

CNDP legislation

- Independent authority, (same statute as the stock exchange regulation authority).
- 21 members, appointed by their own org., one meeting each month :
 - Elect members of every level of government
 - Associations for environmental protection, Unions, professional org.
 - Magistrates from every type of court
- Bureau, chairman and two vice-chairmen, appointed by the government.
- Secretariat of six people; specific budget; annual activity report, www.debatpublic.fr
- Seizing :
 - Infrastructure projects > 300M€, mandatory to the owner
 - Projects between 150M and 300M€ : one registered association, one concerned local government, ten elect members of any government
- Decision :
 - Public debate : Yes or No.
 - If yes : appointment of a CPDP, in charge of organisation and conduct
 - About 60 debates since 2002
- Account by CPDP chairman, without any personal advice on the project
- Three months after, the project owner publicizes its decision, and justifies it in front of the account



Practice : nuclear waste (HAVL) management

- Preparation with stake holders (Jan. Sept. 2005); unfolding (Sept. 2005 to Jan. 2006, 4 months) :
- 16 Public meetings, open hearings or thematic discussion, 3000 attendees.
- Transparency : CPDP Website; Contradictorily designed exposition (40000 visitors); Debate Initialisation by report from nuclear institutions and counter report by associative experts.
- Stake-holders empowerment :
 - Memoranda (more than 30, edited and dispatched by CPDP)
 - Counter Experts designated by associations
 - Contradictory working group for HAVL scenarios, including in case of outing from nuclear energy at different dates.
- Every thing paid for by the project, total cost 2.5 Million€



Nuclear waste debate : results

- The account (Feb. 2006)
 - Time : 15 years more
 - Scope : every nuclear matters management
 - Territorial justice
 - Reversibility
 - Alternative strategy : perennial storage
- Its presentation (march)
 - OPECST (parliament)
 - Ministries (CEA)
 - Economic and social council
 - “No to repository, here and elsewhere” associations in Bar le Duc
- Parliament (May 2006)
 - Ten years more “to be sure”
 - Transparency : specific law, encompassing nuclear matters as a whole
 - HAVL wastes : law
 - Research program
 - Funds reservation by EDF
 - Reversibility 100 years
 - New debate before final decision
 - No to alternative strategy, the preference for clear-cut solution : geological repository



To enhance effectiveness of civil society involvement : changes in the institutions response to public debate

- A stand prone to compromise :
 - Don't decide before debating or “No debate” from CNDP;
 - After, implement a plural, follow up working group (introduced in the law).
- Research about the revolving critics
 - Small doses effect on health, from various sources
 - Forecast models
 - etc.
- PD as an incremental, bottom up process.
 - Nanotechnologies : the difficulties of top down approach
 - Take advantage in several sectors of multiplication of project debates to draw synthesis trough generic ones. Nuclear should be the case.



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