

Orange is opening its first solar farm in Europe with Reservoir Sun

Today, Orange is announcing the signature of a memorandum of agreement with Reservoir Sun, a leading player in self-supply solar electricity systems for companies and local government, to set up a photovoltaic power station in Bercenay-en-Othe (Aube). The station is due to go online in 2025. The project's first major milestone is the environmental impact analysis.

To fulfill its environmental commitments, Orange is increasingly turning to renewable sources of energy and wishes to accelerate this transition by making the most of solar energy on its tertiary and technical sites. The Group will therefore deploy its first solar farm in France and in Europe¹ on the strategic [satellite communications](#) site at Bercenay-en-Othe. The farm will cover a surface area of 50,000 m², or the equivalent of seven football pitches. With an installed capacity of 5 MW (1MW for self-consumption and 4MW for reinjection), the power station will supply 20% of the site's energy needs and surplus electricity can be fed back to the grid. This locally generated, low-carbon electricity corresponds to the annual energy consumption of 1,700 homes and will save over 100 tons of CO₂ every year.



The first milestone, starting today, is the environmental impact analysis required to carry out the project, in agreement with the DREAL (Regional Directorate for the Environment, Planning and Housing). This study will be carried out over a period of up to 12 months, or four seasons, to determine the potential impact of the project on living species on the site. The study of the natural environment aims to minimize the impact of the facilities and to recreate, if required, species' habitats.

Michaël Trabbia, interim CEO for Orange Wholesale and International Networks, declared: "We are happy and proud to launch an ambitious local solar farm project at our Bercenay-en-Othe site. This

¹ Orange, a major solar industry player in the MEA zone: [Orange, a major solar industry player in the MEA zone | Corporate](#)

solar farm reflects our additionality approach and is fully in line with our strategy to develop the use of low-carbon energies, in order to contribute to our environmental commitments. This project thus contributes to securing our energy supply while decarbonizing our activities. »

Mathieu Cambet, Managing Director of Reservoir Sun: “Reservoir Sun is very proud to have been chosen by Orange as a trusted partner for its first solar power project on one of its own sites. We hope that this shared project will mark the start of a strong collaboration to take on the challenges of decarbonization and local energy production.”



About Orange

Orange is one of the world's leading telecommunications operators with sales of €42.5 billion in 2021 and 136,500 employees worldwide as at September 30, 2022, including 75,000 in France. The Group had a total customer base of 286 million worldwide as at September 30, 2022, including 240 million mobile customers and 24 million fixed broadband customers. The Group is present in 26 countries. Orange is also a leading provider of global IT and telecommunication services to multinational companies, under the brand Orange Business Services. In December 2019, the Group presented its "Engage 2025" strategic plan, which, guided by social and environmental accountability, aims to reinvent its operator model. While accelerating in growth areas and placing data and AI at the heart of its innovation model, the Group aims to be an attractive and responsible employer, adapted to emerging professions.

Orange is listed on Euronext Paris (symbol ORA) and on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol ORAN).

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About Reservoir Sun

Reservoir Sun emerged from a partnership between ENGIE and GreenYellow, and is a leading player in self-supply solar electricity systems for companies and local government. Reservoir Sun believes that the future of energy production lies in self-supply, with flexible, decentralized, local facilities located near places of consumption. Its ambition is to use all existing land assets to transform them into a source of green energy. Local distribution networks reduce both transmission costs and solar energy production costs, making this source of energy accessible to everyone and using it to drive economic growth for regions and companies.

Reservoir Sun is structured on both a regional and a national level, with five major poles in France: Marseille, Paris, Lyon, Toulouse and Rennes. This organizational structure reflects the belief that a successful transition will be one that takes place on a regional level.

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