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PRESS RELEASE

The Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies Endowment Fund supports a project for energy autonomy at sea with a view to the 2028 Vendée Globe

The Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies Endowment Fund announces its support for the Vent des Barges association and skipper Arnaud Boissières, who is preparing for the 2028 Vendée Globe. This sponsorship, granted for the year 2026, aims to support the development of energy autonomy solutions aboard Team Arnaud Boissières' IMOCA boat.



"By being a patron of this project, we are supporting a concrete initiative that puts technological innovation at the service of reducing the environmental footprint. Through this support, we affirm our desire to encourage ambitious initiatives contributing to the energy transition and the protection of biodiversity."

Carolle Foissaud, President of the Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies Endowment Fund

"Offshore racing is a fantastic testing ground. Reducing our dependence on fossil fuels is a demanding, but essential, technical challenge. The support of the Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies Endowment Fund allows us to accelerate this transformation and demonstrate that innovation and environmental responsibility can advance together."

Arnaud Boissières – IMOCA Skipper

An Objective: Reducing the Use of Fossil Fuels in Offshore Racing

The project led by Vent des Barges aims to limit the use of fossil fuels at sea. The IMOCA will be equipped with an energy mix combining a hydrogen fuel cell, hydrogenerators, and solar panels, in order to move towards energy autonomy without the use of a thermal engine during the race. The Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies Endowment Fund includes this support in its area of action dedicated to the protection of the environment and biodiversity. This initiative aims to demonstrate that offshore racing can constitute a space for technological innovation contributing to the reduction of the environmental footprint.

In line with its philanthropic commitments in favor of meaningful and innovative projects serving the territories, the support provided to the IMOCA's energy autonomy project is fully in line with the mission of the Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies Endowment Fund. Alongside already supported initiatives that promote biodiversity protection, social inclusion, territorial development, and the promotion of scientific and cultural heritage, this commitment constitutes a new significant action that illustrates the Fund's capacity to encourage concrete solutions addressing the major ecological and social challenges of today and tomorrow..

À propos de Teréga

Located in the Great South-West of France, a hub for major European gas flows, Teréga has been deploying exceptional expertise in the development of gas transport and storage infrastructures for 80 years and is now designing innovative solutions to meet the major energy challenges in France and Europe. A true accelerator of the energy transition, Teréga has more than 5,000 km of pipelines and two underground storage facilities, representing respectively 15.6% of the French gas transport network and 26.9% of national storage capacities. The company achieved a turnover of €488 million in 2024 (excluding congestion balancing) and has 647 employees.

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