



PRESS RELEASE

As part of the COP21 Prize, FINERGREEN, SOLVÉO ENERGIE and VOL-V commit to financing 11 renewable energy microprojects in developing countries

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On the occasion of the COP21, the **Agence des Microprojets**, a program of the **NGO La Guilde**, has organized a special endowment session to reward the best humanitarian microprojects in the field of renewable energy. The 80 000-euro “**COP21 Prize**” will be awarded to the winning projects on the 1st of December 2015 in Le Bourget.

FINERGREEN, SOLVÉO ENERGIE and VOL V, three firms from the green energy sector that sponsor the initiative, have worked in collaboration with the Agence des Microprojets to review all the candidates' files and choose the most relevant projects.

After a month spent reviewing the different files, the jury composed of both in-house and external experts unanimously elected **11 projects offering rapid and sustainable solutions to foster electricity access for vulnerable people** and the development of renewables as a way to fight climate change.

The projects include a wide variety of solutions such as installation of photovoltaic panels on schools or dispensaries, training about waste management and the use of biogas, use of solar power to improve the performance of a millet mill or water pumps or even development of aquaponics, etc. The sponsors were seduced by the **innovative aspect of the elected projects** and the opportunity they represent for the concerned populations to **develop green energies in response to their energy needs**.

As they wanted to help vulnerable people without being limited to a single continent, the jury elected projects in **8 different countries**, in South East Asia, Latin America and Africa.

The **4 000 to 10 000 euro** endowments will be awarded to the winning associations by Jean-Louis Bal, President of the Union of Renewable Energy Sources (SER). The inventor and pilot of Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg, both inventors and pilots of the “Solar Impulse” plane, will also do us the honor of being present at this event.

We therefore invite you to join us on December 1st at 4.00 pm at the “COORDINATION SUD” stand for this award ceremony

L'Agence des MicroProjets (AMP), created in 2000, is a program of the NGO La Guilde. Its mission is to help financing and implementing small international solidarity projects. Since 2013, the AMP has been supported by the French Agency for Development (AFD) to finance about a hundred projects per year, with endowments of up to 15 000 euros per project. With 1 300 projects supported so far, the AMP has developed a certain expertise in the key field of outreach, with actions led in partnership with local associations that are qualified to produce concrete results. Today, this expertise makes the AMP a national resource center for small and middle-sized French associations of solidarity with developing countries.

<http://www.agencemicroprojets.org>

FINERGREEN is a consulting firm specializing in the financial engineering of renewable energy projects. Since its creation in 2013, the society has enabled the funding of renewable power stations to the amount of more than 100 M€. It is based in Paris.

www.finergreen.fr

The **SOLVEO group**, based in Toulouse, is composed of two different societies: MATEOS ELECRCITY, specialized in electric work, and SOLVEO ENERGIES, specialized in renewable energy. The SOLVEO group employs 130 people and generates about 37 M€ of turnover (2012).

<http://www.solveo-energie.com>

VOL-V, specialized in renewables, designs, builds and manages renewable power plants on its own behalf for three sectors: wind power, solar and biogas. Based in Montpellier, the firm employs 35 people and generated a 17,2 M€ turnover in 2014, of which 15M€ of energy sale.

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