

# Sustainable IT : a french benchmark to understand and enhance its spreading

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# WHO WE ARE ?









#### SUMMARY

- What are we talking about ?
- The Club GreenIT
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#### SUSTAINABLE IT : WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT ?



Video : TEDX Vincent.mov





# THE CLUB GREEN IT

#### The Club GreenIT

- Created in 2014
- user organizations, no IT / telecom provider
- Members carry "digital responsible" projects



- Objectives
  - Sharing and exchanging between peers to build skills
  - Sharing intelligence on the themes of sustainable IT, responsible digital, and responsible digital design
  - Punctual contribution of expertise on key topics
  - Mutualizing some projects to reduce their cost while creating consensus
  - Giving voice to user companies

# THE CLUB GREENIT

• Members



















https://club.greenit.fr





# Our benchmark



- 1. What is the digital footprint of an employee?
- 2. What are the main sources of impacts?
- 3. How does my company compare to other participants?
- 4. How to reduce this footprint?
- 5. What are the best practices of the participants?



- 8 organizations
- 530,000 users
- 14,000 IT employees
- 38,000 m2 dedicated to IT
- 1.7 million computer and telecom equipment
- All stages of the life cycle except recycling: manufacture, use, re-use



# METHODOLOGY

- 3 analyzis per participant
  - Footprint of <u>simplified LCA type</u>;
    - energy, GHG, water, WEEE, paper
  - Performance;
  - Maturity.
- More than 700 input data per participant

# METHODOLOGY

- xls file to fill
  - 2017-ClubGreenIT-benchmark-collecte-v2.xls
  - IT50-modele-v0.9.2.xls
- DEMO
  - Based on :
    - ADEME database,
    - <u>http://www.manufacturing.gatech.edu/sites/default/fil</u> es/uploads/pdf/2012-01-0646\_0.pdf
    - Greenconcept v2 / LCIE (veritas),
    - LCA.

### EXTRAPOLATION

- For an order of magnitude more representative of the **French average**:
  - the footprint must be increased by +30% to x2
  - the overall maturity reduced by one point
  - Experience of Authors









#### Results> Annual Footprint > 8 COMPANIES

1,442,000 MWh of primary energy (of which manufacturing)

- 200,000 French (annual energy consumption)
- 7 million low consumption bulbs 25 W x 365 days x 24 hours
- 1 nuclear reactor \* (900 MWe net) for 2 months



140,000 t of greenhouse gases

19,200 French

935 million kms by car (23,500 rounds of the world)

2,500,000 m3 of water



47,000 French 50 million chousens (50 lit

50 million showers (50 liters)

420 million packs of mineral water (6l)

1,530 t of electronic waste (category 3&4)



12 million smartphones

11,000 t of paper



clearcut of an adult forest of 17 ha (24 football pitch) or the sustainable exploitation of about 650 ha if collected => 9,000 tonnes of recycled paper

## RESULTS> FOOTPRINT > BY USER



#### **RESULTS > FOOTPRINT > ANNUAL FOR FRANCE**



\* Considering 27 million employees accessing an information system of the same type.

#### SOURCES OF IMPACT

- 1. Equipment manufacturing (particularly users) (57% of GHG emissions) and in the travel of IT employees (19%);
- 2. Papermaking and electricity (61% of water consumption); and user equipment (26%)
- Equipment power supply (63% of energy balance) Manufacturing of user equipment (13%); Home-work journeys for IT employees (13%).

# GREAT SOURCES OF IMPROVEMENTS

- IT services
  - Lifetime Lengthen it by favoring re-use;
- Impression
  - Reduce print volumes even further
  - Choose a quality recycled paper (FSC / Blue Angel);
- Energy
  - Use renewable energies, in particular "common" hydro electric kWh;
  - Work on gray energy -> cf reuse;
  - Implement good energy efficiency practices.
- Purchasing department
  - Simplify the act of responsible purchasing by training teams to eco-labels;
  - Prioritize the SSE and the adapted sector from the moment of purchase (products AND services);
  - Include / integrate the most fragile: accessibility, digital divide, etc. ;
- Integrate the responsible digital service design approach





# Conclusions & perspectives

#### CONCLUSIONS

- First european study to present IT footprint of numerous companies
- A usefull tool to guide Sustainable IT politics
- Identification of source of impact and improvements

# PERSPECTIVES

- WeGreenIT
  - New version of our benchmark
  - Presented next month
  - Supported by WWF
  - 24 big companies
    - Dell, ADP, Engie, Ubisoft...
    - Great potential of improvements







# If you are you interested in develop our benchmark in your country, do not hesitate !

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