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MÉTHA'VÉLO 2025

Cyclo-tourism event in support of the energy transition

Building on its success in 2024, GRDF, France's leading gas distributor, held the second edition of Métha'Vélo on 19 September, in partnership with TERÉGA, operator of gas transport and storage infrastructures in south-western France. In 2025, the event broadened its scope, welcoming a more diverse group of 80 cyclists who completed a scenic 112 km loop around the Arcachon Basin. This new edition of Métha'Vélo has firmly established the unifying event for the gas industry, bringing together the full range of local stakeholders: from distributors, transporters, biomethane producers to service providers, elected officials, media and school groups. All of them united through various activities.

Looking Back at 2024: GRDF cyclists unite around biomethane

On 31 May 2024, 30 gas operator employees covered 150-kilometres around the Toulouse area, connecting four operational methanisation sites. This chiefly internal, team-driven initiative was designed to highlight the importance of locally produced renewable gas. Through meaningful exchanges with farmers, local officials and the media, and with the participation of professional cyclist Lilian Calmejane, the Métha'Vélo 2024 event left a lasting impression and laid the groundwork for a more ambitious edition in 2025.

Métha'Vélo 2025: the entire local industry mobilised

This year, the 80 cyclists rode through the stunning landscapes of the Arcachon Basin, completing a 112-kilometre loop that linked the Atlantic Ocean, the Dune of Pilat, forests and lakes across the Gironde and Landes regions. Starting and finishing at the EQUIBIO Pays-de-Buch methanisation unit in Mios, developed by CVE Biogaz, the cycling route took participants past several symbolic sites of the green gas transition in Nouvelle-Aquitaine. The peloton passed close to GRDF's site in Le Teich, gas transmission infrastructure operated by TERÉGA, and the La Teste-de-Buch wastewater treatment plant, which upgrades local wastewater into renewable gas. These key steps highlighted the growing role of biomethane in tomorrow's energy mix, while also reinforcing participants' connection to the local energy ecosystem.

Education and partnerships: building the future of renewable gas

The second edition of Métha'Vélo aimed to strengthen the visibility and value of green gas and methanisation, while fostering committed partnerships. The Arcachon Basin, where over 40% of green gas is already transported in the grid during summer, offers a strong example of this positive momentum. As part of the day's programme, participants were invited to a guided tour of the Mios methanisation site, led by CVE Biogaz, followed by a roundtable discussion that brought together representatives from the regional government, local authorities and industry stakeholders. The conversation focused on the challenges and opportunities surrounding green gas: its regional deployment, its concrete applications. Twenty-four students from the Libourne Montagne agricultural and viticulture secondary school took part in the discussions, where they explored the virtuous cycle of methanisation through the educational workshop La Fresque du Gaz Vert. They also had the opportunity to design their own methanisation unit by participating in an interactive serious game. An educational journey into hydrogen explored the potential uses of this molecule and its role in the energy transition. Métha'Vélo 2025 thus reaffirms its key role in driving momentum across the sector and raising awareness of the energy transition, already well underway across the region.

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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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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