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Biomethane in Occitanie: TEREGA and GRDF inaugurate the first injection station in Occitanie

"This first injection station in Occitanie is a concrete illustration of our commitment to making our regions key players in the energy transition. The stakes are high, not only for the people who will benefit from this infrastructure, but also for making the South-West a pioneer in renewable energy."

Carolle Foissaud, Chairman and CEO of Teréga

"This injection station is much more than a technical infrastructure. It's the symbol of a collective dynamic, a shared ambition: to make renewable gas a local energy, produced locally, consumed locally, and now transported on a larger scale."

Alban Mathé, Director of GRDF Sud-Ouest

Today in Auch, Teréga and GRDF inaugurated **the first biomethane injection station in Occitanie**, in the presence of Carolle Foissaud, President and CEO of Teréga, Alban Mathé, Director of GRDF Sud-Ouest, and elected representatives and partners in the project.

The methanisation sector is particularly dynamic in Occitanie, with 30 sites already injecting biomethane. This represents a capacity of 660 GWh/year, or the equivalent of 150,000 homes heated with gas.

To make the most of this regional production, gas network operators are gradually transforming the gas infrastructures of the Occitan region to make it easier to accommodate local and renewable production.

What is an injection station?

Traditionally, gas flows from the major transport grids to the distribution networks that supply consumers. The injection station reverses this flow, so that the biomethane produced locally and injected into the distribution grid is returned to the transport grid. This mechanism is essential when local consumption is low (weekends, summer, etc.): surplus biomethane can be recovered elsewhere, transported to other consumption areas or stored for later use. **It is a strategic link for maximising the use of green gas regionally and nationally.**

Work on the turnaround began in December 2023, with commissioning scheduled for July 2024. To achieve this, nearly €3 million has been invested in the construction of the injection station, which will be able to accommodate more than 850 Nm³/h of biomethane, meeting existing and future needs. It complements the work already carried out by GRDF, the public gas distribution grid operator, to link up the grids in the region's municipalities.

The Auch injection station is the first for Teréga and the first in Occitanie. Teréga also commissioned an injection station near Nérac (Lot-et-Garonne) at the beginning of June, and plans to install a third at Boussens (Haute-Garonne) this summer. These constructions illustrate Teréga's determination to support the energies of tomorrow and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. This vision is as close as possible to the players in the methanisation sector, and meets the ambitions of the south-western regions to increase the share of renewable energies in the region's energy consumption to 20% by 2030 and to achieve 100% renewable gas by 2050.

About Teréga

Established in South-West France, at the crossroads between major European gas flows, Teréga has exercised exceptional expertise for over 80 years in the development of gas transport and storage infrastructures. Today, it continues to develop innovative solutions to overcome the major energy challenges facing France and Europe. A true accelerator of the energy transition, Teréga operates over 5,000 km of pipelines and 2 underground storage reservoirs representing 15.8% of the French gas transport network and 27% of national storage capacity. In 2024, the company generated turnover of €488 million (excluding balancing and congestion) and had more than 647 employees. Corporate social responsibility is at the heart of Teréga's strategy, as it embarks on the energy transition to carbon neutrality. Teréga has rolled out programmes in all areas of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance): its employee safety and its infrastructure security via the PARI 2035 programme, sustainable development of territories and social responsibility via the ENERGIZ MOUV programme, support of philanthropic projects via the Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies endowment fund, and reduction of environmental impacts via the BE POSITIF programme with a commitment to a 34% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 2021 on all scopes 1, 2 and 3.

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About GRDF

GRDF manages the largest gas distribution grid in Europe. It operates and maintains 207,000 km of networks, guaranteeing the safety of people and property. GRDF is a key player in an affordable energy transition that is firmly rooted in local communities. With a presence in more than 9,500 municipalities, the company is a partner to local authorities, helping them decarbonise their energy and sustainable mobility policies.

GRDF distributes gas every day to more than 11 million customers for heating, cooking and transport, whoever their supplier may be. For each use, GRDF offers pragmatic solutions to reduce its customers' carbon footprint: sobriety, green gas, energy efficiency and high-performance equipment. The company is working to achieve 20% green gas in the networks by 2030, a target that will enable as many people as possible to benefit from renewable energy produced in France.

GRDF is the leading gas distributor to have embarked on a decarbonisation trajectory - all scopes combined and on a like-for-like basis - in line with the Paris Agreement.

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