

[en](#)

[Publication](#) | 21.06.2006

Energy Efficiency

EU and USA renew energy efficiency agreement

The **Energy Star label was originally developed by the US environmental protection agency and then adopted by the EU through an agreement (limited to office equipment)** negotiated in 2000. This first deal expires and of June 2006 and will be renewed by the new agreement which sets more stringent energy consumption criteria.

It is **intended that the best 25% of the market will meet those new criteria and get the label**. The proportion of models which comply with today's rules approaches nearly 100% in many product classes, making the label almost useless.

The new agreement should encourage producers to develop further energy savings.

The **Greens would have appreciated the "japanese approach" where only the best 10% of the products get the label, thus forcing the sector to more innovation.**

The Energy Star is widely used in the USA as standard for public procurement but has been less prominent in the EU until now.

For further information go to:
EU Energy star ecolabel

Recommended

Event



EU TECH STARS SUMMIT

05.02.2026

News

©nobutz/pixabay



[PLENARY FLASH: Greens/EFA Priorities 15 to 18 Decembe...](#)

15.12.2025

Press release

vitali-adutskevich-unsplash



[Russian gas phase-out/RePowerEU: Parliament and Counci...](#)

03.12.2025

Press release

Photo by Julian on Unsplash



[Win for consumers with new bank liability, but fight a...](#)

27.11.2025

Please share

• [E-Mail](#)