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Where is France on SDGs and Climate policies?
What are we doing as Academie des Technologies

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# The European Green Deal

- France is a major player in European policy
- The European Green Deal
  - Climate action is at the heart of the <u>European</u> Green Deal
  - <u>European Climate Law</u> to enshrine the 2050 climate-neutrality objective into EU law
  - <u>European Climate Pact</u> to engage citizens and all parts of society in climate action
  - 2030 Climate Target Plan to further reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030
  - New <u>EU Strategy on Climate Adaptation</u> to make Europe a climate-resilient society by 2050, fully adapted to the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

- Articulation between EU level and member states :
  - Environment (with climate change air or water pollution waste management) is a competency of the EU that produce regulations which are mandatory to the member states
  - But energy, fiscal matters and some others remain limited by the principle of subsidiarity and the requirement for unanimity





# The French roadmap for SDGs

The roadmap sets the course for an enterprising, united and ecological France, which leaves no one behind and which does not live to the credit of its children, nor of their environment.

#### 1. Act for a just society

by eradicating poverty, fighting against all forms of discrimination and inequalities and guaranteeing the same rights, opportunities and freedoms to all

### 2. Transforming models of society

through low carbon and the economy of natural resources, to act in favor of the climate and the planet and its biodiversity?

### 3. Rely on lifelong education and training

to enable changes in behavior and lifestyles adapted to the world to be built and to the challenges of sustainable development

- 4. Act for the health and well-being of all
  - in particular through healthy and sustainable food and agriculture
- 5. Make citizen participation effective in achieving the SDGs and materialize the transformation of practices through the strengthening of experimentation and territorial innovation
- 6. Work at European and international level for the sustainable transformation of societies, peace and solidarity





## Where is France on climate issues?

- The Ministry and the administration
  - A dedicated Ministry with a high level in the cabinet
  - A new organization in the administration
  - Not only climate but biodiversity, social
- The mandatory reporting on SRI for companies and cities

- Objectives on climate but also biodiversity in the laws
- The French recovery plan
  - One the greenest with 30 billions to the ecological transition:
    - 11 Md€ for transportation
    - 9 Md€ for industry and energy
    - 7,5 Md€ for buildings and housings
    - 1,2 Md€ for agriculture

# French Climate Priority on Policy since 2015

### The energy transition law mid-2015

- 40% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 compared to 1990
- Factor 4 on emissions by 2050
- Reduction of final energy consumption by 50% in 2050
- 30% decrease in primary fossil energy in 2030 compared to 2012
- Increase in the share of renewable energies to 23% in 2020 then 32% in 2030
- A regular increase in the carbon tax applied to all fossil fuel transactions (except power generation and industries subject to EU ETS)

### The climate plan June 2017

• The end of fossil fuel carsby 2040

## The National Low-Carbon Strategy (SNBC)

- Awareness of the role of electricity
- Carbon sinks
- Hydrogen
- What about re-industrialisation of France
- New exercice is going on

## The Energy Plan

- Climate priority
- Energy efficiency
- Dispute on Nuclear and renewables for electricity
- Closure of the French coal thermal park in 2022
- No new gas plant
- Hydrogen

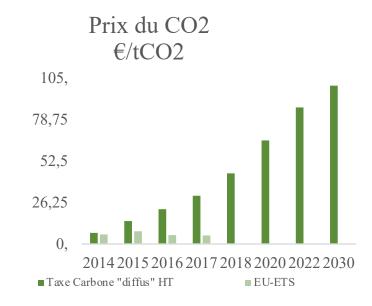
## Buildings regulation: RE 2020

No new gaz heating

### Citizen movements

- The yellow vests, the just transition and carbon taxes
  - the French carbon taxe is one of the highest with 44,6 €/ton
  - It was suppose to reach 100€/ton by 2030
- The youth movement and citizen awareness
- Extremist movements
  - Extinction Rebellion
  - Collaptionists

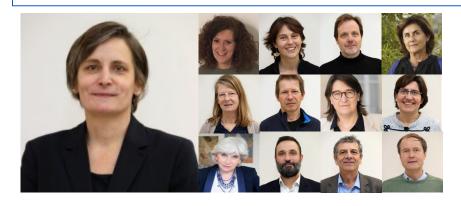




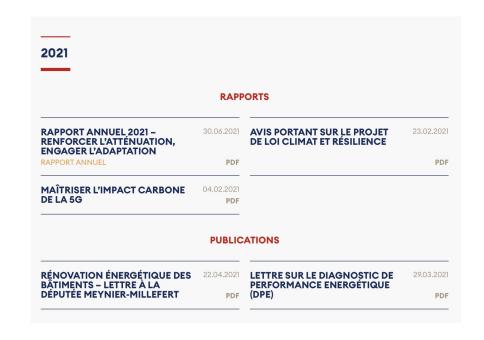
### Lawsuits on environmental and climate issues

- Judges are entering the scene :
  - 2019: The town of Grande-Synthe which is particularly exposed to climatic hazards, estimates that France is not giving itself the means to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels, and therefore asks the Council of State to order the State to take the necessary measures to achieve this.
  - 2019 « L'affaire du siècle » : four NGOS took the French state to court before the Paris Administrative Court for inaction on climate change.
  - 2020: NGOs sued TOTAL breach of « duty of vigilance » on climate and big financial institutions opposed the Clilmate resolution at the shareholders meeting (it was finally voted)
- 2020\_21: The « Conseil d'Etat » and the Administrative Court of Paris are requiring actions from the government
  - Unprecedented and historic recognition
    - The failure of the State to reduce emissions
    - This deficiency constitutes a fault and can cause an "ecological damage
    - But reluctant to admit the shortcomings of special policies
  - The Council of State
    - gives the French state nine months to strengthen its climate policy.
    - urges the Prime Minister to "take all necessary measures to bend the curve of greenhouse gas emissions" in order to meet its objectives
    - The court also orders the state to pay 5,000 euros to the city of Grande-Synthe.

# The High Council on Climate (HCC) www.hautconseilclimat.fr



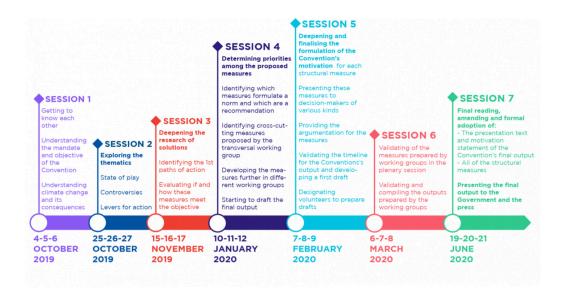
- An independent body tasked with issuing advice and recommendations to the French government on the delivery of public measures and policies aimed at reducing France's greenhouse gas emissions
- Established by 2019
- Its members are chosen for their expertise in the fields of climate science, economics, agronomy and energy transition.



 They produced reports and advices to challenge the policy of the government

## The Citizen's Convention on Climate

- The Citizen's Convention on Climate, an unprecedented democratic experiment in France, aims to give citizens a voice to accelerate the fight against climate change
- Its mandate is to define a series of measures that will allow to achieve a reduction of at least 40% in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (compared to 1990) in a spirit of social justice.
- Decided on by the President of the Republic, the Convention brings together 150 people, all drawn by lot; it represents the diversity of French society.
- These citizens learned about, debate and prepare draft laws on all issues relating to ways to combat climate change. It was supported by committed personnalities such as Laurence Tubiana or Jean Jouzel





## 2021: The French Climate and Resilience Law





REVIEW OF THE PROPOSALS
OF THE CITIZENS' CONVENTION

#### 149 proposals

- 146 proposals that will be implemented by the Government
- 3 rejected by the French President



of a legislative nature, most of which will be taken up in the draft Climate and Resilience bill,

which will be debated in Parliament in spring 2021. As well as in the draft European Public Prosecutor's Office Act adopted in December 2019 and in the amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution to include climate and biodiversity, which will be presented at the Council of Ministers early February.



of a fiscal and budgetary nature taken up in the 2021 draft finance bill,

in particular through the France Relance recovery plan.



of a regulatory nature will be implemented by decrees and orders.

For example, this is the case with the ban on heated outdoor terraces or on the installation of oil-fired boilers, but also taking account of the Citizens' Convention's guidelines in the decrees relating to the anti-waste law for a circular economy or the mobility orientation law.



pertaining exclusively to European and international negotiations

backed by France in European and UN bodies. It should be noted that beyond these measures, the implementation of which is exclusively international, a European backing is desirable or necessary for almost a quarter of the proposals from the Citizens' Convention.



pertaining to other procedures,

which are neither prescriptive nor international. These are the proposals that can be directly implemented by the State agencies, such as the communication and awarenessraising campaigns of the French Agency for Ecological Transition (ADEME), instructions to the prefects in particular for the moratorium on new suburban commercial areas, national strategies or action plans such as the development of the National Strategic Plan or the National Biodiversity Strategy, and others.

Find the details of the implementation of all the measures (in French): www.ecologie.gouv.fr/suivi-convention-citoyenne-climat/

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69 articles structured into 6 titles and 18 chapters



#### Consumption

12 articles on environmental education, advertising, environmental display, and the circular economy



#### Production and work

12 articles on social dialogue and the environment, the development of bulk buying, renewable energy, and the reform of the Mining Code



#### Transport

14 articles on public transport, private cars, air quality, and air transport



#### Housing

20 articles on the renovation of buildings and combatting soil artificialisation



#### Food

8 articles on agricultural practices and food



### Strengthening the legal protection of the environment

3 articles reinforcing the penalties applicable to infringements of environmental law





# The French Academy of Technologies and SDGs

- Introduction of SDGs in our works
- SDGs as driver of our annual seminar



#### LE QUESTIONNAIRE DU CHATELE

Le questionnaire cuquel répondent les fremmes de tech est une variante du questionnaire de froste, sinis incommé non pas parce que Marcal Prout se serait égant é dans le métre partisen, mais en mémoire d'Emille du Chatelet, femme de lettres, mathématiciemne et physicienne, rennommée pour so traduction des Principies Mathematica de Nevnon et la diffusion de l'acurve physique de Labriuz. Elle fix membre de l'Academie des sciences de l'Institut de Bologne. Emille du Chatelet mena ou siècle des lumières une vie libre et accomplie et public un dissours sur le bonbreur.

- Dedicated tasks-forces on SDGs and technologies: Gender equality, Water, Health, Energy, Resilience and recovery
- Our ethic committee focused on how to use SDGs as a guidance for our production and work
- Public advice to use SDGs as a reference framework to guide public policies and recovery plans
- Task-force with 2 other academies on using SDGs to ensure resilience and sustainability

# Dedicated reports and publications

- Advices and reports related to climate change and biodiversity
  - Water
  - Agriculture
  - Energy
  - Hydrogen
  - Coastal evolution
  - Adaptation and mitigation
- Using SDGs to guide public policies
- Methodological guidance of SDGs impact assessments



QUEL FUTUR POUR L'EAU ? GERARD PAYEN RÉP..

Réchauffement climatique, diplomatie des ressources détection des épidémies... Plusieurs problématiques récurrentes sont apparues au cours d'un échange de plus de rois semaines avec le..



L'Académie des technologies s'est penchée sur la filière biogaz en France dans une étude intitulée « Le biogaz ». Tout en recc local et international - n'est pas favorable à l'essar de cette énergie renouvelable, elle appelle les pouvoirs publics à lever les



# The French Academy and the decisions makers

- Auditions, dialogues and meetings with policy makers
  - OPECST: The Parliamentary Office For Scientific and Technological Assessment
- A « Cenacle » with CEOs and decisions makers
- Coworking with other academies
  - Agriculture
  - Pharmacy
  - Medecine
  - Sciences

- Participations of our members in other advisory bodies
  - HCC
  - CGE « Conseil General de l'Economie » an advisory body for the French Minister of Economy
  - Conseil supérieur des programmes (Education)
  - IPCC
  - •
- Active participations in the debate on climate and environment issues
- Workshops and conferences

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