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[INTERNATIONAL]

New rise in global CO2 emissions in 2018

At the end of October, in Cracow (Poland), the Environment ministers of 35 countries took part in the preparatory meeting for COP 24 planned for 2 to 14 December next in Katowice. On this occasion, Fatih Birol – director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) warned the international community that the CO2 emissions in the energy sector were expected to attain a new record in 2018. In point of fact the forecasts for CO2 emissions linked to the combustion of fossil-based energies (gas, coal, petroleum), calculated over the first 9 months of the year, show this is on the rise again after three years of stagnation. This finding is all the more alarming in that an IPCC report announced at the beginning of October that emissions were expected to drop 45% by 2030 in relation to their 2010 level and remain below 1.5°C of warming, already a source of big impacts.

Sources: [Sciences et Avenir](#) and [Les Echos](#)



[INTERNATIONAL]

Publication of the World Energy Markets Observatory (WEMO)

On 6 November the firm Capgemini published the 20th edition of its WEMO. The survey reveals that China, the world's 2nd biggest consumer of energy and the leading emitter of greenhouse gases (GHG)), is also a leading supplier of equipment intended for the production of energy, a dominant player in the field of critical resources and an ever more significant investor in companies in the electricity sector in Europe. The survey also reveals that economic growth brings the climate change targets into question. And this despite a year in 2017 marked by a big rise in the carbon prices in Europe and a drop in the cost of renewable energies. Lastly, according to the survey, Utilities are consequently in better financial health and the whole of the sector is going through a period of transition. In order to cope with the competition from new players, the traditional Utilities are adapting their business models by integrating the new technologies such as IoT1, IA, chatbots or blockchain. All the segments in the value chain are reported to be affected by digital transformation: from the customer relationship to the operational processes via the energy services.

Source: [official press release from Capgemini](#)



[FRANCE]

The European Commission supports self-consumption in France

In a press release dated 22 October, the European Commission announced that it is giving its green light to public support of 200 million euros for the renewable energies of self-producers of electricity in France. This measure should help the EU's energy and climate targets without unduly distorting competition on the single market. Margrethe Vestager, the commissioner in charge of the competition policy, made the following declaration: «This scheme will stimulate competition between the renewable energy sources for the self-producers and further increase the share of renewable energies in France's energy mix. The technologically-neutral tender invitations will contribute to France's transition to low-carbon energy supplies that are sustainable from an environmental standpoint, in accordance with the EU's environmental objectives and our State aid rules.»

Source: [Press release of the European Commission](#)



[FRANCE]

Nicolas Hulot, guest of France 2's political show

On 22 November next, i.e. 15 days before the start of COP 24, Nicolas Hulot will be the guest of France 2's political programme presented by Léa Salamé. This will be the first public statement from the former Minister of Ecological and Solidarity-Based Transition since he resigned from the French government. He will go back over the year he spent at the head of the Ministry and give his views on the future in terms of ecological and energy transition. The programme will be shown on Thursday, 22 November at 9 p.m.

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