



Press Release, March 7, 2019

French duped in recent consultations about DST ("summer time")

ACHED - French Association Against Double Summer Time - For the reduction of time advancements - Association Act 1901 since 1983

- DST, time changes and legal time in France: the ACHED Association denounces the consultation conducted among French nationals by the Commission of European Affairs (CAE) of the National Assembly (NA) in February. **Whatever the results, the ACHED termed them as unusable** even before the closing of the collection on internet on March 4th. Biased, irrelevant questions, exclusion of a segment of the population, anonymous and multiple responses, media circus and ballot stuffing were additional to the **historical misinformation.**

- Since 1976, the introduction of UTC+2 forward time change in the Spring with fallback to UTC+1 in the Fall, **the French people are fooled and abused with alleged benefits and savings** described to come from being two hours ahead of their standard time UTC + 0 and coined with the **misleading name "summer time"**. The ACHED points at **errors and omissions** in the French and European reports relayed by the media. Whole reports are even **missing.**

- ACHED also complains about **amnesia** of the European parliamentary and executive bodies which extends to the European Affairs Commission (CAE). In particular, the **Council of Europe** in 1999, followed by the **French Senate** in 2001, asked the governments to stop applying UTC + 2. Chronobiology received Nobel Prize in 2017 and further support comes from the chronobiologists of the EBRS with an official letter dated October 2018. It makes it clear that UTC+2 is a nuisance for the French, Spaniards and inhabitants of the Benelux . "Summer time" hour is not a recommended option as putting babies on their stomach isn't either. **People are not consulted about: "BABIES on their stomachs or on their backs?" So why asking them "SUMMER TIME or WINTER TIME? "**

- The presentation of the results of the consultation has been announced for the 12th of March at a meeting of the AE Committee at the AN in Paris, but **apparently official(?)** information has once again been given to the media. The situation is serious! France risks driving its neighbors into increasingly irresponsible choices, as it did in the 1970s and 1980s. **With UTC + 2, the health, pecuniary and climatic bills could explode.** The bill is already heavy with 7 months per year, that French are distracted from noticing. Extending UTC+2 to 12 months has not been properly studied, but it is clear that citizens will be hurt even more **They will continue to suffer and will further compromise their future and situation with climate change.**

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PRT	Cidadãos franceses enganados em recente consulta sobre DST
ITA	I cittadini francesi ingannati per una recente consultazione sull’ora legale
DEU	Französische Bürger haben sich bei der letzten Konsultation über DST getäuscht
NOR	Franske borgere lurte i siste konsultasjon om DST
GRE	Οι Γάλλοι πολίτες εξαπάτησαν σε πρόσφατες διαβουλεύσεις σχετικά με το DST Οι Γάλλοι πολίτες exarátisan se prósfates diavouléfseis schetiká me to DST
SWE	Franska medborgare lurade i det senaste samrådet om DST
CRO	Francuski građani prevarili su se nedavnim konzultacijama o DST-u
CAT	Els francesos es van enganyar amb una recent consulta sobre el canvi de temps
RO	Cetățenii francezi s-au păcălit în consultarea recentă despre DST
LET	Francijas pilsoņi neskaidri apspriedās par DST
LTU	Prancūzijos piliečiai neseniai konsultavosi dėl DST
MAL	Iċ-ċittadini Franciżi fallw f’konsultazzjoni riċenti dwar DST
EST	Prantsuse kodanikud petta hiljutises konsultatsioonid DST-ga
HUN	A francia állampolgárok bolondoztak a DST-vel kapcsolatos közelmúltbeli konzultáció során
IRL	Freastalaigh saoránaigh na Fraince le dul i gcomhairle le déanaí faoi DST
PL	Obywatele francuscy dali się nabrać podczas ostatnich konsultacji na temat DST
SK	Francúzski občania sa v nedávnych konzultáciách o DST zbavili
CZE	Francouzští občané se v nedávné konzultaci o DST zbláznil
SN	Francozi so bili prevarani z nedavnim posvetovanjem o spremembi časa