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AROUND THE EUROPEAN ENERGY TRANSITION CONFERENCE:



**Dunkirk received the special « Sustainable development» prize at the « France Congresses events » Annual Trophies ceremony, for the organization and the hosting of the European Energy Transition Conference in 2016.** On Wednesday, 26 April, 2017 the France Congresses and Events evening was held at the Trianon (Paris) – a high point for meeting and sharing with the other players in the Events sector. On this occasion, 5 prizes were awarded. In the « events with a European audience » category, Dunkirk thus received the « Sustainable Development » prize for the hosting of the European Energy Transition Conference in 2016. Among the points praised by the

jury were the eco-responsible dimension of the organisation of the event, the choice of the venue - the Kursaal Convention Centre in Dunkirk, itself part of a sustainable initiative - and finally the importance of the economic spin-off resulting from the holding of this event in the Dunkirk area (hotel trade, catering, shops etc.)

IN THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS:



**Climate: The EU advocates cooperation with American cities**

Following Donald Trump's announcement about the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement, Maros SEFCOVIC – European Energy Commissioner - reasserted to the AFP, on 6 June in Peking, on the margins of a ministerial forum about clean energies, his wish to encourage and step up cooperation between Europe and the American local authorities in the fight against climate change. We would remind you that

Maros SEFCOVIC has already launched with Michael Bloomberg "a global covenant of mayors for climate change and energy" - a forum bringing together over 130 American cities. The aim now is to step up this dynamic. The European Commissioner moreover added: "I am a fervent defender of local action. Look at the powers of the mayors: they are responsible for transport, air pollution, refuse management... Now, we see in the USA that mayors and governors remain committed ". Source: article [Sciencesetavenir.fr](http://Sciencesetavenir.fr)



### **EDF and Forsee Power are launching NEoT Green Mobility – an investment vehicle based on electrical mobility**

Last April several industrialists, including EDF and Forsee Power announced the launch with the Caisse des Dépôts of the first financial investment vehicle of the NEoT Capital Company, based on electrical mobility: « NEoT Green Mobility ». The goal of « NEoT Green Mobility » is to invest up to several hundreds of million euros in assets during the coming 5 years, both in France and abroad. This offer will enable the local authorities and operators in the sector to enjoy turn-key electrical mobility solutions potentially covering any type of transport (in particular

buses, lorries, trains, boats, industrial vehicles, scooters...). The offer includes the supply of equipment : batteries, charging infrastructure, vehicles..., over periods ranging from 3 to 20 years and, in addition, a set of services ranging from supervision to end-of-service management via maintenance. Source: [Forseepower.fr](http://forseepower.fr) website



### **The first solar panel recycling unit in France**

At the end of March, PV CYCLE France, an eco-responsible organization approved by the public authorities for the collection of used solar panels, chose to entrust Veolia with the processing and beneficiation of used solar panels. The Véolia beneficiation unit, the first of its kind in France, will be located in Rousset in the Bouches-du-Rhône Department (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region) and will have the benefit of a technology enabling it to recover 1,400 tonnes of materials per

annum as of 2017 and up to 4,000 tonnes by 2021. The secondary raw materials will then be reinjected into various sectors (aluminium, glass, copper) according to the principles of the circular economy. Veolia and PV CYCLE France will thus satisfy the European directive relating to WEEE (Waste electric and electronic equipment), which requires all importers or manufacturers of solar panels to collect and process them at the end of their life. Source : article in [l'Usine Nouvelle](http://l'usine-nouvelle.com)



### **Territoire d'Énergie: a new identity for the FNCCR**

The FNCCR (National Federation of Licensing Public Authorities) has changed its name and gained fresh momentum under its new name « Territoire d'Énergie », a brand name that symbolizes humanist values and equality of treatment for all areas. The brand name will either be simply national - Territoires d'Énergie France - or local: Territoire d'Énergie followed by the name of the region, department or location. To find out more : <http://www.fnccr.asso.fr/territoire-denergie>



### **IDF has launched its Grenelle Forum on Energy Insecurity**

In order to help the inhabitants of Île-de-France whose expenditure on energy makes too big a hole in their incomes, the Region has decided to launch a wide-ranging consultation process.

In Île-de-France, between 7 and 10% of the population are reported to be finding it difficult to pay their electricity and heating bills. In the light of this finding and in order to meet a public health challenge, the Region launched on 27 February the Energy Insecurity

Grenelle. This initiative should result by the end of 2017 in action proposals that will be part of the regional programme for energy efficiency. Three areas for work have been defined: better identifying and advising the populations faced with energy insecurity; better mobilizing the players and improving the economic control of energy renovation projects. To find out more: [article on website of the Caisse des Dépôts](#)

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