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FOCUS: Release of a new ADEME publication: 15 examples of regional energy renovation initiatives in the private housing sector



A new publication has just been released dedicated to energy renovation in the private housing sector. It gives 15 examples of local initiatives demonstrating once again the essential role of the local authorities in the implementation of energy transition at the regional and local level and their ability to innovate and give concrete commitment. They provide concrete illustration of the setting in place by the public service of the energy efficiency instituted by the energy transition act.

From the « Mur I Mur » scheme developed by Grenoble – Alpes Métropole – which aims to provide support for the renovation of co-owned properties in the Grenoble conurbation, via « Biovallée » the support platform for the energy renovation of individual homes in the Val de Drôme, Crestois and Pays de Saillans District Council area or again Picardie Pass Rénovation, a regional « one-stop shop » for housing energy renovation – so many projects that are part of the local economic and energy

renovation dynamic for 500,000 housing units per annum starting in 2017, instituted by the Energy Transition for Green Growth Act and which demonstrate that the movement is under way at the service of the citizens and the local economy.

[Discover the publication « Housing energy renovation – 15 local initiatives »](#)

In the press:



RTE France announces possible power cuts this winter

RTE (Réseau de Transport d'Electricité), a subsidiary of EDF (Electricité de France), announced at the beginning of the month a possible imbalance in power supplies during the coming winter. In point of fact, nearly one-third of the French nuclear power units are currently shutdown following tighter controls conducted by the Nuclear Safety Authority which revealed faults on some reactors. 13 reactors will thus be out of action in December and 9 during the winter. Unable to compensate for this loss with the oil

or coal power stations or the hydroelectric power stations as their reservoirs are at their lowest level at this time of year for ten years, EDF is expected to have a production capacity of 11300 megawatts on average less than last winter, i.e. a drop of 11.5 %. Of the solutions envisaged for the time being: the importing of electricity thanks to the new DC link with Spain and an appeal to the public-spiritedness of the French for responsible consumption. Lastly, in the event of « extreme imbalance », RTE plans to have « scheduled load shedding of short duration », on a rotating basis, in order to prevent power cuts lasting more than two hours. Hospitals, industrial sites and priority entities would of course suffer no loss of supply.

(Source: LeMonde.fr – Link to the article: <http://bit.ly/2fuVh6M>)



Publication of the PPE decree: the issue of reducing dependence upon nuclear power postponed until the next five-year term

Initially planned for December 2015, the PPE (Multi-Annual Energy Planning) decree for the periods 2016-2018 and 2019-2023 was published in the Official Journal on 28 October 2016. Signed by four ministers and the Prime Minister, it defines the production volumes of renewable energies and therefore represents one of the most important texts for the application of the Energy Transition

Act. If this decree offers the renewable energy professionals "a high level of visibility for the various sectors", according to the Renewable Energies Federation, many of them – including the environmental associations - regret the absence of a clear decision. The text in fact reasserts the determination to reduce the nuclear share of the production of electricity to 50 % by 2025, but puts off to the next five-year term any decision on whether to close or not nuclear reactors, in application of the objectives of the Act which provides for a cap on the nuclear capacity of 63.2 GW and a drop in the nuclear share of the production of electricity from 75 % to 50 % by 2025.

(Sources: LeMonde.fr and Franceurbaine.org - Link to the article in Le Monde: <http://bit.ly/2efB9Er>)

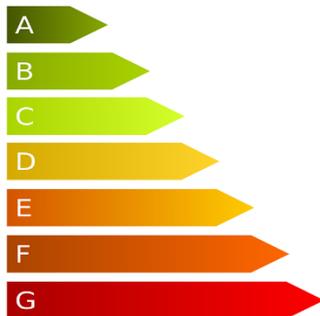


World first: launch of the building of the first Wattway solar road in the Orne Department!

On 24 October last, in Tourouvre-au-Perche, in Orne, the Colas group – a global player in the construction and maintenance of transport infrastructures, officially launched the construction of the Wattway: the first solar road, in the presence of Ségolène Royal – the Environment Minister. Patented after 5 years of research conducted by Colas, in partnership with INES, the National Institute of Solar Energy, Wattway is a French innovation. Combining the techniques

of road construction with those of solar energy production, the Wattway – formed of solar slabs, is fitted directly on to the existing roadway, without any public engineering works being required, and supplies electricity - clean and renewable energy – while enabling any type of vehicle to run on it. The annual production expected from this solar road is 290 MWh, i.e. nearly 790 kWh a day. By way of example, the production of electricity linked to 1 km of solar road will supply the public lighting for a town of 5000 inhabitants.

(Sources: website of the [Ministry for the Environment](http://www.minec.fr) and Environnement-magazine.fr. Link to the article: <http://bit.ly/2ePMTih>)



EEC: 12 programmes selected to combat energy insecurity

Last May a call for projects to combat energy insecurity in housing and transport was launched by the Ministry for the Environment with a maximum budget of 60 million euros. The proposals selected had to meet 2 objectives:

- sensitize, inform and educate households faced with energy insecurity about energy saving issues
- provide support for the carrying out of ambitious energy renovation works.

At the beginning of October, 12 programmes were thus designated the « winners »: 9 aiming to combat energy insecurity in housing (The National Housing Agency (Anah) (600 to 700 fragile co-owned properties benefitting), the Engie group (11,500 households covered), the Engie Home Services group (278,000 households covered), the social landlord Habitat 29 (7,000 households), the La Poste group and the Inventage Company (200,000 households supported), the endowment fund Solinergy (12,000 households supported), the Sonergia Company (4,000 to 16,000 households concerned), the Consultants Urbanis (40 co-owned properties supported) and the "CLEO" project (130,000 households benefitting)) and 3 aiming to combat energy insecurity in transport (Wimoov (9,000 people benefitting), the Federation of Bicycle Users (2,250 households supported) and the Regional Energy and Environment Agency in Rhône-Alpes (10,000 people benefitting)). (Sources: website of the [Ministry for the Environment](http://www.minec.fr) and Actu-environnement.com. Link to the article: <http://bit.ly/2dNe7nQ>)

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