

# A Revolution in Northern France

100 % RE with 60% efficiency Building a new collective destiny



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## A highly urbanized region:

Lille, Lens, Dunkerque, Calais, Valenciennes, Maubeuge, Arras, Douai... Density 300 in/km<sup>2</sup>

## **Heavy industries in decline**

- Former Nr1 in Coal
- Largest EU steel mill
- Largest EU nuclear plant
- Concentration of automobile industries + glass + aluminum + paper



Figure 33 : Zones ayant connu plus de 35 dépassement des valeurs journalières en PM<sub>10</sub> en Europe en 2008 (Commission européenne)



2011, The Third Industrial Revolution: How Lateral Power Is Transforming Energy, the Economy, and the World,



Palgrave Macmillan, ISBN 978-0-230-11521-7



1st industrial revolution 19th century Coal / Railways



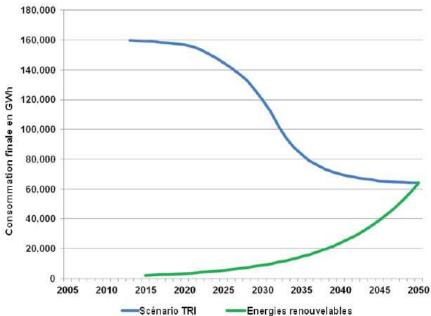
2nd Industrial Revolution 20th century Oil / Large networks



3rd Industrial Revolution 21st Century Renewable Energy / Information networks

#### What we retain from Jeremy Rifkin's ideas:

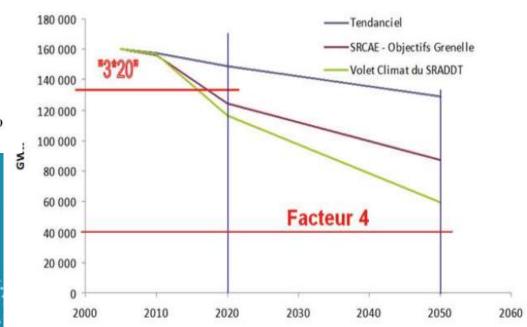
- The end of centralized generation and a radical decentralization of energy sources
- A large scale exchange of energy pertaining to a "internet of energy"
- A bottom up approach to development



The Region has been the first entity in France, to commit a high level of Renewable Energy

# **High Ambitions**

igure 51. Scénarios énergétiques en Nord-Pas de Calais



Source: SRADDT 2012

### **Third** economy Industrial 5 pillars, 3 axes Revolution Circular **Energy** 1 Distributed renewable energies »TRI» or 2 Energy production by buildings « REV3 »: 3 Energy storage 4 Energy internet 5 Mobility of people and goods



- Already 8,5 M€ collected with the public as savings. - Various institutions committed 50 M€ for equity investments in the early phases.





A decentralized process: Several hundred firms have joined the initiative. Local committees organized with the Chambers of Commerce and the Region



# Discussion: Perspectives and limits of the «REV3» process

- (Minus)
- A process still in its infancy : indicators, evaluations still in development
- Should we retain J. Rifkin in the loop?
- Difficult political situation for energy
- (Plus)
- New projects and initiatives
- The Paris Accord is a booster





Thank you Antoine Bonduelle



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