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at the European Energy Transition Conference in Bordeaux

« It is upon us (the local players) that the implementation of energy transition rests [...] There are benefits for health, the economy and employment. There are also financial innovations [...] Energy transition means the will to adopt a reasoned model of society, a balance between energy supply and demand, a much better quality of life for the inhabitants » **Alain JUPPÉ** – Mayor of Bordeaux, Chairman of Bordeaux Métropole.

« The Paris Agreement was adopted with unprecedented speed, which shows a collective awareness of the issues at stake [...] The climate-air-energy plans are an opportunity to target at one fell swoop a reduction in the carbon footprint, health, employment and the quality of life [...] The movement is under way; it needs to be amplified in order to make energy transition irreversible » **Bruno LECHEVIN** – Chairman of ADEME

« The Energy Union cannot be achieved in Brussels, only with the local players in the regions [...] It is the biggest challenge of our century. » **Maros SEFCOVIC** – European Energy Commissioner

"We have to accept the idea of a circular economy. One person's trash supplies energy for someone else"
Hélène VALADE – Sustainable Development Director SUEZ

« We in the West have exhausted the lithosphere and its fossil, fissile, mining and halieutic resources. People are exhausted too [...] We have the possibility of changing everything [...] We can still produce and show enterprise but without destroying » **Emmanuel DRUON** – Chairman of POCHECO

"Working with neighbouring regions is inspiring and the projects are structuring"
Pierre-Jean CRASTES – Vice-Chairman ARC Pôle Métropolitain

"When we help people seeking employment with their mobility, 50% of them find a job quicker " **Karim AIT YOUCEF** – Assistant General Manager in charge of the activities and development of Wimooov

"Renewable energies can be tapped on the spot and vary over the course of time. The towns become places of consumption and production. They are in charge of energy management [...] The transition to zero carbon must be undertaken by a pivot player: political legitimacy, expertise, coercive power [...] This can be the State, the local authorities, the cooperative players or the major companies » **Gilles DEBIZET** – Geographer and town planner at the University of Grenoble

"A carbon price is needed to enable the energy transition"
Isabelle KOCHER – General Manager of ENGIE

"We are asking for regional investment banks for the energy transition"
Alain ROUSSET – Chairman of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region

"I'm calling for another method of calculation in order to take the cost of negative externality into account"
Damien CARÊME – Mayor of Grande-Synthe, Vice-Chairman of the Dunkirk Urban Community

"We must bequeath benefits and sources of income to the future generations rather than burdens and debts" **Christian COUTURIER** – Chairman of the Négawatt Association