

Industrial windturbine, falsely green but really repressive



Industrial windturbine is based on a major lie, says the author of this text: it would be a perfectly "green" energy, "clean", "renewable". The mechanisms of this greenwashing speech have been analyzed by the persons of the Amassada, emblematic place of the opposition to industrial windturbine. They are exposed to severe repression.

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Every day, we hear the same little music: "Energy is our future, save it", "Green energy, when do you go there? »,« EDF, change the energy together »... Propaganda of the energeticians of all kinds to make us accept this idea that they are and will be the "saviors of humanity ", those who will repair, as we repair a broken down machine , the climate of the planet. Those who "solve" the dramatic rise in temperatures, those who will be geo-engineers ready to control a "Nature" become too chaotic. But this caste of big industrialists is not only intended to continue its delirious extractivism, to produce energy, always more energy - whatever the cost of life on Earth - but also to produce lies . That there is, at present, an energetical transition led by the major groups of the nuclear, gas, oil, seems so rude that it takes a bunch of well-crafted lies to accept the joke. The greenwashing operated by the so-called transition is now denounced in the public square. The last book of Guillaume Pitron, The war of rare metals. The hidden side of the energy and digital transition is one example: our "high-tech and green" way of life only holds for the rare metal extraction chains in China's mines. With the human and environmental disasters we know. But it is these "strategic metals" that make possible the production of all our electric car batteries, our iPhone, our flat screens, our tablets and of course the magnets of our industrial wind turbines.

A repressive warning shot

Following this criticism, it has been more than five years since we mobilized, from the Amassada, against this greenwashing. Three years during which the sordid mechanisms of the big energy groups have been deciphered. Three years of analysis with the collaboration of historians, engineers, activists, practitioners, craftsmen, to show that the solution will not come from the "all-electric", not from the "smarts networks", nor from "connected objects" that promote EDF, RTE, Enedis and others, but low tech inventions, policies of radical decay, agroecology, autonomous constructions, local decisions and popular assemblies, social experimentation, new collective culture born from the struggle.



And it is undoubtedly of all that, of all this heterogeneous and creative dynamics, that the power in place wants to make a clean sweep, giving a repressive stroke of warning. Because when, on the 25th of January, 13 inhabitants of several municipalities in south Aveyron were embarked by a contingent of more than 80 gendarmes, on the pretext that they participated in blocking a

windturbine ferme construction site wind , what is it if not a warning shot? A warning shot that announces the police operations to destroy the hamlet of Amassada, to destroy what has been created for five years against the implementation of the mega transformer RTE.

The device has been known since the criminalization of social movements and the targeting of environmental activists by judicial harassment. This is a common technique since COP21 to weaken struggles. Here, in the south of Aveyron, five people have received convocation of summons to the court of Rodez. The group Théolia-Futuren-EDF EN, prime contractor of this windturbine farm construction which was blocked on December 12, 2017, asked the justice to prohibit these five people a space including roads and hiking trails around the wind farm. Crassous, and this for 14 months, under penalty of a fine of 2.000 euros per hour of presence ... The court of first instance of Rodez rejected, February 1, the request for "referred hourly" concerning these five persons, but stating that the procedure is applicable throughout the duration of the project. A warning shot then.



Activists pursued by a company known for "its stock market tricks and repeated debt"

The thing is pretty funny to be revealed: the company Théolia is first known in 2007 by its stock market tricks and debt repeatedly on the back of its small shareholders. It owns windturbine farms in Germany, Morocco, France, Italy. In 2015, the company changed its name to Futuren, to "turn the page" of its financial setbacks, before being 60% bought by EDF EN in 2017. And it is this group Théolia-Futuren- EDF EN, which is now appealing to justice to bring a court of opposition to industrial wind ... It is hiring a bailiff and a law firm, Green Law (here too, we laugh, the "Green law" ...), whose specificity is the legal support for development projects and wind projects in particular. Cabinet whose clearly stated goal is to simplify and speed up the procedures for setting up industrial windturbine farms.

It is still spicy, when we know the means used by the energy groups to hide the local populations their "prospection" of new windturbine farms, to hear their representatives gloss over the

"necessary consultation with the territories ". What it is very pragmatically for them to operate, and as half-word declares, in January 2018, the favorable report of the public commission of inquiry for the project RTE transformer south of Aveyron is to put their development projects as a necessary sacrifice of the territories. *"National solidarity, made possible by the electricity grid, and as part of the RTE projects, must outweigh the number of inhabitants impacted by these projects in rural areas."* In defiance of the inhabitants is added the old blackmail of the *"securing"* of the network: without transformer, it will be the break...



But what RTE pretends to not understand is that solidarity, well! it does not go through VHV lines. It passes even encounters between bodies, even sharing our ideas. Struggle assemblies, here as elsewhere, if they took as their starting point the opposition to the transformer and the industrial windturbines that go with it, have gone far beyond this opposition by politicizing all aspects of daily life . It is obviously to this legitimacy to organize without them, to decide without its mandated experts, that RTE will try to tackle. And they will do it with the strength of his lawyers and the police. But they will find in front of their machines our solidarity to all of us. Only the struggle transforms.

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