

CEI-Recommendations

'Energy and Transport'

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Introduction

Energy and transport are indispensable ingredients for economic and social development. At the same time conventional forms of energy production, distribution and consumption as well as unsustainable transport and mobility patterns are linked to environmental degradation.

To meet the rising needs of a growing world population, global energy consumption and transport continue to increase substantially. By relying on the depletion of non-renewable resources, the industrialised countries have built their economies on an unsustainable basis. Moreover, wide disparities in the levels of energy consumption and transport patterns within and between countries do exist and are related to growing inequities in wealth and income between and within countries.

In order to minimise these negative impacts changes towards sustainable energy and transport policies, which take into account the economic, social and ecological aspects, have already been implemented. Nevertheless, enhanced efforts to reach the goal of sustainable development are indispensable. Furthermore, increased co-operation at the global, regional and national level as well as co-ordination among all actors in the fields of energy and transport is necessary.

As a contribution to the preparation for the WSSD the participants of the CEI Working Group Environment discussed these issues at a Workshop on 15 and 16 November 2001 in Vienna and adopted the following recommendations.

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