

## Renewable energy in the spotlight Make a date for 14-15 December in Montpellier

Energy transition demands the commitment of everyone. Politicians, local government and companies all have a critical role to play in the development of energy efficiency and renewable energy on their own regional scale, and the promotion of the right products and services to deliver it.

**On 14 and 15 December 2016, Montpellier is to play host to three headline events dealing with renewable energy.**

- EnerGaïa, the forum for renewable energy,
- The Rencontres Nationales des Energies Renouvelables (National Summit for Renewable Energy) organised by the Association for Renewable Energy (Syndicat des Energies Renouvelables - SER) and ADEME,
- The Windustry France business meetings, aiming to increase the French industrial offering in the wind power industry.

### **The Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée regional authority, the leading partner of the EnerGaïa forum**

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EnerGaïa, organised by Montpellier Events with the support of the Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée regional authority, is the leading event for energy professionals and companies in the South of France. For its tenth edition, EnerGaïa continues to uphold its vocation as a **Forum for the exchange of ideas and best practice, but also a point of convergence for businesses in the sector.** Backed up by a substantial programme of talks and seminars, it is a prime venue to obtain information on the latest industry developments.

The leading sponsor of EnerGaïa is the Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée regional authority, a pioneer in the development of renewable energy. It has initiated a determined policy placing environmental concerns at the heart of the region's plans, making them a key driver for economic growth in the region.

"Promoting development, energy resource management and renewable energy is a priority for the Region. Given their importance in terms of their environmental, economic and social effects, these concerns lie at the very heart of our project and our policies for the Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée Regional Authority. They must contribute to balanced economic development that delivers benefits to all.

This is why I have decided to support initiatives which help to improve energy efficiency and the transformation of production and consumption methods, just as I will support the emergence of new sectors which create economic activity and jobs, aiming to become the leading Region in these new markets," emphasises Carole Delga, Chair of the Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée Regional Authority.

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## **Rencontres Nationales des énergies renouvelables: public and private sectors out in force!**

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The French “Law on Energy Transition for Green Growth” encourages public authorities to develop renewable energy sources. More than ever before, what happens at local level has become a priority. Elected officials and their teams must be fully informed of the opportunities open to them in the field of renewable energy.

This has led SER, bringing together renewable energy firms, and ADEME, the French Environment Agency, to organise **two days of dialogue with regional, local and city councils and all other local authorities to discuss renewable energy (RE) solutions, present the tools to implement them and answer all local decision makers’ questions regarding their energy mix and that of their taxpayers.** Companies from the sectors of wood fuel, biofuels, biogas, wind power, geothermal energy, solar and hydroelectric power will be in attendance to present elected officials and their teams with their know-how. Representatives of local authorities that have conducted projects in their areas will review the success factors and the economic, environmental and social benefits of their achievements.

“With the ‘Law on Energy Transition for Green Growth’ which sets an objective of 32% for the proportion of renewable energy in the energy mix by 2030, France has signed its national commitment to the Climate. This target will be reached if every single member of our society – government, citizens, all firms ranging from large corporations to SMEs, trade professionals and retail – and especially our regional authorities – fully comprehends the economic, social, environmental and health benefits that this transition promises, and takes steps to act,” declare Bruno Lechevin, Chairman of ADEME, and Jean-Louis Bal, Chairman of SER.

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The Association for Renewable Energy (SER) **brings together 380 members totalising 10 billion euros in aggregate turnover and more than 75,000 jobs. It is the trade organisation that federates industrial firms from the entire spectrum of renewable energy sources: biomass (FBE), biofuels, biogas, wind power, marine energy, geothermal energy, hydroelectric power, heat pumps, photovoltaic solar power (SOLER), thermal solar power and thermodynamics.**

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### **ADEME AT A GLANCE**

The French Agency for the Environment and Energy Management (ADEME) contributes to the implementation of public policy in the areas of the environment, energy and sustainable development. To help them to improve their environmental approach, the agency provides businesses, local authorities, government bodies and the general public with its expertise and consultancy capabilities. In addition it helps to fund projects from research to implementation in the following areas: waste management, soil conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy, air quality and noise abatement.

**ADEME is a public sector body under the authority of the French Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs and the Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research.**  
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## Windustry France Business Meetings

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Supported by the French Government, the WINDYSTRY FRANCE programme is a highly effective tool for the industrial structuring of the wind power sector, created with the aim of offering easier market access to small and medium sized French businesses. To date, 70 companies accounting for more than 12,000 jobs and more than 2 billion euros of turnover have received individual support.

Launched in 2012, the programme enables traditional industrial firms to enter a fast-growing market. Open to all interested companies, Windustry France actively contributes to meeting the objectives that our country has set itself: 32% of renewable energy in the energy mix in 2030, including 40% of electricity generated by renewable sources.

The project comprises two main parts:

1. Support to companies in the wind power sector to help them diversify into it.
2. Mapping and promotion of companies in the industrial wind power sector on the French and export markets.

The organisation of the Windustry France meetings is a major component of the programme. As every year, these meetings provide **an opportunity to showcase the know-how of French industry towards major contracting authorities from the wind power sector. Technical workshops will also offer a chance to present suppliers with issues specific to onshore and fixed-bottom and floating offshore wind power sectors.** For more information about the Windustry France programme, visit <http://www.windustry.fr>

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