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Arnaud LEROY appointed Chairman of ADEME

On March 1 last the Board of Directors of ADEME proposed Arnaud Leroy be appointed their Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. This proposal was virtually unanimously approved by the competent committees of the National Assembly and the Senate.

Arnaud Leroy, aged 41 years and a graduate in maritime law and environmental protection, began his political career at the European Parliament where he was Secretary General of the Delegation of the French Greens. In 2004 he joined the European Maritime Safety Agency in order to take part in its setting in place and deal in particular with the Environment and Climate Change division.

Elected an M.P. in 2012, for five years now he has been a member of the Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning Committee and the European Affairs Committee of the National

Assembly where he deals in particular with the texts related to ecological and energy transition. He is the author and the rapporteur of a parliamentary bill, referred to as the «Leroy Act », relating to the blue economy, adopted in 2016, which contains measures for simplifying and facilitating the boosting and the development of the maritime economy. He has also chaired the Climate Change study group at the National Assembly and co-chaired, together with the M.P. Bertrand Pancher, the Carbon Balance Association which proposes solutions to organizations for carbon accounting.

Fortified by this varied experience, Arnaud Leroy will put his energy and his expertise at the service of the projects being undertaken by ADEME to back up the French commitments in terms of fighting and adapting to climate change.

« I'm very honoured and proud to have been put in charge of ADEME. Convinced of the urgency for France and for Europe of speeding up ecological transition, my objective is to put all ADEME's resources and expertise at the service of the ambitions of our Climate Plan. ADEME has to put forward solutions, mobilize its partners, including at the European level, and more broadly speaking, bring on board the whole of society, so that everyone plays their part in fighting climate change in order to make ecological transition irreversible, for quite simply what is at stake is the survival of our species», declared Arnaud Leroy.

(Source: [official communiqué of ADEME](#))

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FRANCE/Revising of the PPE: launch of a big 3-month public debate

In the context of the revising of the Multi-Annual Energy Programming (PPE), planned for 2018 by the Energy Transition of Green Growth Act, the Government launched a big 3-month public debate on 19 March. At a discussion forum linked up with the Ministry of Ecological Transition, everyone can follow the debates and take part by posting one or more questions, a comment or a contribution.

Organizations, associations, communities and local authorities can also propose their « player book ». Furthermore, 400 citizens, drawn at random, will be invited to give their views before the end of June, at information or « controversial issues » workshops, in the regions or online, on « four to five important issues ». The stakes involved are considerable for what is involved is defining roadmaps for 2018-2023 and 2024-2028 that will enable the national and international commitments made by France to be fulfilled, in particular in the field of the reduction of greenhouse gases, final energy consumption or again the production of renewable energies.

Source: article in *Les Echos*: « [Three months of debates to make headway with energy transition](#) ».



FRANCE/ The 15 proposals made by the « Methanation » workgroup revealed

On 26 March, Sébastien Lecornu – Secretary of State to the Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity-Based Transition, revealed the 15 conclusions of the "methanation" workgroup launched on 1 February. For over a month, many subjects were discussed by the participants: public support for methanation, the use of biogas for transport, the connecting up of the installations to the gas networks, the simplification of the applicable regulations, the funding of

projects and local approval. The proposals produced by these committees were then examined by all the members of the workgroup and 15 proposals finally resulted in a consensus among the major methanation players. These cover three priority areas: give the farmers the means to complement their incomes, professionalize the methanation sector and speed up the methanation projects.

To find the 15 proposals: website of the Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity-Based Transition.

Link to the article in Environnement Magazine: <https://bit.ly/2lqI2RS>



FRANCE/ The Government sets in place the « Ecological Transition Accelerator Committee »

On 30 March, Nicolas Hulot, Minister of Ecological and Solidarity-Based Transition, officially installed the Ecological Transition Accelerator Committee, chaired by Jean-Dominique Senard. Made up of 15 personalities from the economic world and research, the main purpose of the committee is to support and back up the minister and the Ministry for the policies set in place to speed up ecological transition. The committee will see to it that the transition is based on an effective alliance between ecology and the

economic world and will also enable greater dialogue between the public players and the economic

and financial players, the economists, the researchers and also the specialists on employment, skills and training issues. Laurence Parisot, a member of the committee, has in particular been given an assignment to draw up an employment and skills plan for the energy field which will give the committee food for thought.

Source: website of the Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity-Based Transition

Link to the article in Environnement Magazine: Environnement-magazine.fr



INTERNATIONAL / The quality of the energy transition of 114 countries was scrutinized in a study done by the World Economic Forum

On 14 March the World Economic Forum published the first edition of a study ranking the 114 countries according to quality of their energy transition: the « Fostering Effective Energy Transition Report ». This document proposes a ranking of the countries based on a comparative study of the current level of performance of their energy systems, the state of preparation of their macro-environment for the transition to a future reliable

energy system that is sustainable, affordable and inclusive. Whereas Northern and Western Europe are among the highest ranked countries (France is in fact in 9th place) and progress has been recorded in the USA and China, the study however emphasizes the fact that progress on a world scale is too slow.

Source: [Article by Dominique PIALOT - La Tribune](#)

To find out more: [official website of the World Economic Forum](#)



INTERNATIONAL/ The first summit of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held at the beginning of March in New Delhi

The first summit of the International Solar Alliance was held on 11 March 2018 in New Delhi in the presence of Emmanuel Macron, the President of France, Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and Ségolène Royal, Special Envoy for the implementation of the Alliance. Launched on the initiative of France and India at the Paris Climate Conference (COP21) in

December 2015, the alliance brings together 121 countries, the majority of which are located between the tropics and enjoy high sunshine levels, and its goal is to speed up the roll-out of solar energy thanks to the transfer of technologies and the facilitation of funding to develop electricity production capacities in all the countries with a high solar energy potential. At the founding summit in March, 36 countries answered the call for interest and took part in the ISA consultation of their priorities in the fields of solar energy for agriculture and rural areas, mini solar networks, roof installations and electrical mobility. Thus 100 priority projects were put forward for the launching of an initial funding mobilization phase.

To find out more about the ISA: [official France Diplomatie website](#)

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