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## Energy storage

# ERDF and Saft announce an industrial cooperation agreement for energy storage

Tuesday June 4th, at the occasion of the SGPARIS conference and exhibition 2013, Michèle Bellon, Chair of the management board of ERDF, and François Bouchon, Managing Director Delegate of Saft SAS, signed, in the presence of Delphine Batho, French Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy minister, a first industrial partnership agreement on energy storage.

This agreement sets out the conditions for using each group's knowledge and expertise developed in the French demonstrators, and lays the foundations for a future international cooperation between the two groups.

Saft and ERDF have already combined their strengths in several demonstration projects in France (Venteea, Nice Grid) in order to test different solutions for integrating solar and wind renewable energy into the distribution grid. Energy storage is at the heart of the experiments currently underway to validate its conditions of use and thus enable the grid to accept increasing quantities of renewable energy installations in satisfactory economic and technical conditions.

Energy storage is one of the "disruptive technologies which could change lives, business and the world economy" (McKinsey report on disruptive technologies – May 2013).

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*Électricité Réseau Distribution France (ERDF), formed on 1 January 2008, manages 95% of the electricity distribution networks in metropolitan France. The company, with a workforce of 35000, operates, develops and maintains 1.3 million km of electric lines serving 35 million customers. In this capacity it carries out numerous operations on this network such as connections, entries into service, repairs and changes of supplier.*

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