

# Circular Economy

Status of the Transition for Green Growth in France

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# 1. Overview of the French and european waste-laws since 1975

1975 : EU and french first dedicated and overwhelming waste law

1976 : first french law on authorized sites ; then, France counted ~6000 dumpyards

1992 : second dedicated and overwhelming waste law (FR) ; announces that after 2002, the dumpyard should not receive any unsorted waste, if economical and technical conditions are met -> *broadly speaking, these conditions were not met !*

1993 : first implementation of EPR scheme for household Packaging (EcoEmballages + Adelphe)

2002 : EU rule for incinerators ; impact for France : instead of 300 incinerators (often small ones), there are left 130 at the end of 2005. *After several cases of dioxin contamination, the french authorities were very tough in implementation in the period 2003/2005.*

## 2) Overview of the French and European waste-laws since 1975

2004 : 1<sup>st</sup> time a national plan is adopted to prevent the production of waste (mostly municipal waste)

2008 : EU waste framework Directive ; aims to create a recycling society ; officialises the waste hierarchy.

2007/2009 : Grenelle forum ; includes a third dedicated law on waste ; new goals for 2012 ; broad approach with 5 families of stakeholders

2014 Second national program for prevention of waste

2015 august *Loi de transition énergétique pour la croissance verte* Energy transition law for green Growth

Title IV is dedicated to circular economy and waste policy In line with the plan for waste management 2020

2016/2017 EU level : circular economy action plan + revision of waste Directives

# Circular Economy, the French approach..

## Broad consensus from all stakeholders

- Recent concept since 2013 ; From buzzword to real opportunity, building on and broadening the waste approach
- Environment and job creation (545000 jobs in 2013 and growing..)

## Significant progress in the 2015

### < energetic transition act >

- In the context of COP 21
- Enthusiasm from all political parties, territories and companies



# Status quo

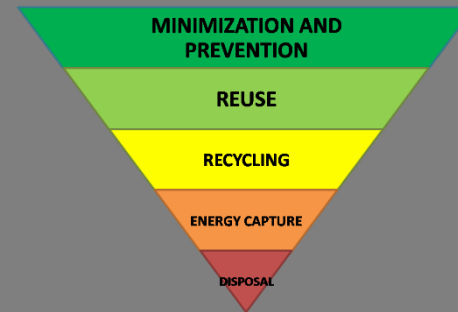
## The ambitions are multiple

- Sustainable production
- Sustainable consumption
- Waste management
- Use of Cross-cutting tool
- Progressing at the European level



# Ambitious on sustainable production

- 'Use of the resources' hierarchy
- +30 % GDP/DMC objective
- Increase in product lifetime
  - ° definition of 'planned obsolescence'
  - ° explore extending guarantees from 2 to 5/10 years for some products at EU level
  - ° experiment product lifetime display
- Bans on single-use plastic bags, cups and plates, microbeads in cosmetics by 2020



# Ambitious on sustainable consumption

- 📄 Non-discrimination for recycled products
  - 📄 Automobile spare parts retailers to propose 'reuse' spare parts
  - 📄 Sustainable public procurement
  - 📄 Food waste
    - 📄 *Ban 'best before' information wherever EU regulation made it possible*
    - 📄 *No bleaching of unsold food*
- *Food sector retailers to provide charity organisations with unsold food*

# Ambitions on Waste Management

## - Waste management objectives and actions

- ° Waste prevention, recycling, landfill reduction targets for 2025

Example : reduction of landfill minus 65 % by 2025

- ° Source sorting of biowaste
- ° Sort all plastic packaging by 2025
- ° Develop pay-as-you-throw schemes
- ° Fight against waste crimes

Example : All WEEE management operators to contract with official ERP schemes



# Cross-cutting tools

EPR schemes and rules

Green deals

153 'Zero waste territories' covering more than 30 million inhabitants

# Ambitions at the EU level

## France welcomed the EU circular economy action plan

Good that many actions are underway

But risk is to have a fragmented approach ⇒ maintain political attention (push for extensive review in 2018)

Furthermore:

- *Revised waste directives confirming general ambition, not groundbreaking*
- *Disappointment to see waste status remaining unclear and a barrier*

Other elements of the package of special importance:

- *Plastics / marine litter / interface with REACH*
- *Consumption directives / guarantees, and in general product policies*
- *Identify areas of common interest with other EU MS*

# Roadmap Circular Economy

French minister Nicolas HULOT asked for ROADMAP  
to integrate CE within the climate plan by beginning of 2018

## Goal?

In favor of 2015 Law Transition for Green Growth and its objectives

## What?

Resource efficiency, end of life of products, stimulate market for recycled products

## How?

- Mobilize and organize at the national level with all stakeholders, use of existing councils
- High level panel, work groups, conferences

THE END



*Questions?*