French vision for a circular economy and associated research programs to measure the impacts of a more circular economy by 2050

Parallel Session 2-1: National and sectoral strategies for combined material efficiency and GHG mitigation



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- Waste management in France and France's Roadmap for a Circular Economy
- ADEME's missions to support circular economy
- ADEME's foresight exercises and research programs to model circular economy

#### From waste management to a circular economy



## Historical background and key milestones in France

- 1975 : the first Law for waste management
  - The polluter-payer principle
  - The extended producer responsibility (EPR)
- 80's : Household waste collection covers 98% of the population
- **1992**:
  - The first EPR chain is set up (packaging)
  - E Hierarchy of waste management modes and restriction of discharge to the ultimate waste
- 2009: The Grenelle Law emphasizes solid waste management policy
  - Ambitious prevention and recycling goals
  - Generalization of local prevention plans and programs
- 2015 : The Law for energy transition and green growth defines an integrated approach to waste management that considers both "climate" issues and "circular economy"
- 2018 : Roadmap for a Circular Economy
- 2019 : The anti-waste bill for a circular economy

## 2015: Energy transition law for green Growth



#### Circular economy 3 areas, 7 pillars



#### Keys objectives:

- By 2020: reduce by 10% all types of urban waste (compared to 2010)
- By 2020, recycle 55% of all non-dangerous and non-inert waste (increase to 65% by 2025)
- By 2022, all households will sort their plastic packaging waste
- By 2025, offer all households a solution to sort their bio-waste
- By 2025: Reduce the landfilling of nondangerous & non-mineral waste by 50%
- By 2020, Pay-as-you-throw schemes for 15M inhabitants (increase to 25M by 2025)
- Gradually decoupling economic growth from raw material consumption
- $\rightarrow$  Ban on single-use plastic bags
- → Fight built-in obsolescence
- → Label product life

## 2018: A Roadmap for a Circular Economy



- 50 measures:
  - To mobilize all actors (10)
  - For better consumption (9)
  - For better production (7)
  - For better waste management (24)

#### Key objectives:

- Aim towards 100% of plastics recycled by 2025.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions: avoid the emission of 8 million additional tones of CO2 each year thanks to plastic recycling.
- A 50% reduction in the amount of non-hazardous waste landfilled by 2025, compared to 2010.
- Reduce natural resource use caused by French consumption: 30% reduction in resource consumption in relation to GDP between 2010 and 2030.
- Create up to 300,000 additional jobs, including new professions



# 2019 : The anti-waste bill for a circular economy



- Transposition of the new European waste directive
- Currently discussed in Parliament
- Major features:
  - Create several new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme
  - Intensify fight against food waste and throwing away unsold stocks (for example in Fashion Industry) will be banned
  - Give consumers the means for more responsible consumption
  - Give citizens information to make the sorting of waste much easier

## ADEME's missions to support circular economy



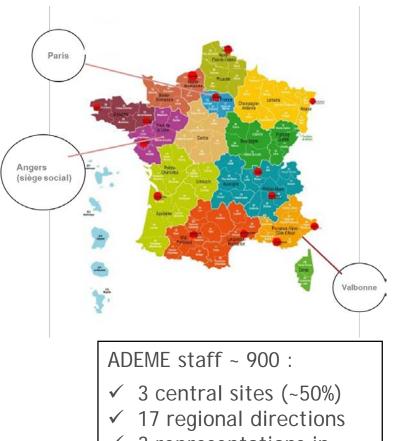
#### A few words on ADEME

# ADEME: Public Agency created in 1992 under the authority of:

- Ministry for an Ecological and Inclusive Transition
- Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation

#### ADEME's mandate:

- Foster Ecological and Energetic Transition dissemination
- Innovate and prepare the future of EET
- Contribute to collective expertise for EET



### ADEME's missions to support circular economy



- Providing financial support to the national policy for waste management and circular economy with the Waste and Circular Economy Fund
- Advising government on policies and measures
- Providing expertise for companies and local authorities
- Raising public awareness
- Funding Research and Innovation



## Energy-Climate scenario 2035 - 2050



# ADEME's Energy climate scenarios : 2012, updated in 2017

- An ambitious but realistic multi-energy scenario
- 2 time horizons : 2035 and 2050
- CO2 / 4 by 2050
- Energy consumption / 2 by 2050



Technical analysis, completed by macro-economic analysis and sociological illustration

# New exercise, to be published in 2021 : assessing the resource use impact of Energy climate scenarios

- Aiming for a net-zero carbon economy by 2050
- Various demand and supply energy scenarios, including a local level analysis
- Trajectories described from 2015 to 2050, with a midpoint in 2035
- Multi criterion comparison
- Quantified analyses will be complemented with "Storylines"

# How to measure raw material needed by energy transition ?







#### MODELS

Identifying raw materials needed to support the energy transition

**PROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS** 

Identifying the drivers (technological development, socio-economic drivers) of raw materials use in the future

Several studies by the ADEME focus on:

- Biomass : energy, food, biomaterials
- Heavy industrial energy consumers : clinker, steel, aluminium, glass, paper, sugar, ethylene, ammoniac, dichlor
- Metals (SURFER project)

Estimating the amounts of raw materials required by ADEME's energy-climate scenarios

Estimating the material footprint of the French economy

Estimating the environmental impacts for primary and secondary materials production

Representing key aspects of circular economy policies

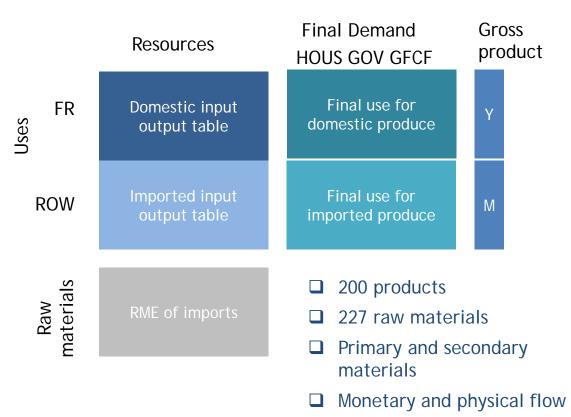
- 2 impacts assessment models under development:
- The « MatMat » Tool, based on an Environmentally Extended Input-Output Analysis
- A multi-sectoral macroeconomic model

#### The « MatMat » Tool





- An integrative tool, developed by the ADEME and the CIRED, to ensure the interface between foresight analyses and material footprint assessments
- Calibrated with the EXIOBASE dataset (EE MRIO)



Parameters for projections:

- (i) Resource efficiency (technologic change)
- (ii) Market Share between primary and secondary industry
- (iii) Increase or decrease in final demand (economic growth, energy transition, repair, reuse, share)
- (iv) Market share between domestic production and imports



# Towards a multi-sectoral macroeconomic model, with hybrid economy-energy-materials features

The potential benefits of macroeconomic modeling to analyze the transition to a circular economy:

- Analyzing the effect (and rebound effects) of activity transfers from one sector to another: employment, investment, trade balance, energy consumption, raw material consumption
- Studying the existence of a possible double dividend
  - Reduction of GHG emissions and of consumption of raw materials
  - Economic and social benefits: GDP, employment, households' purchasing power, competitiveness...

# ADEME has been developing the ThreeME model with OFCE since 2008 to evaluate the medium + long term economic impact of environmental and energy policies

- A Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model of neo-Keynesian inspiration
- A multi-sectoral representation of the economy, with a particular emphasis on the energy sectors
- Several hybrid modeling for different sectors/uses
  - Representation of the housing stock across seven energy classes (A through G)
    - Linked with energy consumption per m<sup>2</sup>
  - Representation of private vehicles across seven energy classes
    - Linked with energy use per km
  - Representation of energy production across several energy technologies (e.g. renewables)
    - Linked with energy production in MWh



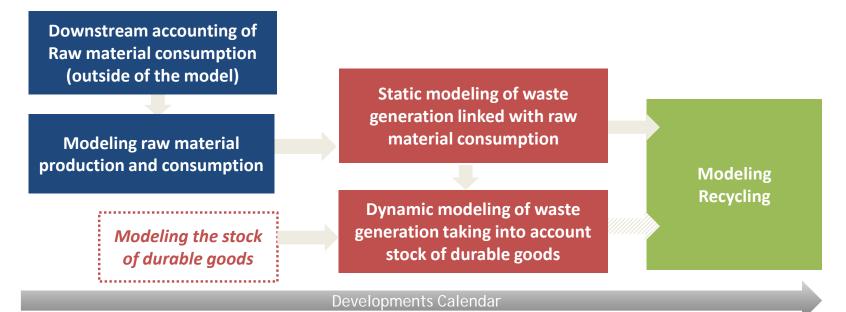
#### A recent field of research: very few models deal with circular economy topics

#### Significant developments to be carried out:

An incomplete representation of the levers of the transition to a circular economy

A challenge around data and quantification: material flows, stock of durable goods, but also substitution between materials and capital, between primary and secondary production, etc.

#### Potential Developments : our action plan



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# Thank you for your attention

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