



Press release
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Inauguration of the Ferme de Magné solar farm in the Charente-Maritime region

*A standard-setting project, combining local development with
biodiversity and helping to decarbonize the digital sector*

William Arkwright, Chief Executive Officer of ENGIE Green, Ombeline Martin, Head of External Affairs at Free, Francis Viaud, President of APAGESMS¹, and Philippe Gachet, Mayor of Sainte-Gemme, inaugurated the Ferme de Magné solar farm at a ceremony attended by local councilors. Located in the heart of the Ferme de Magné park, this solar farm is the outcome of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between Free and ENGIE Green and the project has been carried out in conjunction with the Ferme de Magné ESAT². Through its 44,460 solar panels it will produce more than 34.5 GWh of electricity per year.

A solar farm created for the electricity needs of Free, part of the iliad Group

The construction of this 25.56 MW solar farm got underway after the announcement in February 2024 by ENGIE and the iliad Group – Free's parent – that they had signed a PPA for the iliad Group to purchase the farm's electricity output for a period of 15 years. The farm's estimated annual electricity production will be more than 34.5 GWh, representing 8,000 tonnes of CO₂ avoided per year.

This project fits seamlessly with the ambitious CSR strategy of the iliad Group, which, under its Climate Plan launched in January 2021, has pledged to support the development of new low-carbon energy capacity in the countries where it operates. Combined with the Group's three other PPAs in France, the Ferme de Magné site brings to 96.8 GWh the total volume of green electricity produced to cover Free's energy needs.

This PPA is the second one contracted between ENGIE and the iliad Group, after the agreement for the Labrit solar farm in the Landes region (15.6 MWp). In 2024, ENGIE won 4.3 GW of PPA deals – of which 700 MW produced in France – reaffirming its

¹ APAGESMS: *Association des Parents et Amis Gestionnaires d'Etablissements Sociaux et Médico-Sociaux* (a non-profit organization that supports people with mental disabilities).

² ESAT: *Etablissement et Service d'Accompagnement par le Travail* (a facility that provides activities and sheltered employment for people with disabilities)

position as a global leader in the PPA market, with a total portfolio of 14 GW of PPAs already contracted.

A standard-setting solar power project in the heart of the Ferme de Magné park

With the support of the Sainte-Gemme municipal authorities, ENGIE Green has developed a project that is fully integrated into the Ferme de Magné site, contributing to the park's educational and environmental mission.

Created in 1968 by APAGESMS, the Ferme de Magné ESAT facility offers a range of agricultural activities (landscaping, nurseries, vines, arable crops, a wildlife park and fishing lakes) and has several sheltered workshops providing outsourced work, as well as four theme-based restaurants. It is also an educational and environmental facility, open to the public and highly popular with families and for school outings.

The 25-hectare solar farm adds to the activities offered by the ESAT, as workers from this sheltered facility are involved in maintaining the solar farm equipment. And the solar farm itself is now also part of the Ferme de Magné's educational program.

The ecological measures incorporated into the project have fostered further synergies with the ESAT by improving the environmental quality of the site over the long term. Local biodiversity was preserved right from the construction phase by keeping the existing trees and groves, installing anti-intrusion tarpaulins for amphibians and putting up fences specially adapted to local wildlife, as well as ensuring that the construction works schedule respected biological cycles. In addition to these preservation measures, major landscaping work was undertaken to promote local biodiversity, such as creating a pond with planted hedgerows, and soil depressions for water storage that encourage the development of plant species suited to the needs of the local wildlife.

Preventive archaeological digs also took place, with 300 objects unearthed dating from the Paleolithic to the Middle Ages. The works were organized in such a way as to preserve these artifacts thanks to specific measures such as raising the height of roadways and choosing appropriate foundations.

The Iliad Group is highly attentive to the impact of its projects on local communities and ecosystems, and the environmental and social dimension of the Ferme de Magné project fits perfectly with this mindset.

William Arkwright, Chief Executive Officer of ENGIE Green said: *"The Ferme de Magné solar farm is a meeting of minds between a company determined to decarbonize its energy supply and a non-profit committed to sustainability. We're extremely proud to be involved in this project, which highlights the quality of our PPA deals."*

Ombeline Martin, Head of External Affairs at Free, stated: *"Today is a very important day for Free and its parent, the Iliad Group. This morning, the Group announced that it has signed four new PPAs in its three geographies, including two in France, and*

we're now inaugurating the Ferme de Magné solar farm announced in February 2024 – a standard-setting project in every way in terms of sustainability. These actions show how Free is resolutely pursuing its Climate Plan and once again demonstrate how we are just as focused on sustainability as we are on performance.”

Francis Viaud, President of APAGESMS, noted: *“This project, launched back in 2011, exemplifies how committed our organization is to renewable energy. Our collaborative work with ENGIE Green reflects our determination and ability to innovate and go even further in our contribution to sustainability, clearly illustrating our environmental awareness.”*

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About ENGIE Green

A leading player in wind and solar energy in France, ENGIE Green operates along the entire value chain, from development, financing, engineering, construction, operation and maintenance through to the sale of the energy produced and renewing or decommissioning the installed equipment. To round out its production activities the Company also offers battery storage facilities. ENGIE Green's customers and stakeholders, as well as its 700 employees, make up an engaged community committed to shaping a future of sustainable and independent energy. In 2024, the power produced by ENGIE Green's wind and solar farms covered the electricity needs of 2 million people and avoided the emission of some 3 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent. As at January 1, 2025, its wind and solar farms had a total installed energy capacity of 2.6 GW of wind power and 2 GW of solar power.

About ENGIE

ENGIE is a major player in the energy transition, whose purpose is to accelerate the transition towards a carbon-neutral economy. With 98,000 employees in 30 countries, the Group covers the entire energy value chain, from production to infrastructures and sales. ENGIE combines complementary activities: renewable electricity and green gas production, flexibility assets (notably batteries), gas and electricity transmission and distribution networks, local energy infrastructures (heating and cooling networks) and the supply of energy to individuals, local authorities and businesses. Every year, ENGIE invests more than €10 billion to drive forward the energy transition and achieve its net-zero carbon goal by 2045.

Turnover in 2024: €73.8 billion. ENGIE is listed on the Paris and Brussels stock exchanges (ENGI) and is represented in the main financial indices (CAC 40, Euronext 100, FTSE Euro 100, MSCI Europe) and non-financial indices (DJSI World, Euronext Sustainable - Europe 120/France 20, CAC 40 ESG, MSCI EMU ESG screened, MSCI EUROPE ESG Universal Select, Stoxx Europe 600 ESG-X).

About Free

Free – the inventor of the world's first triple-play box – is a Fixed and Mobile Ultra-Fast Broadband operator in France, standing out for its innovative, straightforward and attractive offerings. At end-2024, it had 23.1 million retail subscribers (15.5 million Mobile subscribers and 7.6 million Fixed-line subscribers). Free is a subsidiary of the iliad Group, which was created in France in the early 1990s and now also operates in Italy under the iliad brand and in Poland under the Play brand. In March 2021, the iliad Group launched its BtoB business in France under the Free Pro brand.