

**Press information** 

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## GreenYellow welcomes Emmanuelle Wargon, President of the French Energy Regulatory Commission, for a tour of its Domaine de Bellevue agrivoltaic power plant

Located in the hills above Saint Louis, the Domaine de Bellevue agrivoltaic power plant, with an installed capacity of 2.5 MWp, is a unique example of innovation, combining renewable energy production and organic vanilla cultivation.



The Domaine de Bellevue agrivoltaic power plant, 2.5MWp

The Bellevue agrivoltaic power plant is a perfect illustration of Réunion Island's potential as a laboratory for the energy transition and can serve as a model for mainland France.

The advantages of an agrivoltaic power plant are manifold:

- 1. **Production of renewable energy:** Agrivoltaics enables the production of green, local and affordable electricity, thereby helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to the region's energy sovereignty.
- 2. **Efficient use of space**: This approach also optimizes land use by combining two activities on the same plot of land, which is particularly advantageous in constrained territories where available land is scarce, as on Reunion Island.
- 3. **Crop protection:** Solar panels provide shade for heat-sensitive crops, and also protect them from bad weather, improving crop yields. This aspect is particularly significant on Reunion Island, which is highly exposed to cyclones.
- 4. **Income diversification**: Farmers can benefit from additional income.









Mrs. Wargon's visit was also an opportunity to discuss the particular situation of non-interconnected zones, as well as the objectives of the Pluriannual Energy Program (PPE) for Reunion Island. GreenYellow is positioning itself as a major player in this energy transition in Réunion Island and the Indian Ocean, and is committed to accelerating the production of green energy for businesses and local authorities.

Commenting on the visit, Pierre MAROUBY, Managing Director of GreenYellow Austral, said:

"It was an honor to receive Madame Emmanuelle Wargon, President of the CRE (the French Energy Regulatory Commission), on one of our photovoltaic installations, and a pleasure to be able to discuss the issues of energy sovereignty on Reunion Island. Not only agrivoltaics, but also rooftop installations, carports and small solar farms will be essential in the very short term if we are to achieve the objectives of the PPE. This is a systemic issue, and we urgently need to mobilize all stakeholders to meet the challenge of energy autonomy on Reunion Island."

## ABOUT GREENYELLOW

GreenYellow, a French company founded in 2007, has become a major player in the energy transition in France and abroad and a true partner of companies and communities.

As an expert in decentralized PV production, energy efficiency projects and energy and electric mobility services, GreenYellow supports its clients throughout the value chain. The company is responsible for the development, funding, and operation of infrastructure projects, enabling them to produce local and competitive green power, reduce their energy consumption and fast-track their decarbonization.

The set of projects carried out within GreenYellow since its creation in 2007 have enabled our clients to avoid the emission of 578,000 tonnes of  $CO_2$  equivalent. The group also aims to achieve the "Net Zero" carbon neutrality goal for categories 1 and 2 by 2040.

Operating in nearly 20 countries on 4 continents, GreenYellow is constantly innovating to meet today's climate challenges and expand its platform with unique and global offers. <a href="www.greenyellow.com">www.greenyellow.com</a>

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