

A not so virtuous ecosystem...

For Carlos Tavares, chief executive officer and Chairman of the Managing Board of PSA Peugeot Citroën, the manufactures as well as the public authorities would be wrong to make electromobility the alpha and omega of an ecologically virtuous automobile. According to him, many topics have not been solved on the issue of the electric car if we take the point of view of the ecosystem and not just the object.

"Who today is worrying about dealing with the issue of mobility as a whole? What solutions for the manufacture of batteries, battery recycling, operation but also the supply of rare earths, the nature of electricity production ... etc. ", he asks.

Concerned, he feels that the rush around electromobility could come back like a boomerang in the face of citizens. Carlos Tavares ironically imagined his position if he were to return in ten years with electromobility in the dock, just like thermal engines today.

Finally, the boss of PSA judges that the advent of electromobility could sign the end of European car power to the benefit of a Chinese power that has already acquired a position of strength. "We are on the verge of a break point that will lead the Chinese automotive industry to impose in the 21st century Europe what it had imposed in the 20th century in the thermal engines," he thus prophesied.

The announcement on Monday by Beijing to finish with gasoline engines, has added further pressure on manufacturers. This announcement which deserves to be considered not only on its world aspect, will have further implications since the electrified cars include the hybrid motorizations which remain still partly thermal, and thus emitting polluting gases ...

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