



ATMOSPHERE DURING THE AGM OF SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC

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In the AGM, the written questionnaire was read in the question/answers part. The president outlined the fact that our speaker is in possession of only one share but dared to ask 12 questions. This in our eyes needless introduction contributed to a rather unfriendly and negative atmosphere and quite a lot of annoyed reactions from the assembly. The President took the time to give answers all the questions as far as the company disposed on information, actions and statistics. The answers took at least 4 minutes of time and were concluded by mumbling and irritation and very few applause which could either support the importance of the project or recompense the president for his effort to answer.

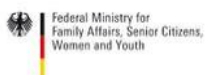
Our speaker explained later on in the oral questioning part the EWSdGE project and its European dimension. When she did so, several men and women expressed their discontent by shouting and interrupting her. The President had to calm the atmosphere in order to continue. Several women told her that the questions were inappropriate since competent women can make a career at Schneider Electric without any problem or obstacles. The atmosphere was tense after her intervention and Schneider did not manage to turn the subject in a positive way.

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