

ORAL QUESTION H-0608/08
for Question Time at the part-session in September I 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Greenhouse effect

Does the Council think it necessary to appoint a task force to assess the real influence of all factors contributing to the greenhouse effect and establish a comprehensive energy policy to mitigate its impact?

Discussions and reports on the greenhouse effect refer by and large to carbon dioxide, omitting to mention methane, which has contributed to the emergence of the ozone hole and to the greenhouse effect. One cubic metre of methane actually produces the same effects as 24 cubic metres of carbon dioxide. Methane is released into the atmosphere by mining, animals and humans, and putrefactive processes. It should be stressed that the methane produced in some countries accounts for around 30% of the greenhouse effect.

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