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[INTERNATIONAL]

UN Secretary General, António Guterres, calls upon the governments to tax pollution and not the populations

On 28 May last, at the annual meeting of the R20 coalition (Regions of climate action), the UN Secretary General, António Guterres, urged the governments to put an end to fossil fuel subsidies. According to him we must abandon the idea that « giving fossil fuel subsidies is a means of improving the living conditions of the populations » for this is only contributing to making the climate change problem worse at the taxpayers' expense. He therefore made an appointment with the Government leaders for November at the Climate Change Summit at which they will have to submit concrete plans.

To find out more: <http://bit.ly/2LjkcMz>



[FRANCE]

Announcements about energy transition in the general policy speech made by Edouard Philippe

On 12 June last, Edouard Philippe presented several energy transition measures to the National Assembly during his general policy speech. On this occasion the prime minister stated in fact that "the next twelve months will see a speeding up of the energy transition process ". Among the announcements were the following:

- an increase in the rate of launching of marine wind turbine tender procedures of 1 GW per annum
- the closing of the Fessenheim nuclear power station and the lowering of the share of nuclear power in the electricity mix by 2030
- a thorough review of energy renovation aids

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[FRANCE]

EDF selected to build the future wind farm off Dunkirk

It was the Minister for Ecological and Solidarity-Based Transition, François de Rugy, who announced this on 14 June last after several months of waiting: the construction of the wind farm off Dunkirk will be entrusted to the EDF Renewables – Innogy-Enbridge consortium. This wind farm, which is planned to come into service in 2026, should cover an area of 70 km² and produce 40% of the electricity needs of the Nord Department.

To find out more: <http://bit.ly/31Q2VjY>



[FRANCE]

Greenhouse gas emissions were on the wane in France in 2018

According to the provisional assessment made public on Tuesday, 18 June by the Centre interprofessionnel technique d'études de la pollution atmosphérique (CITEPA), greenhouse gas emissions in France were down by 4.2 % in 2018. Thus, from 465 million equivalent tonnes of CO₂ in 2017, the level of emissions fell to 445 million last year. This drop unfortunately follows on from several consecutive years of rising levels (respectively +0.9, + 0.2 and + 1.1%, in 2017, 2016 and 2015) and this can be explained by several factors: a particularly mild winter which enabled a reduction in the use of heating and the drop in the delivery of new diesel vehicles.

To find out more: <http://bit.ly/2Xu7Mbj>



[FRANCE]

127 applicants from the regions in the context of the call for applicants for the ecological transition contracts

The Minister for Ecological and Solidarity-Based Transition announced 127 applications had been received from the regions in the context of the call for applicants for the ecological transition contracts. The Minister had launched this call for applicants from 2 April to 27 May last to enable each area to put forward its participation in the ecological transition contracts. The winners will be revealed by Emmanuelle Wargon on 9 July 2019 at a national day devoted to local ecological transition. Forty or so areas will thus receive the « Ecological transition contracts » (CTE) label and contribute to the drawing up of a local project based on ecological transition during the next six months.

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