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## **FRENCH PRES. OF SENATE CALLS THE STATE FOR MORE "FREEWILL OF ACTION" TO TERRITORIES**

**GERARD LARCHER, ST MALO, 28 Sept 23**

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Bruno Retailleau, (re-elected Senator from Vendee) head of the group of LR senators (Les Républicains), welcomed Sunday evening a "consolidated senatorial majority". "The LR group will remain the most important by a very long way", with "stability", he declared and in the position of winner sent a message to the presidential majority judging it as "a new failure of the President of the Republic", due to the "disconnection of Macronism with the field". The right-wing Republican party should have between 143 and 144 senators, compared to 145 outgoing senators. (Source AFP, Le Journal Le Monde)

**GERARD LARCHER PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE IS ON THE SAME PAGE AS CAROLE DELGA ASKING FOR MORE FREE WILL AMID THE REGIONS**

Carole Delga, President of the eighteen (18) French Regions, launched a solennel Call of St Malo, from Brittany, at the National Convention of the Regions, at the closing, session, on the 28th September, Gerard Larcher, who was reelected four days before, by 57,88% as a Right Wing Senator, out of the 170 to putting their seat to the vote. Gerard Larcher, as President of the French Senate, (He was elected the 1st time, senator of the Yvelines district in 1986 !) delivered a strong and remarkable speech demonstrating his abilities of telling anecdotes and poetry over beautiful historical references, relating to the rich heritage of Brittany, while bursting out in anger "Let's work upstream of decision-making. Local elected officials do not care. can no longer discover decisions (which affect them) through videos on the internet or interviews on YouTube", he protested from the height of his large stature as a former veterinarian and local man. As a historical anecdote, Gerard Larcher explains to us that he was sitting alongside King Charles III at Versailles and that he did not dare remind him of a Franco-English history... "During the capture of Kent, the English king proclaimed "We the English are fighting for honor and you the French are fighting for money. Surcouf replied "everyone fights for what they lack"

**THE SENATE MADE 15 PROPOSALS TO THE STATE FOR LESS VERTICAL HIGH MANAGEMENT**

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**GERARD LARCHER, WAS RE-ELECTED FOR THE 6th TIME IN YVELINES FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WITH 57,88%**

The freshly re-elected president of Gerard Larcher (The Republican), a week ago, for his sixth term, also insisted in his speech on the imperial necessity of a shock of decentralization, recalling the old promise formerly promised by the President of the Republic.

**G. LARCHER ADDRESSED PM BORNE OVER "DIALOGUE & ALWAYS BUILDING COMMON SOLUTIONS"**

While for her part, the PM, Elisabeth Borne, giving her speech just after Gerard Larcher recalled "A year ago, in front of you, I made a commitment: always to dialogue, always to build common solutions. I have forged this conviction in the effectiveness of dialogue throughout my career, as regional prefect, as business leader, as minister and Prime Minister. " She then praised the three pillars of her view of the State-Regions tandem operation "trust, consultation, differentiation", as well as "and the third pillar of the State-Regions relationship" She cited as an example of consultation the adaptation of NZA (NET ZERO ARTIFICIALIZATION), "Net Zero artificialization" Elisabeth Borne also challenged the President of the Senate Gerard Larcher: "I know that you share this ambition. I also know that you do not want to upset institutional boundaries or create new divisions." she declared.

**IN 2021, THERE WERE 250 000 DEMANDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING WERE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE STUDENTS**

"Concerning social housing, for young people and employees, I take this opportunity to sound the alert, Madam Prime Minister, about the seriousness of the housing crisis that we are facing, if it continues we will have a serious problem...In 2021, there have been 250,000 requests for necessary student accommodation and it should only increase..." insists the president of the senate about the public housing crisis and in particular those who suffer from it, the most, i.e. the students.

"I greet Loig, president of the region one of the Ponan islands, which has a place in my heart, attractive, large maritime cultural agricultural region and looking to the future and you have created a regional assembly of water and also of local energy with photovoltaics in the region. You have it all alone, the collective can allow relay

**GERARD LARCHER PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE WARMLY PRAISED SENATOR FRANCOISE GATEL**

The President of the Senate warmly praised "Francoise Gatel's work and commitment, senator of Ile et Vilaine, president of our senatorial delegation to local authorities and decentralization, (Also member of the Commission on constitutional laws, legislation, universal suffrage, reality and general administration) for having made it possible to renew action against the Normative Inflation which is knocking us down. » he insisted; to recognize the personal involvement of Francoise Gatel, an illustrious centrist figure, of the French Senate, through his personal and political commitments.

**"THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSITION WILL BE DONE BY AND ON THE TERRITORIES" DECLARED GERARD LARCHER**

Gerard Larcher, recalls the subject of the energy transition and the environmental transition, at the heart of the direct application in the territories for esquilles he pleads a central and essential role in this shift to fight against climate change, "The environmental transition will take place by and on the territories, because they are at the heart of the solutions, in terms of Biodiversity and energy transition and even a catalyst for territorial dialogue," he proclaimed with fervor and passion. Besides, it's the very title of this gossip from the Regions "Territories at the heart of solutions"

He adds that "We voted last July and the regional energy committees, a crucial question in the deployment of renewable energies" he recalls adding that he is convinced prefers "on these subjects the different strategic documents, the 'ascending impulse' rather than 'vertical descending' to facilitate dialogue between the State and the territories.

Gerard Larcher then repeats several times that "Ecology passes through the territories, through the concrete and that the solution will come from proximity with the citizens" continuing with this injunction "Let's leave this verticality and put the locals, because they are locally elected, at the heart action, because they demand it"

**"THE TRAIN DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENERGY TRANSITION OBJECTIVE MUST BE COLLECTIVE, AND NOT UNILATERAL" EXPLAINED GERARD LARCHER**

The President of the Senate then began the subject of mobility registered in both the national and regional political agenda, "The development of the train, are important subjects and for this objective of energy transition must be collective, and not unilateral decisions . He then recalls in an ironic manner that he is aware of the meeting which was lost the day before between the Minister of

Transport Clement Beaune and certain representatives of regions, here in Saint Malo on the occasion of the National Convention of Regions "there" had region yesterday with the minister dikes of the true transcription understood that there was a need for referral on the part of the State to put, to the point, and that is normal" he quipped ironically, with his legendary humor. Gerard Larcher completes his argument in favor of upward communication from the territories to the State Summit "We ended up on July 6 in the Senate, with the publication of 15 proposals to give back to local elected officials their power to act with the possibility to give its full meaning and the watchword is simplification, and from July 7 just as the President of the Repique said.

Gerard Larcher then promises "We will translate them into law soon and will make very pragmatic and concrete proposals.

He ends by congratulating the Brittany Region which he supports "We are already invested in this subject and through experimentation in Brittany it did not start yesterday, you started with your voluntarism by demanding more freedom from the government and unions and for employment, the same training for the Ile de France region, making forty-three (43) proposals for more freedom from the government."

He then addresses the head of government seated the 1st row and attentively listening to the speeches one after the other, first, that of the President of the Region of Bretagne, Loig Chesnais Girard, then that of Carole Delga, President of the Regions of France and that of Gerard Larcher, President of the Senate: "You, Madam Prime Minister, have launched projects on employment, training, etc., but the specific territories are experiments without touching any of the actions of the Republic"

THE SENATE WILL GUARANTEE THE UNITY OF THE REPUBLIC AND SUPPORTS THE OVERSEAS REGIONS AND WILL CONSULT THE REGION OF CORSICA, EXPLAINED GERARD LARCHER

Gerard Larcher then mentions the case of Corsica, knowing that the President of the Republic gave a speech granting autonomy to Corsica, at the same time. "I will meet the executive council of Corsica soon" he also brings his strong support on behalf of the Senate to the five overseas regions "I salute the overseas regions, with their 15 proposals to adapt a differentiation if they wish and the Senate will guarantee the unity of the Republic" "We want the State to be a facilitator and not a censor because we need strong decentralization and we need a strong State.

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