

Press release

LAUNCH OF AKUOCOOP, A CROWDFUNDING PLATFORM FOR FRANCE'S LEADING INDEPENDENT PRODUCER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

A platform dedicated to renewable energy financing opportunities, combining attractive returns with protection of investors' interests

Paris, 22 March 2017 - Akuo Energy, France's leading independent producer of renewable energy, has today announced the launch of AkuoCoop www.akuocoop.com, its 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.

Local projects & local people: a vital bond

As renewable energy is above all local energy, with projects located close to centers of population, Akuo Energy has, since its inception, elected to design local projects, putting the interests of local people at the top of its priority list. Akuo Energy's decision to become involved in crowdfunding flows directly from this approach: having been involved in the social and environmental aspects of Akuo Energy projects, individuals can now also use AkuoCoop to benefit from the financial returns on renewable energy projects developed and operated by Akuo Energy and its partners. This will enable them to give sense and a tangible purpose to their savings.

The badge of quality

AkuoCoop will only offer lending to help finance green energy production projects. These projects, which may be developed and operated by Akuo Energy or its selected partners, will be preselected by Akuo Energy's teams, who will use their recognized technical expertise to ensure their sustainability. Having got through this first stage, projects will be examined by an independent investment committee, to ensure that they are in line with AkuoCoop's investment policy, before the investment opportunity is offered on the AkuoCoop platform.

A zero-default target

These technical and financial checks are backed by a business model providing simplicity and security to investors: all operating costs will be borne by the borrowers, in order to offer lenders transparent returns, free of any commission. In addition, Akuo Energy makes a contractual commitment to lenders, on behalf of individual project companies, by being a signatory to the loan agreement. All of this is designed to meet a simple target, based on the history of the projects developed by Akuo Energy since its launch in 2007: a default rate of zero and increased security for investor funds.

Eric Scotto, President and co-founder of Akuo Energy, commented: *“Crowdfunding is extraordinarily well suited to the financing of renewable energy! A good green energy project is one that is well integrated and that generates both environmental and social benefits and now financial benefits for populations. Offering individuals the opportunity to participate in the economic aspect of our projects was therefore an obvious move, as was ensuring the protection of their interests by offering only projects which we know well and whose quality we have approved. This is why we took the decision to launch our own crowdfunding platform. The rapid growth of crowdfunding and the closer links between green energy and citizens and end-users is only a start: Akuo Energy is moving forward.”*

About Akuo Energy: Entrepreneur par Nature

About Akuo Energy: Entrepreneur by Nature Akuo Energy is the leading French independent renewable energy power producer. Akuo Energy is present across the whole value chain, including project development, financing, construction, and operation. As of end-2016, Akuo Energy had invested 2 billion USD for a total capacity of 960 MW in operation and under construction. Its headquarters are located in Paris, France while it has subsidiaries in 11 other countries: Uruguay, Croatia, Poland, Turkey, Indonesia, UAE, Morocco, Australia, Mongolia, Dominican Republic and the United States. Akuo Energy aims to have a global production capacity of 3,500 MW in 2022.

For more information please visit www.akuoenergy.com

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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