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## Meridiam announces the launch of an innovative partnership with Dijon métropole to accelerate the energy transition

Meridiam and Dijon Métropole have announced the creation of SEM Energies de Dijon Métropole, a semi-public company designed to accelerate the development of sustainable energy transition projects throughout the metropolitan area.

This innovative cooperation model aims to implement sustainable solutions that benefit people and the environment. This partnership is founded on a shared ambition to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 by implementing projects that combine decarbonisation with reduced energy consumption. This partnership represents a significant milestone in Meridiam's and Dijon's commitment to an ambitious and sustainable energy transition.

A number of large-scale projects have already been identified by Dijon Métropole and Meridiam, with the region's potential renewable electricity production estimated at 350 GWh per year and investments totalling over €200 million

- Two ground-based photovoltaic power plants on rehabilitated sites: one at Dijon-Bourgogne Airport and one on a former landfill site.
- Decarbonised heating plants and networks to meet the needs of industry, the tertiary sector and residences.
- Small-scale photovoltaic installations on derelict sites or business parks that can be developed as collective self-consumption projects.

The SEM, which is 60% owned by Dijon Métropole and 40% by Meridiam, will identify, study and structure these projects. Dedicated project companies will be set up to implement the projects, with Meridiam acting as the lead investor and development partner of Dijon Métropole. This partnership framework is the result of a process led by Dijon Métropole to select a private partner, in which Meridiam was designated the winner in March 2024 following a call for expressions of interest.

### About Meridiam

Meridiam was founded in 2005 by Thierry Déau, with the belief that the alignment of interests between the public and private sector can provide critical solutions to the collective needs of communities. Meridiam is an independent investment Benefit Corporation and an asset manager. The firm specializes in the development, financing, and long-term management of sustainable public infrastructure in three core sectors: sustainable mobility, critical public services and innovative low carbon solutions. With offices in Addis Ababa, Amman, Dakar, Istanbul, Johannesburg, Libreville, Luxembourg, Paris, Vienna and Washington, Meridiam manages US\$22 billion and more than 130 projects to date. Meridiam is certified ISO 9001: 2015, Advanced Sustainability Rating by VigeoEiris (Moody's), ISO 37001 Anti-Corruption certification by AFNOR and applies a proprietary methodology in relation to ESG and impact based on United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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