

# Round table on relay antennas: essentials of the final report.

**France: Faced with the evidence and the pressure from action groups, the government has agreed to try out in certain towns the radiation level of 0.6 V/m, as recommended by the scientific consortium BioInitiative.**

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Among the 10 points announced by the government are, among others, banning mobile phones in primary schools and for children under 6, and putting on the market mobiles that can only be used for SMS (thus avoiding any radiation exposure), as well as models without a loudspeaker, which require the use of an earpiece.

In her speech on the first conclusions of the Round Table, Chantal Jouanno, the new Secretary of State for Ecology, declared today in an interview that **she is in favour of trying out a reduction of relay antenna emissions in certain towns to 0.6V/m** (by implication in accordance with the BioInitiative consortium recommendations [\[petition 10 000\]](#) and the demands of the action group Robin des toits), while awaiting the results of a new study from AFFSET (French government health agency).

But she continued to insist that there was "a need to distinguish between mobile phones, about which we know there are uncertainties, and relay antennas, for which nobody has been able to conclude that there is a risk". Note all the same that there is crucial difference from earlier speeches that explicitly denied the existence of any risk.

Chantal Joanno adds: "The State must take measures to prevent the mobile phone from becoming a risk."

She is therefore in favour of banning mobiles in primary schools, and of the marketing of "secured" phones that cannot be used without an earpiece.

Let nobody be mistaken, in our opinion it is only under extreme pressure that she concludes, "We are in a democracy, we have to respond to public opinion, what people object to nowadays is the lack of openness. People have the feeling that an antenna can be put up right next door to them without any warning, and without them knowing anything about the risks related to it."

During the press conference the Minister for Health, Roselyne Bachelot, said on the subject of relay antennas, "There was no consensus on the moratorium, nor on lowering safety limits." This parallels what was said in other terms in the commission given by [the Prime Minister](#). There are strong clues that the government is almost ready at last to accept that mobile phones pose a health hazard, **but as for the adverse impact of relay antennas on local residents, they are still in complete denial.**

For the umpteenth time Roselyne Bachelot commented that exposure to HF microwave radiation from mobile phones "is considerably higher than that from relay antennas, we have exposure amounting to 10,000 times as much as from relay antennas".

If in fact this statement is true with regard to the actual intensity observed at a given moment, Roselyne Bachelot should check what she says with the regulation. The permitted radiation level for antennas specified in the current decree 2002-775, as quoted in the courts, is exactly the same as, or even worse than, the level from mobile phones; in fact the level of 61V/m is the equivalent of 1,000,000  $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ . This devious use of language makes it possible for the operating companies to be infallibly 10-100 times below the legal limits during so-called official tests, and thus to be above reproach when questioned in court about the level of radiation affecting nearby residents.

**These moves are nowhere near enough, but at least they are the first positive steps towards recognition of the health hazards, and taken without any reference to ICNIRP.**



Chantal Jouanno, the new Secretary of State for Ecology, during her interview on 25 05 2009 - Photo AFP



Paris: Press conference, Chantale Joanno, Roselyne Bachelot et Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet



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