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PRESS RELEASE

Biomethanisation at Auros: AgriEnergie site opening

AgriEnergie, a French company, opens its new biomethane station at Auros on 31 March

*"At a time when France faces real challenges in terms of energy, farms have a genuine role to play in helping the rise of renewable energies. We're proud to be stepping into the future hand in hand with AgriEnergie, to encourage exploitation of the biogas produced through methanisation so that we can inject a green gas into our transport grid. The connection of biomethanisation units to our grid represents huge potential for our territory to reach its energy transition targets," **Dominique Mockly, Chairman and CEO of Teréga.***

"Through methanisation, farmers become actors in their territory and, in doing so, they serve the local economy. I encourage small and medium-sized farms to group together and create their best methanisation projects, because you can go further when you pull together!"

Yannick Duffau, Chairman of AgriEnergie, Mayor of Brannens and Vice-President of SIPHEM, responsible for energy and local resources.

Teréga, stakeholder in the biomethane industry

Teréga, a responsible gas stakeholder involved in the sustainable development of the territories, is committed to meeting the requirements of the energy transition and involved in building the energy system of the future on a daily basis: a diversified mix giving a dominant place to renewable energies, enabling the territories' energy supply to be sustained.

Teréga is thus committed to making its infrastructure more flexible and capable of accommodating the renewable gases produced on its territory.

By supporting farmers in their projects, Teréga is promoting the production of biomethane in particular, which has the advantage of initiating the transition of territories to renewable energies while promoting the development of a circular economy with the creation of additional income for farmers and jobs unlikely to be relocated.

AgriEnergie and Teréga, a long-term and in-depth project

AgriEnergie, arose from the common desire of nine Gironde farmers to join forces by diversifying their activities beyond their farms. From the feasibility study to the connection of the biogas plant to its transport grid, Teréga has accompanied AgriEnergie at every stage of the project. The biomethanisation unit, built on a former Teréga site at Auros, has been injecting biomethane since October 2022. The gas it produces is sufficient to heat 1000 homes.

A project central to territorial issues

The AgriEnergie biogas plant, initially designed to receive farm effluents, crop residues or CIVE (Intermediate Crops for Energy Recovery), eventually hopes to process bio-waste from local authorities (hospitals, school canteens, collective catering) and restaurants in the area using an unpacker.

A showcase site focused on best practice and education

An educational programme designed for the general public and schools also aims to train local elected officials and technicians in the methanisation business. In this way, AgriEnergie will demonstrate the essential role methanisation can play in the circular economy in the territories, by repurposing bio-waste to produce local renewable energy.

About Teréga

Established in South-West France, at the crossroads between major European gas flows, Teréga has exercised exceptional expertise for over 75 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 16% of the French gas transport network and 25% of national storage capacity. The company had a turnover of €488 million in 2021, and has about 650 employees. Find us at <https://www.terega.fr/> and on Twitter and LinkedIn.

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About SAS AgriEnergie

Established in the commune of Auros in the Gironde and chaired by Yannick Duffau, AgriEnergie is a group of nine farmers who want to find ways of diversifying their activities. The project for the creation of a methanisation unit supported by Teréga, SIPHEM (Syndicat Interterritorial du Pays du Hauts Entre-deux-Mer), SICTOM Sud Gironde (household waste collection syndicate), Mr Éric Suzanne (sub-prefecture of the district of Langon), joined by the ADAR of Mazères (an agricultural and rural development association), the communities of the Communes of Réolais en Sud Gironde, Sud Gironde, Bazadais, the Department of the Gironde, the Commune of Auros, as well as Langon Distribution (Leclerc), Sainfruit (Mazères), the Distillery of St Martin de Sescas, and the 1,100 citizens who contributed to the crowdfunding.