

Press release

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Municipality of Morges joins the Commune Rénove programme to accelerate its energy transition

Romande Energie's vision becomes tangible thanks to the signature of this first Rénove partnership with the municipality of Morges

Morges, holder of a European energy award, aims to reduce its CO₂ emissions by 41% by 2035. To achieve that target, a significant proportion of buildings in its territory must be rehabilitated. By joining Commune Rénove, a programme run by Romande Energie in conjunction with scientific experts, Morges is making huge strides towards achieving its energy-related goals.

Meeting the municipality's energy needs

Through Commune Rénove, Morges Council is aiming to rehabilitate an energy reference area (ERA) of 16,000m² annually. To do so, it plans to offer incentives in the forms of subsidies, drawn from its energy and sustainable development funds. "Our commitment to Commune Rénove is an iconic measure for our new municipal energy policy," said Philippe Deriaz, Councillor in charge of Sports, Buildings and the Environment. "This programme responds to an urgent need to develop innovative solutions and establish a new kind of dialogue between the stakeholders present in Morges and the town council."

Unbureaucratic solution for property owners

Morges Rénove will offer fuss-free, turnkey solutions to encourage property owners and property managers to renovate their buildings, resulting in a housing stock that will be more environmentally friendly and helping Morges meet its energy policy targets. Property owners will be offered energy audits at a reduced price and will be able to tap support from specialists for planning their renovations. Morges Rénove is part of the Commune Rénove research project. Commune Rénove is financially supported by Vaud Canton and the Federal Administration and managed by Romande Energie, the Centre de Recherches Energétiques et Municipales (CREM) research facility, Signa-Terre (a company specialising in energy monitoring) and Pierre Olivier (a consultant on energy and sustainable-development projects).

Partnership approach to cover every angle

"We're delighted to be teaming up with Morges and look forward to starting work quickly on the project to attain the targets that we have set ourselves," stated Christian Petit, CEO of Romande Energie Group. "Only by working hand in hand can we make tangible improvements to the housing stock and reduce its CO₂ emissions." Morges will be able to draw on the experience of specialists from both public and private sectors with proven expertise in several large-scale projects, including Onex Rénove and Lancy Rénove. A scientific approach will be used to identify ways in which energy efficiency can be best achieved and lay the foundations for the refit procedure to be exploited by other municipalities in the future. Such is the added value afforded by this partnership arrangement. Only by working together can society succeed in its ambitious energy transition.

For more information, visit www.commune-renove.ch

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Romande Energie at a glance

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Morges' energy policy

As part of its 2035 Energy Strategy, the town of Morges, holder of a European energy award, has committed to reducing its CO₂ emissions by 41%, total energy consumption by 43% and electricity consumption by 13%. These per-capita targets apply to the housing stock situated within the municipality.

Its energy policy reflects the goals set out in the Paris Agreement, the Swiss government's Energy Strategy 2050 and the vision of the 2000-Watt Society.

For more information on Morges' energy policy, visit www.morges.ch/energie