

*Domestic Business Engagement: Business Consultation
in Development of Initial INDC in France*

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MEDEF and the French energy system

- **MEDEF is the leading network of entrepreneurs in France** with 750,000 members, 90 % of whom are SMEs with less than 50 employees. MEDEF members are sectoral federations and regional/local branches.
- We interact with decision-makers at local, national, EU and international level
- The French economy relies on **several historical energy assets** :
 - Infrastructure investments allowing a high level of **security of supply**
 - A remarkable performance in terms of **CO2 : 1 % of global emissions**
 - Relatively **low electricity prices** but this trend has evolved recently for energy-intensive industries.
 - A **know-how and expertise in the energy field** :
 - energy production and networks,
 - energy efficiency,
 - products and services in industry, buildings, transport...



The contribution of France to the EU INDC

At a EU level, France has contributed to the EU INDC in the EU Energy and climate policy framework for 2030.

MEDEF, together with BUSINESSEUROPE, has pushed for:

- a **simplification** of targets (CO2 vs. EE, renewables...)
- confirming the central role of the ETS as a **cost-effective instrument**
- giving more importance to **level playing field**



MEDEF's involvement in the French environmental debate

- *Grenelle de l'environnement* from 2007 to 2011
- *Conférence environnementale* each year since 2012
- National Debate on the Energy Transition from September 2012 to early 2014
- COP 21 in 2015
- National Council for the Ecological Transition (CNTE) with **6 groups of stakeholders** :
 1. Government
 2. Local authorities
 3. Environmental NGOs
 4. Non-environmental NGOs : consumers...
 5. Trade unions
 6. Business
- Issue of **representativeness**
- Priorities of MEDEF : **energy costs, cost-efficient CO2 reduction, technological developments, impact of energy transition scenarios**



Energy transition Law : main positive aspects

- A clear and predictable low-carbon strategy
- A pragmatic multi-energy Public Investment Plan (*Programmation Pluriannuelle de l'Énergie*)
- Energy transition relying on **all activities**, not just « green » sectors
- Recognition of active and passive **energy efficiency**
- **Industrial competitiveness recognized** among objectives
- Measures to improve the situation of **electro- and gaso-intensive industries**
- Reform of feed-in tariffs to ensure **cost-competitiveness of renewables**



COP 21 /MEDEF action to promote the role of business

- MEDEF priority for COP 21 was to demonstrate the central role of business in response to climate change.
- Leading or supporting several initiatives :
 - First edition of the **Business Dialogue** by the French Government
 - First edition of the **Business and Climate Summit** in Paris
 - First edition of the **High-Level Summit on Energy and Climate change** at MEDEF offices with 25 business associations
 - **French Business Climate Pledge** with 39 large companies
 - **LAAA, NAZCA, Solutions Agenda** : interaction with COP 21 French team

- Priority is now to continue this momentum in the perspective of COP 22
- It is our common responsibility to make upcoming COPs even more « business-oriented » !

