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Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs welcomed today the new Executive Director of the IEA, **Nobuo Tanaka**, who took office on 1 st September 2007, to discuss issues of common interest. 'The EC and IEA cooperation covers an extremely wide range of issues. I would like to emphasize the area of energy efficiency where the Commission has come forward with a new international initiative to establish a platform on energy efficiency. In this framework we see an important potential for further cooperation with the IEA' said Commissioner Piebalgs after the meeting.

European Commission is cooperating with the IEA on a wide range of issues. Both intend to expand cooperation with regard to energy efficiency issues: the European Commission has recently proposed to establish a platform on energy efficiency for which the IEA is called to host the secretariat.

The Commission is also going to participate on a New Implementing Agreements on "Efficient Electrical End-Use Equipment". In this context, Commissioner expressed support for the IEA's initiated International Combined Heat and Power and District Heating and Cooling Collaborative Effort.

Cooperation is ongoing to harmonise measures of emergency preparedness as well as to establish the Energy Market Observation System in the Commission. Taking into account that only 17 out of 27 Member-states are members of the IEA, Commission has a coordinating role for the entire EU.

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