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Session Title: Cooking Appliances, Policies and Programmes

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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?

In South Korea Energy Efficient Appliance Standards and Labelling raise awareness for energy efficient rice cookers. This appliance is an energy-efficient priority in Asia. Consumers in Africa should be informed about the high share of non-fossil cooking fuels in their countries to maintain this share. The relevance of energy labels for coffee machines should be investigated for EU-25 – according to a Swiss study, coffee machines are a rising topic for awareness raising campaign. The Intelligent Energy Europe programme offers support for actions and events to raise consumer awareness for energy efficient products and equipment.

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?

Industry should be aware of the investment opportunities for renewable cooking technologies in Africa. Another market expansion could be energy efficient rice cookers, not only for Asia. Coffee drinking habits and energy efficient coffee machine technologies are a business opportunity in western countries. Indicating life cycle costs on energy labels could be a very interesting option to encourage consumers to buy energy efficient products. The new EuP directive is a big incentive for suppliers and manufacturers to consider energy efficiency but also environmental aspects like resource uses and hazardous substances for any energy using products.

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