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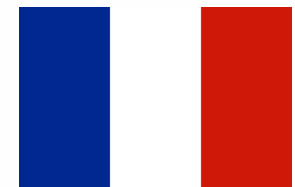
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Main events in French forest sector

- **Economic crisis**
- **Klaus windstorm 24/1/2009**
- **Nicolas SARKOZY's speech (24/5/2009)**
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Economic crisis

Mean activity decline of 25 % in the wood sector,
particularly in the first six months of 2009

Fall in wood prices from 10 to 30 %

Activities stopped in the first trimester in numerous
factories (paper mills, forest exploitation)

Recovery in the second semester but depreciated
prices

Klaus windstorm



Important forest destructions in South West,
particularly in Aquitaine : 5 annual crops

Three damaged regions : Aquitaine, Midi Pyrénées,
Languedoc-Roussillon

42,5 mm³ in bended, broken and up-rooted trees,

37 Mm³ of maritime pine in Landes forest (Aquitaine)

More than 700 000 ha damaged

About 200 000 ha to clean up for replantation (160 000 ha)

Great hole in the Pine production : cumulative hole of 50 %
with the Martin windstorm : worries for the wood sector
(34 000 employees)

Nicolas SARKOSY's speech



Statement that French forest produces 100 Mm³/y and crop is only 60 Mm³, that wood sector trade is unbalanced with a 6 MM€ deficit

6 main items

- .1 to pass the crisis and overcome the Klaus consequences
- .2 to reinforce the industrial wood network
- .3 to develop the use of wood in building sector
- .4 to develop the use of wood in heat and electricity production
- .5 to deeply modify forest management
- .6 to increase the efforts in innovations and research

To pass the economic crisis



Measures to tackle the crisis

- To Help wood sector enterprises to keep their staff :
 - treasury loans from Oseo
 - workers trainings
- Governmental subsidies to ONF facing a 25% reduce in wood receipts ↑

To overcome Klaus consequences



To help South West forest reconstruction

Two kinds of national incentives

- **Loans and subsidies** to help forest brokers to buy logs to forest owners, to treat and get them out of forests, to store a great part in watered areas to export out of the South West regions
- **Subsides for forest owners** to clean up and replant damaged forest stands



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Klaus windstorm

doubling the rhythm of forest crop in 2009
13 Mt of pine cropped

100 M€ Loans and 140 M€ subsidies

27 Mm³ of pine to crop

415 M€ grants

Restoration of damaged stands

Objective of 40 000 ha cleaned in June 2010

To reinforce the industrial wood network

France needs a well organised wood sector

- .Work for a more solid wood interprofession
- .Strategic fund of 20 M€ constituted with supplies from ONF, CA, CDC and Eiffage to bring money in enterprises capital for new investments.
- .Economic studies to determine the enterprises to boost

To help the use of wood products in housing

- 10 times the level of wood incorporation in new buildings
- Reflexions on a biosource label for renewable materials
- State's commitment for buying only certified wood products
- Facilities for wood use in external insulation

Concrete measures for energy use

We took the commitment that in 2020, 23 % of our energy consumption will be renewable : it is a prodigious challenge : it is 6 nuclear power stations

- 28/12/2009 arrêté which fixes new higher prices for EDF buying of electricity coming from wood energy
- Great national call to select projects of wood powered electricity stations which will be the basis of renewable energy production through national grants
- Actions to set up small wood boilers in rural districts supplied by local forests (1000 boilers program)

Deep change in forest management



To meet the growing wood increase, we must deeply change our forest management, in preserving biodiversity

Measures to be going to be taken

- Forest fiscal helps will be conditioned in 10 years periodic statement of the passed management
- Extending the obligation of management plans for all private forests of more than 25 ha whatever their form
- Creating professional forest managers for all forest technicians and giving access to fiscal helps through management contracts with these professional managers

Efforts in innovation and research



Innovation comes from the encounter of three actors : universities, research public organisms and enterprises.

Competitvity research centers and « poles of rural excellence » about

- .wood chemistry
- .biomass energy
- .renewable materials in buildings

Great reform of State administration and public organisms

- Polyvalent administrations at the departement level (DDT)
- Fusion of CRPF in the CNPF
- Reductions in working funds and staffs (1 to 2)
- Changes in state subsidies : grant to fiscal help



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Conclusion

*Wood is new economy ; wood is economy of to morrow.
There is a future, a great future if France meets the appointment of
investment.*

Thanks for your attention