

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1877/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Appropriations for work on climate change

The EU's new budget programme for 2007-2013 has now been launched. Some four billion euro have been allocated to energy and the environment, including climate change, in the Seventh Framework Programme for that period of time, which should be compared with approximately 900 billion euro for the entire EU budget over the same period. In other words, the Union is to use 0.4% of its resources for this purpose.

In the light of the European Council's decision on climate change at the summit held on 8-9 March and the targets now set, does the Commission consider that these appropriations are sufficient to achieve the desired result? Will the Commission adjust the main focus of its research appropriations in response to the decision on climate change taken at the summit in March 2007?