

The French energy efficiency and climate change strategies

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QUICK CHANGES

- 2003 : National debate on energy
- September 2003 : Plan on Clean and Efficient vehicles
- Mai-June 2004- April/May 2005 : Energy orientation law before the Parliament
- June 2004 : « Chambolle » brief : research priorities on new energy technologies
- July 2004 : Climate plan
- Dec 2004 : National quota allocation plan
- Dec 2004 : budget law for 2005



TARGETS

- reduce GHG émissions by 3% yearly to reach the factor 4 by 2050 (and Kyoto targets in the middle term)
- reduce energy intensity by 2% yearly in 2015
- 21% of renewable electricity
- 50% increase of renewable heat

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LOCAL INFORMATION CENTERS

- > 50% of GHG emissions from individuals
- Created in 2000
- 180 agencies and 300 advisers
- 200 000 detailed contacts in 2004,
- => Six months after, 25% have decided a new action, 50% are still working on it (average cost 7 700€ saving 20% of the average energy consumption, 1.1tCO2)



RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS

- ADEME campaign: « faisons vite, ça chauffe »
 « quickly, it's warming up »
- launched in mai 2004, confirmed by the Climate Plan
- 3 years
- media campaign (TV, radio, ...)
- -partnerships and local actions (1 425 in 2004)

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RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS

- First results: (surveys every six months on the media campaign)
- -77% of the people who saw the film say it makes them whant to change their behaviour
- 42% have already done so
- -X 2 of information center contacts and internet use
- brochures, guides, ...



BUILDINGS

- MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES
- ⇒ Reduce consumption of existing buildings
- build very efficient new buildings and « positive energy » buildings
- SUPPORT FOR DECISION MAKING
- Subsidies up to 70%
- 2000 to 2004 : 35 000 buildings
- ⇒ 55% are followed by the implementation of the recommendations
- ⇒ 100 buildings =>1 200MWh saved and 194t CO2 avoided

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BUILDINGS

- BUILDING REGULATIONS
- ⇒ Technical advisor for the government
- ⇒ Hardening of requirements for new buildings: +15% between 2000 and 2005, 40% by 2020

Between 1975 and today, energy consumption per m2 for heating has been cut by 2 to 2.5

⇒ Extended to large renovations



BUILDINGS

- LABELLING OF BUILDINGS
- ⇒ July 2006 for sales
- HIGH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- RESEARCH:
 - National program (+15M€ in 2007)
 - Foundation (EDF, Gaz de France, Arcelor, Lafarge)

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INCREASED TAX CREDITS

- Budget law for 2005
- Credit increased from 15% to 25% for energy savings and 40% for renewable energy, maximum amount per person doubled
- Allows broad spreading of the measures (no ex-ante spending limit)
- First results :
- => For solar water heaters, manufacturor's sales have already doubled since the beginning of the year
- =>Prices and quality need to be closely monitored



TRANSPORT

⇒ Most critical and most difficult sector

TECHNOLOGY (Plan for Clean and efficient vehicles : +40 M€ R&D)

- Research on « classic » cars, hybrids
- New fuels :
- => Biofuels:
 - objectif 5,75% en 2010, tender launched for 4 new plants
 - R&D programm on new generation of biofuels
- = > NGV, H2

Financial support for « clean » cars

• Buying and driving attitudes (car labelling, driving license)

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ORGANIZATION

- Financial support for combined rail/road transport and studies on sea/river use
- Carbon audits for companies
- Company mobility management plan :

target = 500

On going evaluation: car 73%=> 49%, average decrease of pollution and consumption by 30%

Experimentation of new solutions for in-town deliveries



INDUSTRY

- National CO2 quota allocation plan
- Research priorities :
 - CO2 capture and sequestration,
 - fuel cells and hydrogene
- Impact of liberalisation of electricity and gas markets will have to be scrutinized

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