A French experience of environmental dialogue and sustainable development: the « Conférence environnementale » and the government’s road map

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A few milestones in the history of the Conseil national de la transition écologique

2003: creation of the Conseil national du développement durable (Sustainable development national council).

2010: creation of the Comité national du développement durable et du Grenelle Environnement (Grenelle Environment and sustainable development national committee).

2013: creation of the Conseil national de la transition écologique (National council for ecological transition).

90 representatives of local authorities, compagnies, economic and social world, NGOs and qualified personalities.

41 members in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Grenelle Environment’s engagements: State, local authorities, federations of employers, trade unions, NGOs and others associations representing society (families, youth, social integration, ...)

Consulting both CNDD and CNDDGE was not mandatory

Consultation of the CNTE is mandatory (under the 27 december 2012 law)
Composition du Conseil national de la transition écologique

58 members

- 2 ex officio members (President of the Environmental, Social and Economical Council, CGDD)
- 48 members who have the right to vote, shared into 6 bodies representing federations of employers, trade unions, members of Parliament (including member of European Parliament), local authorities, environmental NGOs and other associations.
- 8 members representing the « associated organizations »
La Conférence environnementale : dialogue to decide

A process to set up the annual priorities in the field of ecological transition, through environmental dialogue between the government and stakeholders

In concrete:

✓ Priority themes are chosen for each conference
✓ During 2 days, the Environmental Conference allows Government and stakeholder to debate on the priorities to select in each theme
✓ The Government take in consideration the outputs of those discussions to decide which measures should take place in the annual Ecological transition road map
La Conférence environnementale :
Standard agenda

J – 6 months
Dialogue with stakeholders about the themes of the future conference

J - 5 months to J-1 month
Preparation of the content of the environmental conference with stakeholders and ministries

A few days prior to the conference
Assessment of the monitoring of the previous Road Maps

Day 1: Opening by the French President + discussion with stakeholders Government’s members
Day 2: discussion with stakeholders Government’s members + closure by the Prime minister

A few weeks later
Government’s Road Map for ecocological transition
The continuous improving of the environmental dialogue quality

- A longer time dedicated to the preparation
- A more organized preparation
  - A meeting with stakeholders to define the theme scope
  - A second meeting to identify all the priorities that could fill in the scope of the theme
  - A third meeting to determine the points of consensus and the points of dissensus
- The stakeholders inputs best taken into account
- A Road Map that take more time to integrate the stakeholders inputs
- A few things that could still get better
Thank you for your attention