

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

Session Title: Set top boxes

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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?

For set-top boxes minimum efficiency standards and/or voluntary agreements seem the most appropriate instruments.

These instruments should be coordinated, if possible, worldwide.

In this way consumers can be sure that whatever STB they buy, or get with their subscription, fulfils a certain minimum standard.

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?

A clear policy roadmap with ambitious but achievable targets is vital. For complex STB frequent discussions with all stakeholders are necessary to cope with fast changing technology developments.

At the international level co-ordination is important, so that industry and suppliers are confronted with one standard. This will greatly reduce compliance costs (and testing costs) for industry.

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