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PROPOSALS for an ambitious
Energy retrofitting policy of the existing housing
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Who we are

Contributors of this document are associations and professionals which working together on improving the french energy efficiency policy.



ARC – Association des Responsables de Copropriétés – campaigns since 1987 for a reduction of the costs for co-owned buildings which naturally leads to the promotion of energy retrofittings. Today more than 13 000 co-owners associations are members of ARC, representing 900 000 dwellings. , leading them to promote energy renovations.



Approved environmental association, the CLER is a professional network promoting the energy transition since 1984. It brings together 200 members (among them associations, companies, local governments, federations of municipalities, education institutes) and represents more than 10 000 citizens and 5 000 employees throughout the French national territory.



The Effinergie platform includes financial organisms, associations, professionals and industry federations, experts and almost all Regions of France. They act since 2006 to impulse a strong territorial dynamic for new and retrofitted buildings energy performances.



France Nature Environnement (FNE) is a citizen's movement of about 3000 associations for nature conservation and environmental protection, gathered on eighty organizations, in mainland France and overseas. Established in 1968, it's officially recognised as promoting the public interest since 1976. FNE keeps track of, contributes to the improvement and the enforcement of laws and rules and sits in many consultation committees side by side with trade unions, representatives, companies and local authorities.



GESEC, founded in 1970, is an economic interest group of 350 SME. GESEC focuses on developing sustainable and ecological systems for homes and buildings. With over 80 industrial partners and distributors, GESEC makes resources and expertise available for their members to understand, anticipate and manage the transition to meet the needs for a more environmental friendly future.



Gimélec is a professional federation of 200 companies providing energy solutions on the energy markets of building, industry and infrastructures.



“Isolons la Terre contre le CO2” has been created in 2003 with the triple goal of alerting public opinion about the dangers of CO2 emissions in buildings, helping the adoption of efficient measures reducing pollution and promoting constructions with low energy consumption. Today, the collective includes 12 industry leaders of the construction sector.



Réseau Action Climat - France (RAC-F) is a non profit association specialised in climate change created in 1996. It includes local to national organisations as well as individuals both engaged in environmental protection, promotion of energy alternatives and international solidarity.



UFC – Que Choisir is a non profit association created in 1951 and the oldest consumers association of occidental Europe. UFC – Que choisir is at the service of the consumers by informing, advising and defending them.

Our proposals in a nutshell

Proposal 1 : Improve the efficiency of financial mechanisms

Abstract : optimise existing systems (white certificates, tax credits, zero interest loans) and move towards a simple efficient one dedicated to energy retrofitting global performances.

Proposal 2 : Allow the development of energy efficiency services companies (including SMEs)

Abstract : urgently create regulatory and legislative frames which guarantee and respect SMEs and energy efficiency services companies independence.

Proposal 3 : Ensure independence between each phase of an energy efficiency project

Abstract : guarantee transparency, trust and equality between actors during an energy efficiency project.

Proposal 4 : Adapt energy efficiency policies to each territory

Abstract : make the fiscal and legal contexts simple, flexible and adapted to the different territorial scales, according to the national and european goals

Proposal 5 : Simplify, anticipate and clarify the regulatory frame

Abstract : transpose european legislation in a simple and respectful way of consumers interests, publish legislative and regulatory texts linked to energy efficiency, engage a deep reform of the regulatory frame of the energy renovation sector.

Introduction

The increase of energy poverty and costs as well as the adoption of European directives related to energy efficiency force us to deeply change the way we consider energy in France : we need to switch from a supply side policy to one based on energy demand. A legislative, regulatory and economic work must be done to improve existing systems and invent new ones for a multiplication of energy efficiency works engaging once and for all the factor 4 division of French GHG emissions by 2050.

The first argument opposed to energy efficiency is that it requires an important initial cost. It's a short sighted point of view : energy savings are a productive investment, especially when energy costs don't stop increasing and the construction sector activity is very low.

The patrimonial and economic advantages of energy efficiency have been well understood by many French industries and investors. They are now waiting from France a stable legal frame and a market where to invest massively. If France doesn't seize this opportunity, these investments will go somewhere else and won't benefit French territories and companies.

After a deficit of 74,9 billion euros in 2013, a negative balance of 65,6 billion euros and 83% of France commercial deficit from energy sector, 2014 decrease of the energy deficit (54,8 billion euros) came from the collapsing fuel prices (from 111,8 dollar per barrel to 62,5) only high-lighting our economy vulnerability. It's more than time to impulse a strong and voluntary energy efficiency policy.

Energy efficiency is a major source of economic value and non exportable qualified jobs. Energy efficiency industry is already ready to answer the needs. It is preparing to accompany the growing needs of energy retrofitting sector.

It will allow consumers, who have a central role to play, to not suffer from the rising trend of energy prices in France by a reduction of their needs and a better control of their consumption and finally reduce energy poverty.