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ENERGY TRANSITION FORUM In PARIS

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USPA NEWS - Building a Society that demands less Energy and is less Dependent on Nuclear Power and Fossil Fuels : these are the Ambitious Goals of the Energy Transition. The Challenges are : Decentralized Energy Generation ; Digital Control of Energy Efficiency ; Homes and Energy Performance ; Sustainable Cities, Regions and Mobility ; Hydrogen ; Energy storage,...

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With the Act of 17 August 2015 on Energy Transition for Green Growth, France committed fully to Energy Transformation in the 21st century. The Act of 17 August 2015 on Energy Transition for Green Growth seeks to enhance France's Energy Autonomy, cut its Greenhouse Gas Emissions and provide Effective tools to all Stakeholders in order to boost Green Growth. The Act, providing for Action and Mobilisation, is binding on the Whole Country, including Citizens, Businesses, Territories and Public Authorities. It is already in effect : more than 50 Provisions are for Immediate Application. It will stimulate Green Growth by promoting activity in the Construction, Renewables and Clean Transport Sectors and the development of Circular Economies.

There is no Single Mix that would be Ideal Worldwide. Although major International Climate Summits seek to adopt Global Objectives, the Energy Transition is specific to each Country or group of Countries. Energy Systems are not very Dynamic, meaning that an Energy Transition is a Slow Process. Energy Transitions required Technological Breakthroughs and Radical Changes in Energy Use by Consumers. There is a lot of talk about Global Challenges, the Question of Climate Change, and Energy Resources to face the Growing Population and Economic Development. This is the General Framework, and it is absolutely Undeniable. But, on the Scale of a Country, a Territory, a Household, or a Company, these big Challenges occur in extremely different Ways. The available Energy Resources, the Level of Development, Public Policy, Economic Stakes, or the Dynamics of those involved, are Parameters which change between two given Situations, and which have an Impact on the Solutions put in place.

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- The Forum was animated by David Barroux, Chief-Editor Les Echos

- INTRODUCTION given by Brune Poirson, State Secretary to the Minister of Ecology and Solidarity Transition François de Rugy

- DEBATE : Is Energy too Taxed ?

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** Naïma Idir, President ANODE

** Bénédicte Peyrol, LREM MP of ALLIER

- DEBATE : Solar & Eolian: How to reach French Ambitions ?

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** Dominique Jamme, General Director of Services, CRE

- DEBATE : Biogaz, How to cut Costs ?

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** Jean-Charles Colas-Roy, MP of ISERE

** Christiane Lambert, Presidente FNSEA

** Laurent Pauchard, Manager, Methalac

** Catherine Brun, General Secretary, GRT Gaz

- DEBATE : Will The Car of Tomorrow be really Electric ?

Animated by Julien Dupont-Calbo, Automotive & Industry Journalist Les Echos

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