

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 : 1st 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

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



Status quo

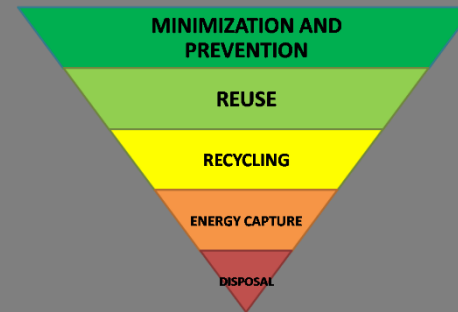
The ambitions are multiple

- 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?