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PRESS RELEASE

Meurthe-et-Moselle Department chooses 100% renewable and 50% local electricity for its buildings with its partner ENGIE

Mathieu Klein, Meurthe-et-Moselle Regional Council President, Christelle Bridey, Regional Delegate for Lorraine with ENGIE's French & Regional Institutions Division, and Jérôme Delannoy, ENGIE's business unit "Entreprises & Collectivités" Director, have signed an agreement in line with the strong commitment made by both parties to establish Meurthe-et-Moselle as a model region for the zero-carbon transition. The agreement was signed in Igney (54) on Friday 7 February at 10:45am.

This agreement covers a contract to supply renewable electricity for the department's buildings and to provide educational support for high school students.

On 1 January 2020, all of the regional council's properties switched to electricity supplies that are guaranteed to have been generated in France and certified as renewable. From 2021, the electricity will be produced by the Haut des Ailes windfarm. 106 buildings are benefiting from electricity that is not only 100% renewable, but will also be generated locally from 2021.

PPAs, essential for the zero-carbon transition

This is the first time that a regional municipality in France has used the power purchase agreement (PPA) approach.

The regional council has chosen to adopt this new type of contract, based on direct renewable electricity purchases between producers and consumers, which will enable it to introduce a greener energy mix.

A market leader for renewable energies, ENGIE Entreprises & Collectivités is making it easier for its customers to move forward with their "zero-carbon transition" to consume less and better, reducing their energy consumption and promoting green energy use.

By 2021, ENGIE is committed to ensuring that the equivalent of the electricity consumed by the buildings covered under this agreement will be produced by the Haut des Ailes windfarm's 16 turbines, with a unit capacity of 2MW each. These wind turbines were brought into service in 2005 and produce Guarantee of Origin certified renewable electricity, in accordance with the regulations in force.

In line with the various actions rolled out with high school students over the last few years (through the "eco-responsible high school" label and the CUBE.S national challenge), **a dedicated programme is planned with ENGIE to build awareness among young generations so that they can better understand the stakes involved with the zero-carbon transition and rational and virtuous energy use.**

- Students from high schools that are already involved in environmental responsibility initiatives will be able to visit the windfarm that produces the electricity purchased to supply their schools. This action will be carried out liaising with the association Lorraine Energies Renouvelables.
- Dedicated events and activities to learn about energy will be organised in high schools with ENGIE ambassadors, who will take part in workshops on various aspects, from discovering careers in energy to gender equality among boys and girls, girls in technical careers, general advice and eco-responsible steps that can be taken.

Brought into service in 2005, the Haut des Ailes windfarm is located in the Igney, Amenoncourt, Repaix (54) and Foulcrey (57) municipalities. This windfarm was a pioneering project when it was created as it was the first in France to have a local shareholding structure. It is operated by ENGIE Green, the market leader for wind power in the Grand Est region, with around 650MW of installed capacity and four operational branches, including one in Villers-lès-Nancy.

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