c) From coal users or related research centres 8

c) From coal users or related research centres 8

d) From organisations representing coal users at European level 2

d) From organisations representing coal users at European level 2

e) From organisations representing workers 2

e) From organisations representing workers 2

f) From organisations representing equipment suppliers 2

f) From organisations representing equipment suppliers 2

g) From non-governmental environmental organisations representing representing citizens 4

h) From non-governmental organisations representing environmental interests at European level 2

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Members must have a wide background knowledge and individual expertise in one or more of the following areas:

coalmining and utilisation, environment and social issues, including safety aspects."

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coalmining and utilisation, environment and social issues, including safety aspects."

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Or. en

Justification

In line with Commission Decision C(2016)3301 final, http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/PDF/C_2016_3301_F1_COMMISSION_DECISION_EN.pdf, Ombudsman recommendations <http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/press/release.faces/en/63520/html.bookmark> and ongoing Parliament consultations on Control of the Register and composition of the Commission's expert groups (2015/2319 (INI)) a balance of interests in advisory groups must be ensured.

Amendment 19**Jakop Dalunde**

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Proposal for a decision**Article 1 – point 11 b (new)**

Decision 2008/376/EC

Annex - table 2

*Present text**Amendment****(11b) In the Annex, table 2 is replaced by the following:***

"The composition of the Steel Advisory Group referred to in Article 22:

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Members Maximum total

Members Maximum total

- a) From steel industries/national federations or related research centres **21**
- b) From organisation representing producers at European level 2
- c) From organisations representing workers 2
- d) From organisations representing downstream processing industries or steel users 5

- a) From steel industries/national federations or related research centres **15**
- b) From organisation representing producers at European level 2
- c) From organisations representing workers 2
- d) From organisations representing downstream processing industries or steel users 5

e) From non-governmental organisations representing environmental interests 4***f) From non-governmental organisations representing environmental interests at a European level 2***

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Members must have a wide background knowledge and individual expertise in one or more of the following areas: raw

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materials; iron-making; steelmaking; continuous casting; hot- and/or cold-rolling; steel-finishing and/or surface treatment; development of steel grades and/or products; steel applications and properties; environmental and social issues, including safety aspects."

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Or. en

Justification

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Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – point -1 b (new)

Decision 2008/376/EC

Article 8 - introductory part

Present text

Amendment

"Research and technological development (RTD) shall aim to improve steel production processes with a view to enhancing product quality and increasing productivity. Reducing emissions, energy consumption and the environmental impact as well as enhancing the use of raw materials and the conservation of resources shall form an integral part of the improvements sought. Research projects shall address one or more of the following areas:"

(-1b) In Article 8, the introductory part is replaced by the following:

"Research and technological development (RTD) shall aim to improve steel production processes with a view to enhancing product quality and increasing productivity. Reducing emissions, energy consumption and the environmental impact as well as enhancing the use of raw materials and the conservation of resources shall form an integral part of the improvements sought. Research projects shall address ***ground-breaking technologies in*** one or more of the following areas:"

Or. en

Justification

Ground-breaking technologies that allow reduced emissions, energy consumption and environmental impacts while enhancing product quality and productivity should be supported.