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2021: a good start

Since 2020 was the warmest year on record in France, here are a few good news from January 2021 to warm your heart up; good news announcing good resolutions for the environment in the UE and in France.

»» Talkin'about sustainable digital

- **The reparability index** became effective in France. It gives better informations about the durability of a product you're buying. Measured on a scale from 0 to 10, 10 being the optimal reparability. Here is how it looks like:



- In November 2020, the UE adopted a resolution toward a more sustainable digital. Then, in January 2021, the French Senate adopted a bill aiming at reducing the ecological impact of the digital through, amongst other things, sensibilization in schools and companies; prevention against planned obsolescence; obligation of eco-conceive websites; reduction of data centers' energy consumption etc.

»» A more general overview, environmentally speakin'

- UE just banned the export of unsorted plastic waste to less industrialized nations outside of the OECD. According to the European Environment Agency, Europe exported around 150.000 tons per month of plastic waste in 2019, most of it was unsorted and ended up cremated or buried.
- The directive of the European Parliament on the reduction of certain plastic products like cotton bud sticks or straws comes into effect from now on.
- In France, single-use plastic products like confetti, sandwiches' wrap, and swizzle sticks are now prohibited from sale; sellers have 6 months to dispose of their stocks.
- The 50€ assistance for the repair and return of your bike is extended until March 31st, 2021 (more infos in English on service-public.fr)