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# GSE TAKES A STAND FOR THE CLIMATE ALONGSIDE 88 OTHER FRENCH COMPANIES

## *When business and the environment go hand in hand*

On Monday December 11, on the eve of the *One Planet Summit*, 89 French companies of all sizes and industries gathered at the head office of employers' organization Medef to announce the signature of the *French Business Climate Pledge*. GSE, which makes environmental preservation and sustainable development criteria an integral part of its corporate strategy, is a signatory to this pledge.



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### **French companies take a stance on climate change**

On December 12, 2015, the parties to the Paris Climate Conference sealed a historic agreement to reduce the effects of climate change by limiting the rise in global temperatures to 2°C or even 1.5°C by 2100.

Two years later, at the *One Planet Summit*, 89 French companies with a total of €1,500 billion in revenues or net banking products and 6 million jobs signed the *French Business Climate Pledge*, affirming the need to collectively change course to drastically reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.



## A major commitment

The signatories will allocate more than €320 billion to funding, research, development and innovation from 2016 to 2020 to foster the transition to a low-carbon society.

These companies have already implemented a variety of tools:

- 60 have made emission reduction commitments;
- 27 have adopted an internal price for CO<sub>2</sub>;
- 42 are engaged in the Science-Based Targets initiative or are considering joining it;
- 34 have decided or intend to implement the recommendations of the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) in pragmatic ways.

With this new commitment by French companies, the private sector is demonstrating that the challenge of ecological transition has reached the stage of financing and actual implementation.

## ABOUT GSE

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GSE is a major player in commercial property and the leader in the "turnkey" market. GSE oversees all design, construction and/or renovation work with a promise on price, deadlines and quality.

The company is managed by CEO Roland Paul. It employs 360 people and generated revenues of €480 million in 2016, carrying out a total of 70 projects.

GSE operates in Europe and China. The company has a network of 12 regional offices across France, making it the country's largest Global Contractor network.

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