

Press release

Success of the first AkuoCoop financing operation!

Croix Benjamin completes its financing
16 days ahead of schedule
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Paris, May 10, 2017: AkuoCoop, Akuo Energy's proprietary crowdlending platform, today announces that it has successfully completed its first financing operation for Akuo Energy's Croix Benjamin wind farm project, 16 days ahead of the initial closing date. This success validates the positioning of AkuoCoop, which will shortly offer new loan opportunities.

An average basket of over 900 euros

Launched on March 22 this year, AkuoCoop's first project has been to finance Croix Benjamin, a 28 MW wind farm developed and operated by Akuo Energy. The operation has been greatly welcomed, notably by those living near the wind farm, with whom the AkuoCoop teams met. The total amount raised, 100,000 euros, was finalized in less than 45 days thanks to just over a hundred individual lenders. The average amount loaned per investor was thus a little over 900 euros, a relatively high figure that shows the confidence these lenders have in AkuoCoop's positioning.

A unique positioning supported by Eiffel Investment Group

AkuoCoop is the proprietary platform of Akuo Energy, the leading French IPP in renewable energy that is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. AkuoCoop enjoys access to a substantial number of projects that have all benefited from the Akuo Energy teams' technical expertise. The request by Akuo Energy – or another borrower – to include its projects on the AkuoCoop platform must then be validated by an independent investment committee, consisting of three members who have to unanimously consent, else the project is rejected.

AkuoCoop and Akuo Energy enjoy the support of the *Prêtons Ensemble* (lending together) fund managed by Eiffel Investment Group. For every euro invested, the fund doubles the amount collected through crowdlending. The Croix Benjamin project thus now benefits from a total of 200,000 euros invested in the form of crowdlending.



Axelle Vuillermet, Head of investor relations at Akuo Energy, says: "Creating AkuoCoop illustrates our strong commitment to implement local projects that generate environmental, social and now financial benefits for local inhabitants as well as citizens in general. Its launch has been a success, and we would like to wholeheartedly thank AkuoCoop's lenders for their trust."

Simon Quiret, President of AkuoCoop, adds: "With more than 500 registered members, the creation of the AkuoCoop community is thus well underway! A big thank you to all our members for their precious contribution to the success of our first financing operation. This is also an opportunity for us to again reassure you that we are fully committed alongside you to enable you to continue investing with growing confidence in the projects listed on our platform, while offering you the smoothest investment experience. Thank you again, see you soon on AkuoCoop!"

About Akuo Energy: Entrepreneur by Nature

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About AkuoCoop: Investors by nature

AkuoCoop is Akuo Energy's proprietary crowd funding platform. AkuoCoop allows anyone to make an interest-bearing loan to help finance green power projects that benefit from the expertise of Akuo Energy's teams. The aim of AkuoCoop is to allow individual investors to give a purpose to their savings, offering attractive returns whilst ensuring the protection of their interests by offering projects of proven quality. AkuoCoop is registered as an SAS company and 'intermédiaire en financement participatif' (IFP -- crowd funding financial intermediary) with an ORIAS registration number of 16005779. For more information please visit www.akuocoop.com

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