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about the « 2017 European Energy Transition Conference in Bordeaux » and the « maximum political commitment » of the local authorities to the fight against global warming.



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« The preparations for the new edition of the Energy Transition Conference have put all the organising teams in effervescence and this effervescence is an integral part of the dynamic of our regions committed to energy transition. The event awaited by many people is now on the launching pad and your stay in Bordeaux promises to be a great success.

First of all, the European dimension is clearly asserted in this edition, from the participation at the opening session of Maroš Šefčovič, vice-chairman of the European Commission, to the 12 countries represented in the plenary sessions by experts and elected representatives. The European reach of the event, rooted in testimonies and experiments conducted all over Europe, will enable us to hear at first hand unprecedented exchanges highlighting the energy changes under way.

By choosing the topic of ecological and energy transitions, to be drilled down to a range of possibilities for the regions, the 2017 edition has opted to sensitize people to the emerging decentralized culture, both cross-cutting and multi-disciplinary, borne by the energy policies: town planning, economy, employment, mobility, digital technology, social solidarity and governance etc... will thus be convened to the workshops, forums, laboratories and round tables as so many fields irrigated by our common ambition in terms of energy and climate.

More than ever in the spirit of the *Bordeaux* Call for Projects launched before COP21, our local authorities are playing a major role in this paradigm shift thanks to their skills and their closeness to the citizens, and, in the words of the Marrakesh Declaration, their «*maximum political commitment*» to the fight against global warming. For this also is the spirit of the Energy Conference: this commitment from businesses, institutions, local authorities and associations to action!

Let me express my thanks here to all the public and private partners whose mobilization is gradually being stepped up for the holding of this Conference and its success and reach. By taking part in such a gathering, they are signing a truly concrete manifesto which is not limited to the 3 days of the event: giving an impetus to, rolling out, supporting energy transition in our regions in order to succeed together in taking up the challenge! Join them in Bordeaux on 24, 25 and 26 January next! »

See you at the 2017 European Energy Transition Conference in Bordeaux, from 24 to 26 January 2016, to debate and exchange views on the energy transition in the regions.

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