

Press Release

Akuo Energy and European search engine Qwant today announce a partnership agreement

Paris, June 20, 2017: Qwant, the European search engine that protects its users' privacy, and Akuo Energy, leading French IPP in renewable energy, are joining the World Alliance for Efficient Solutions, which was launched by the Solar Impulse foundation during COP 22. The aim of this Alliance is to bring together the main players from the clean technology sector in order to facilitate synergies and promote profitable solutions to the most urgent environmental and health challenges.

Qwant and Akuo Energy are subscribing to this rationale by signing a partnership. This collaboration will allow the search engine to exclusively obtain renewable energy and AkuoCoop to benefit from Qwant's reputation. AkuoCoop, Akuo Energy's crowdlending platform, allows anyone to lend – with interest – sums of between 50 and 2,000 euros per project to finance green energy production facilities benefiting from the expertise of Akuo Energy's teams.

Qwant becoming Green thanks to Akuo Energy

Qwant's goal is to have 100% of its energy consumption come from renewable energy, and Akuo Energy will now be the French search engine's exclusive power supplier. Qwant is going even further in its eco-responsible approach, by supporting AkuoCoop to enable its users to invest in green energy production facilities. AkuoCoop, will thus benefit from the fame and reputation of Qwant, which answered over 2.6 billion search queries in 2016 and has 40 million monthly users.

Eric Scotto, Chairman and co-founder of Akuo Energy, says: *"We are delighted that a company as prestigious as Qwant has put its trust in us to accompany the substantial growth of its activity. Indeed, the company's prospects will lead it to increase in its energy consumption, but Akuo Energy will help Qwant to avoid increasing its pressure on the environment by enabling the company to exclusively use renewable energy."*

Eric Léandri, CEO and co-founder of Qwant, adds: *"Akuo Energy is a wonderful French company that knows how to innovate and grow in a responsible manner in order to ensure sustainable growth. As an ethical search engine that pays particular attention to the fundamental rights of its users and to its impact on our planet, it is totally logical for Qwant to work closely with Akuo Energy to accompany our energy transition to entirely renewable sources of energy."*

Simon Quiret, President of AkuoCoop, concludes: *“Three months after its launch, AkuoCoop already has 700 registered subscribers. This partnership will allow us to expand our community at a faster pace, and therefore to involve a greater number of people in the financing of the energy transition.”*

About Qwant

Based and designed in France, Qwant is the first European search engine with its own indexing technology, which protects the privacy of its users by refusing all tracking devices, including for advertising. Contrary to the main search engines on the market, Qwant does not install cookies on the user's browser, does not want to know who the user is or what he/she does, and does not keep individual logs of user queries. Qwant's friendly interface allows users to find answers efficiently from the Web and social networks. It respects neutrality. Qwant considers all indexed websites and services with no discrimination, without altering the ranking of results according to its own interests. Founded in 2013 by Eric Léandri, Jean-Manuel Rozan, Alberto Chalon and the Pertimm company, Qwant SAS has offices in Paris, Nice and Rouen.

www.qwant.com

About AkuoCoop: Investors by nature

Akucoop is Akuo Energy's proprietary crowdfunding platform. Akucoop allows anyone to lend money – with interest – to finance green energy production facilities benefiting from the expertise of Akuo Energy's teams. Akucoop's objective is to allow individual investors to give real purpose to their savings and enjoy attractive returns while ensuring that their interests are protected via the proposition of projects to finance of proven quality. Akucoop is a simplified limited company registered as a crowdfunding financial intermediary under registration number 16005779 in the ORIAS register.

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