

PRESS RELEASE

Evergaz and semi-public company (SEM) Oise Energies Renouvelables join forces to develop NGV/BioNGV stations by creating the Mobilités Vertes de l'Oise Company

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Evergaz, one of France's leading biogas companies for more than 12 years, and *Société d'Economie Mixte* (SEM or semi-public company) Oise Energies Renouvelables, owned by SEZEO (Syndicat des Énergies Zone Est de l'OISE) and SICAE OISE (electricity distributor and supplier operating in 235 municipalities), have announced the launch of the Mobilités Vertes de l'Oise Company.

The objective of this simplified joint stock company under French law is to develop, build and operate public NGV/BioNGV stations open to all types of customers and vehicles in the Hauts-de-France region.

With this initiative, Mobilités Vertes de l'Oise illustrates the complementarity of public and private players in developing Natural Gas for Vehicles on French territory and making a successful ecological transition in the transportation sector.

A project already well under way

Mobilités Vertes de l'Oise will initially set up 6 NGV/BioNGV stations by 2023. As such, since February 2020, preliminary research in conjunction with local players has already resulted in the selection of 6 strategic locations for vehicle flows, ensuring optimal territorial coverage. The company is already working on the construction of a NGV/BioNGV station for each of these locations. These first 6 stations will be situated in the Oise and Aisne departments, and in the medium term some of them will provide other forms of energy such as hydrogen and electric superchargers. At operational level, they will be developed in conjunction with the Energies Renouvelables SEM and Evergaz, a French biogas producer that already operates NGV/BioNGV stations and is one of the partners-shareholders in the Seven Occitanie project, which develops a network of 20 BioNGV stations in the Occitanie region.


Stations

More specifically, the six locations selected by Mobilités Vertes de l'Oise are located in:

- Compiègne (60200)
- Longueil Sainte Marie (60126)
- Laigneville (60290)
- Ressons sur Matz (60490)
- Noyon (60400)
- Soissons (02200)

These stations will be public and open to all types of customers and vehicles such as lorries, buses, bin lorries, light commercial vehicles and light-duty vehicles. These stations, open 24/7, will provide users with a choice of CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) or BioCNG (Compressed Natural Gas from the anaerobic digestion of organic matter), in the form of two quick dispensers. In terms of design, all critical equipment in the stations will be backed up, thus guaranteeing a 100% availability rate. The stations will accept various means of payment (EVERGAZ card, Credit/debit card, etc.). The **opening of the first stations is scheduled for 2022**, in particular in Compiègne for the first one.

Focus on

 The Compiègne NGV/BIONGV station (2 islands/3 tracks)

This NGV/BIONGV station is the most advanced project. It is scheduled to open in the first half of 2022. It is ideally located near the N31 (Beauvais-Soissons road) and the warehouses of future customers.



An energy of the future in a fast-changing sector

As Natural Gas for Vehicles is now recognised as one of the pillars of ecological transition in transportation and is currently booming, the PPE (multi-annual energy programme) expects that 60% of lorries will run on NGV in 2050. As a result, local authorities, NGV operators and carriers are joining forces on the ground to drive the conversion of private and public fleets and promote low-carbon mobility. This complementarity between local authorities and private businesses is critical to developing the market, the growth of which simultaneously relies on the creation of new stations and the use of new NGV vehicles. With 80% less CO₂, 95% less fine particles and 50% less NO_x (nitrogen dioxide) emitted than diesel, and a lower cost than diesel, BioNGV is the fuel of the future. As France's leading biogas operator, Evergaz stands firm in its commitment to the ecological transition of the transport sector, alongside local authorities and private carriers, with this investment in the Oise and Aisne departments in partnership with SEZEO and SICAE Oise.

This territorial project is in keeping with the process initiated by public authorities to decarbonise the road transport sector, which must adapt to the regulatory provisions featured in particular in the French laws on Climate and Resilience (2021) and Mobility Orientation (2019). This new network, which will be installed just outside Paris and its Low-emission Zone, will contribute to the economic competitiveness of its customers, who will meet their delivery commitments while continuing to combat climate change.

“This partnership is a tangible example of Oise Énergies Renouvelables SEM’s investments in energy transition. All local players were of course consulted on these matters relating to land use planning and economic development”, says Olivier FERREIRA, CEO of the Oise Énergies Renouvelables SEM.

“This cooperation reflects the territorial grounding of Evergaz’s action: we are convinced of the environmental and economic benefit of biogas production for local stakeholders – farmers, industrial companies and local authorities. With NGV/BioNGV, biogas provides carriers and local authorities with a source of green energy and plays a major role in the ecological transformation of our lifestyles”, says Frédéric FLIPO, Deputy CEO of Evergaz.



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About SICAE-OISE:

Created in 1920, SICAE-OISE is an electricity distribution and supply concession holder. It endeavours to effectively fulfil its public service remit, the watchword being customer satisfaction. Our 78,295 customers can be found in 232 municipalities of the Oise department, two in the Aisne department and one in the Somme department.

Our teams are available, attentive and guide customers through all their efforts.

Our team of 137 employees guarantees a personalised, quality service. Our branches and reception centres within our catchment area are conducive to proximity and responsiveness.

3 reception centres: La Croix-st-Ouen, Ressons-sur-Matz and Passel.

97% of network users are satisfied with distribution regularity (no power cuts) thanks to our 2,800 km of network, 90% of which is underground. Turnover: approximately €65 million in 2020

Website: www.sicae-oise.fr

About SEZEO:

SEZEO is an association of 227 municipalities serviced by SICAE-OISE.

In addition to its role as the Authority in charge of organising Electricity Distribution [AODE], SEZEO provides optional services to municipalities and wants to be a pragmatic actor in the energy transition process.

As such, they have developed an infrastructure network for charging electric vehicles by covering their territory, and helped install the first supercharger of the Oise department (outside the motorway network).

Its public lighting modernisation action in more than 70 municipalities contributes to energy transition. To support most of its actions in favour of energy transition, SEZEO created an SEM with its long-standing partner SICAE-OISE, and this company naturally partnered with EVERGAZ to promote “clean” transport by creating Bio-NGV – NGV stations, which also contribute to the appeal of the territory.

About Evergaz:

An integrated operator specialising in the production of biogas and the development of its uses, Evergaz develops, owns and operates a network of biogas production facilities. Created in 2008 as Holding Verte under the impetus of Transition Evergreen, investor-accelerator in the environment and energy sector, Evergaz supports and brings together territorial stakeholders - farmers, industrial companies and local authorities - to provide a sustainable organic waste management and treatment solution while producing green energy and a natural fertiliser.

With 14 biogas facilities in Europe, 9 of which in France, Evergaz and Meridiam treat 700,000 tonnes of waste per year, for a production capacity of 30 MWeI, i.e. 7,250 Nm³/h of biomethane, avoiding 70,000 tonnes of Co₂ emissions and currently supplying the equivalent of more than 130,000 people with energy.

Committed to developing the French biogas industry, Evergaz is a founding member of Biogaz Vallée® and France Biométhane. Evergaz is headed by Alain Planchot, CEO, and Frédéric Flipo, Deputy CEO and co-founder. Evergaz is an independent company in which its management, Transition Evergreen, Meridiam and SWEN Capital Partners have a majority stake.

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