

Press release



GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies brings its supports to "les Toits de l'Espoir" and achieves its 3rd energy efficiency investment for very low income social housing in France

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GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies continues its commitment to fight against energy poverty with its investment in "Les Toits de l'Espoir," a cooperative enterprise (Scop) that renovates and improves the energy efficiency of social housing for very low-income renters. This is the third social enterprise investment in France by GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies, thanks to which it is strengthening its coverage of the country. A first investment was made in 2012, in Foncière Chênelet. That enterprise has historically been active in the Pas-de-Calais region where it builds high energy performance social housing. In December 2013, a second investment was concluded with the property company "Habitat et Humanisme," which is a major player in the Rhône-Alpes region involved in energy renovation of very low-income social housing.

At the January 30 signing of the agreement between GDF SUEZ and "les Toits de l'Espoir" at Dunkirk, Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of GDF SUEZ, stated: "This investment by GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies marks a new step in the Group's involvement in France with the most dynamic actors in the very low-income social housing sector. It further illustrates the Group's policy of combating energy poverty both in France and throughout the world."

In addition to the GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies financial investment, the GDF SUEZ Regional Office in Nord-Pas-de-Calais will provide technical expertise to support "les Toits de l'Espoir" in its program rollout.

The Group's support for "les Toits de l'Espoir" brings to five the number of investments undertaken by GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies worldwide since its launch in 2011. It meets the employees' desire to give a solidarity meaning to their savings, that can be invested through an employer-sponsored mutual funds in social enterprises engaged in providing access to energy.

About "les Toits de l'Espoir"

"les Toits de l'Espoir" was created in 1996 at the initiative of Marc Mordacq. Since then the organization has renovated over 2,000 residential units, taking special care to ensure energy efficiency as a means to minimize renters' lease payments.

About GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies

GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies is a social-responsibility initiative of the GDF SUEZ Group, by people, for people. It contributes to achieving energy access for all and to reducing energy precariousness in the world through three complementary approaches: investments through a socially motivated investment fund, donations from GDF SUEZ Foundation and skill transfers through employee-sponsored NGOs – Energy Assistance and Codegaz. In France, the objective of GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies is, together with energy professionals, to construct housing and combat social and economic exclusion through innovative, sustainable and realistic solutions to energy poverty. GDF SUEZ Rassembleurs d'Énergies investment fund is financed in part by an employer-sponsored mutual fund (FCPE) in which more than 6,000 GDF SUEZ Group employees and retirees have contributed, thus enhancing their savings with a solidarity purpose.

About GDF SUEZ

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