PS1. What are the results of the 2009-2013, Waste Plan so far?

Mr Cédric BOURILLET, head of Prevention of nuisances and quality of environment service - MEDDE/DGPR The General Directorate of Risk Prevention develops policies relative to the prevention of natural, health and technological risks. This subject covers various issues as: the industrial pollution; the damage on the environment (noise); the natural and made-man risks; the soil quality; the waste management (prevention, recovery and processing) or the industrial safety. Limiting the impacts of the natural risks and reduce the heath and technological risks is a priority.

Mr Bruno GENTY, president - FNE

France Nature Environnement acts as the spokesperson of a civic movement which gathers nearly 3,000 organisations for the protection of nature and of the environment, in metropolitan France and overseas. Created in 1968, socially recognised as promoting the public interest since 1976, France Nature Environnement is a non-profit organisation, independent from any company, local authority, political or religious organisation. Climate, biodiversity, sustainable mobility, agriculture, forest, water, industrial risks, prevention of wastes, green economy: FNE develops its expertise through and for field organisations. FNE informs the general public of each threats the environment is facing.

Mr Bruno LECHEVIN, president - Ademe

French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME) is a public establishment under the joint supervision of the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, the Ministries of Industry and Research. It participates in the implementation of public policies in the fields of the environment, energy and sustainable development. The agency makes its expertise and consultancy skills available to business, local communities, public authorities and the general public and helps them to finance projects in five areas (waste management, soil preservation, energy efficiency and renewable energies, air quality and noise abatement) and to make progress with their sustainable development procedures.

Mr Gérard MIQUEL, president - Conseil national des déchets

The National Waste Council (CND) created in 2001, is a consultative body on any matter relating to waste (production, prevention, impact) and particularly for legislatives texts. The CND monitors the implementations of the waste management policies as defined in the Europeans directives. 7 thematic working groups have been recently created in order to submit proposals for the next environmental conference planed for fall 2013.

Mr Michel SPONAR, policy officer - European Commission, DG Env

EU waste management policies aim to reduce the environmental and health impacts of waste and improve Europe's resource efficiency. The long-term goal is to turn Europe into a recycling society, avoiding waste and using unavoidable waste as a resource wherever possible. The aim is to achieve much higher levels of recycling and to minimize the extraction of additional natural resources. The European Union's approach to waste management is based on three principles: waste prevention, recycling and reuse, improving final disposal and monitoring.