Eco-Design of Energy Using Products Directive
The Way Forward

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Structure

• What is the Eco-Design Directive
• European Parliament Proposal
• What next
• Conclusion

Potential Savings in OECD Europe by Major End-Uses (by 2030)

What is the Eco-Design Directive

• Commission proposal Aug 2003
• Aim: framework for setting minimum standards on a range of env impacts, including energy use
• Paves the way for “implementing measures” (large emphasis on voluntary)
• all energy using products (with significant impact and potential) except vehicles
• Overall impression: very useful (potentially) but too vague

European Parliament 1st reading

• Cross party agreement on most of our proposals
• Legal base: Article 95 + 175
• Priority products (“stand-by” included)
• Clearer environmental goals, priority to energy efficiency
• Reference to precautionary principle
• Clear criteria for setting standards (LLCC)
• Reference to urgent updating of energy labels
• Stakeholder assessment of VAs and self-regulation
• Financial support for civil society groups to participate
• Permanent independent body of experts for third party verification
• Revision of standards every three years
• Timetable tightened

http://www.inforse.org/europe/seminar04nov9_10.htm
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HOPES:
• Hopes for second reading, speedy compromises
• Need for higher level debate (within climate community as well)
• Need for better recognition of potentials
• Need for better lobbying of Council

ACTION:
• Write to your energy ministers
• Speak to your contacts in energy/economic/environmental ministries
• Continue to monitor the process (implementing measures)
• Work with consumer organisations

Thank you!

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