

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2668/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Withdrawal of traditional light bulbs

Pursuant to the Commission decision of December 2008 and its approval by Parliament, traditional light bulbs must gradually be withdrawn from the market in the EU by 2012.

There is significant production of light bulbs in Hungary and Poland, which have recently joined the EU and are poorer than the EU average.

What EU funding is available (or is the EU planning to make new funding available) to support both the single acquisition of energy-saving light bulbs by poorer citizens and the conversion to new technologies by European light bulb manufacturers?

Does the Commission favour the use of CFL or LED bulbs?