

Day, Date & Time: Wed 21/6/06

Session Title: IT Equipment

Session Chair: Hans Wendschlag, HP Sweden

During the conference the organizers encourage all participants to consider the following questions, responses to which will inform the planned Communiqué

Session Feedback

1. What policy actions, at National, Regional/European and International levels are needed to raise consumer expectations that the products they buy should be energy efficient and more sustainable?

Karin Thollier (Belgium) (and Kurt Roth)

- substitute best practice products to market research
- promote compulsory labels/agreements i.e. Energy Star
- improved power management by investigating and improving awareness of power management and reasons for disabling

Darcy Martinez (ICF on Energy Star)

- need product differentiation via Energy Star label

Kurt Roth (TIAX)

- Need to understand market (stock, use, consumption trends) before attempting to change
- Natural trends towards lower consumption per product (LCDs + Laptops) though additional peripherals may be required and there will still be increases to due number of products

Kevin Fischer (Intel)

- Improved efficiency across all platforms major focus

2. What policy actions, at National, Regional/European and International levels are needed to create the conditions for industry and suppliers to invest and compete to deliver the improved products we need?

Karine Thollier

- PCs are an excellent target for market transformation
- Major lifecycle impacts actually in production (~50%) so address this as well as in-use (NB Belgium 60% nuclear so in-use CO₂ much less)
- Initiatives to improve reuse and recycling but need a standard for defining 'return rate' for EU, may create jobs but existing industry wary of competitors
- Improve usage – via power management, understand barriers i.e. companies overriding manufacturer PM settings

Kevin Fischer

- laptop batter consumption demands natural push to improve

Chair

- solving power management issues will require interaction of human behaviour and technology – need to understand reasons for disabling on domestic and non domestic level and enable technology to work in a user friendly way

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