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## **ENERGY TRANSITION Forum in PARIS, What Challenges for Next Presidential Term**

**Forum held in PARIS on March 28, 2017**

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Renewable Energy encompasses Wind, Hydropower, Solar Power, Geothermal, and Ocean Power. These renewable sources are to serve as an alternative to Fossil Fuels (oil, coal, natural gas) and Nuclear Fuel (uranium). Solving the energy/global warming problem is regarded as the most important challenge facing humankind in the 21st century. Energy conservation and improvements in Energy efficiency thus play a major role.

The term 'Energy Transition' designates a significant change in Energy Policy, the term encompasses a reorientation of policy from Demand to Supply and a shift from Centralized to Distributed Generation. In a broader sense the Energy Transition also entails a democratization of energy.

So, this Forum in PARIS was about all this, according Debates with Big Companies Representatives and Experts on the subject. Also, three Political Party Spokespersons were invited to express the position of their Presidential Candidate.

The Debates were animated by : David Barroux (Chief Editor at Les Echos), Benoît Georges (Ideas & Debates Chief Department at Les Echos), Emmanuel Grasland (Industry Chief Department at Les Echos). The Debates were as following :

- Opening with Laurence Tubiana (Video), Director of European Foundation on the Climate.
- Cross Examination : what challenges and which concrete actions from the European Union on Energy in order to carry on low-carbon trajectory.
- Nuclear Electricity, Renewables : what complementarities for a Sustainable Energy Mix.
- Hydrogen : an opportunity for the Energy Transition ?
- What can bring Digital in the Energy Sector and what would be the implications ?
- Self Consumption : what potential for which consequences ?
- What Energy Policy for the Next Presidential Term ? Debate with the following Political Party Spokespersons :
  - \* Ronan DANTEC (Loire-Atlantique Senator) representing Benoît Hamon.
  - \* Bertrand Panher (UDI Member of Parliament for La Meuse and Mayor of Bar-Le-Duc) representing François Fillon.
  - \* François de Rugy (Member of Parliament of Loire-Atlantique, Vice-President of the National Assembly representing Emmanuel Macron.

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