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ENGIE accelerates in district heating and cooling networks in France

- **Since January 2026, ENGIE has won 20 new district heating and cooling contracts in France, representing an additional 330 km of networks.**
- **715 municipalities, representing approximately 6.5 million inhabitants, have applied for the potential studies offered by ENGIE and Villes de France to accelerate the roll-out of district cooling networks.**
- **Fraîcheur de Paris announces the connection of 21 additional schools and the Pitié-Salpêtrière hospital to its cooling network by summer 2027.**

ENGIE confirms the strong momentum of its district heating and cooling activities in France. These infrastructures make it possible to harness local resources while reducing dependence on fossil fuels and exposure to energy price fluctuations. Commissionings, network extensions and newly won contracts reflect the growing needs of territories in terms of decarbonization, energy sovereignty and adaptation to climate change.

Four new contracts for more than 100 kilometers of heating and cooling networks

At the Salon des Maires et des Collectivités Locales, ENGIE is announcing four new district heating and cooling projects in Orléans, Niort, Langon and the Yvelines. They draw on a wide range of local, decarbonized resources: geothermal energy, biomass, waste-to-energy, and heat recovery from wastewater and data centers. Together, these projects represent more than 100 kilometers of networks. They will deliver at least 300 GWh of heat and 65 GWh of cooling each year, while avoiding nearly 60,000 tonnes of CO_2.

In Marseille, ENGIE also announces its decision to develop Thassalia 2, a second thalassothermal heating and cooling production unit. This solution uses the temperature of seawater to heat and cool buildings. The new unit will complement the first one, inaugurated ten years ago, which already supplies 500,000 m² of office, retail and residential space, to meet growing demand for connection to the network.

These announcements add to several major contracts won this year, notably in Dunkirk, Vitrolles and more recently Toulouse, to renovate, extend and decarbonize heating and cooling networks. In total, since January 2026, ENGIE has won 20 new contracts in France, representing an additional 330 kilometers of networks.

Newly commissioned networks supporting local decarbonization

This momentum is reflected in several recent commissionings: a new network powered by more than 95% renewable energy in Vesoul, and three biomass district heating networks for the Grand Poitiers urban community.

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In the Bouches-du-Rhône department, two new commissionings illustrate the diversity of local resources mobilized by ENGIE: Mediterranean energy in Port-de-Bouc through thalassothermal energy, and heat from treated wastewater in Martigues. Together, these two infrastructures represent more than 16 kilometers of networks and will avoid more than 12,000 tonnes of CO_2 per year.

ENGIE accelerates the development of district cooling to support urban climate adaptation

Already a major player in district cooling in France, operating 26 networks, ENGIE continues to develop them in the face of increasingly intense heatwaves and growing cooling needs. In this context, ENGIE and Villes de France launched a program last July to carry out 100 potential studies, to identify cooling solutions and support local authorities in adapting to climate change.

To date, the applications received cover 715 municipalities and approximately 6.5 million inhabitants. This response shows the growing interest of territories in collective solutions that meet rising cooling needs while reducing energy consumption and heat discharged into public spaces.

Fraîcheur de Paris strengthens the resilience of sensitive buildings

In Paris, Fraîcheur de Paris (85% owned by ENGIE) and the City of Paris announce their commitment to connect 21 additional schools to the district cooling network by spring 2027. Following the connection of the first three schools in the 2nd, 5th and 8th arrondissements this year, with five other connections already planned, this new phase will bring the number of Parisian schools served by Fraîcheur de Paris to 29 by next summer.

In parallel, Fraîcheur de Paris announces the connection of the AP-HP Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital by next summer, illustrating its ambition to give priority to facilities serving the most vulnerable people. By 2042, around 300 sensitive or high-traffic buildings, including schools, nurseries, hospitals and nursing homes, are expected to be connected to the network.

"*District heating and cooling networks are at the heart of the energy transition of territories: they represent the best economic solution for harnessing local resources, reducing their dependence on imported fossil fuels and strengthening their resilience. The new projects announced today reflect a very concrete acceleration of this momentum. This momentum also extends to cooling, which has become essential to adapt our cities to the impacts of climate change and meet growing cooling needs,*" said **Frank Lacroix, Executive Vice President of ENGIE in charge of Local Energy Infrastructures.**

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ENGIE is a major player in the energy transition, whose purpose is to accelerate the transition towards a carbon-neutral economy. With more than 90,000 employees in 30 countries, the Group covers the entire energy value chain, from production to infrastructures and sales. ENGIE combines complementary activities: renewable electricity and green gas production, flexibility assets (notably batteries), gas and electricity transmission and distribution networks, local energy infrastructures (heating and cooling networks) and the supply of energy to individuals, local authorities and businesses. Every year, ENGIE invests on average €12 billion per year to drive forward the energy transition and achieve its net-zero carbon goal by 2045.

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