



Press release

Sun'Agri and RWE join forces to accelerate development of agricultural photovoltaics in France

- Sun'Agri and RWE form strategic partnership to accelerate development of agricultural photovoltaics in France
- Partnership focuses on deployment of intelligent solutions that benefit both farming and solar power generation

Essen, 3 July 2023

Sun'Agri, a pioneer and one of the globally leading companies in agricultural photovoltaics (Agri-PV), and RWE, one of the world's major players in renewable energies, have entered into a strategic partnership to accelerate the development of Agri-PV in France through new projects that combine agricultural benefits and green electricity production. In particular, the partnership will operationally support the implementation of integrated solutions for growing fruit, vegetables and wine.

Cécile Magherini, Director of Sun'Agri: "I'm delighted to enter into this partnership with RWE, a company that is committed to Agri-PV. Together, we aim to create a strong synergy between agriculture and green electricity production. This collaboration is in perfect harmony with our CSR policy and we will intensify our impact by combining our expertise. I am looking forward to our teams getting down to work."

Katja Wünschel, CEO RWE Renewables Europe & Australia: "All the scenarios to electrify our economy are converging towards a significant increase in the number of solar farms installed in France. RWE is committed to making a major contribution to growing this important source of energy. Strong cooperation with players in the agricultural sector will play an important part in forging ahead with the implementation of solar projects. Agri-PV is an integrated part of the RWE Group's strategy in France, with solar power plants designed from the outset to meet the needs of the agriculture sector."

Agri-PV protects agricultural crops from the effects of climate change by means of mobile solar panels placed above the crops, at a height high enough to allow the passage of farm machinery. These solar panels are controlled in real time by custom-designed algorithms to tilt according to the plant's need for sunlight or shade, and to limit losses due to extreme weather events such as frost, hail, or scorching.

RWE Renewables Europe & Australia GmbH | Group Corporate Communications & Public Affairs | RWE Platz 4 | 45141 Essen | Germany | T +49 201 5179-5008 | communications@rwe.com | www.rwe.com/press





After 15 years of agricultural research, Sun'Agri's patented technology has already been deployed on more than twenty farms in France, on many fruit, vegetable and grape varieties, in direct support of the farmer. Other projects are currently being rolled out internationally.

In this way, Sun'Agri is pursuing its mission to make its technology available to support agricultural transitions and adaptation strategies affected by climate change, in order to accelerate the deployment of Agri-PV in all regions and crops particularly affected by climate change.

RWE is the fourth-largest onshore wind and solar power producer in Europe and the United States, and employs more than 200 people in France, with local offices set up as close as possible to the areas in which the company operates. With the deployment of intelligent solutions dedicated to Agri-PV, RWE is reaffirming its ambition in solar energy to support the energy transition.

Sinje Vogelsang RWE Renewables Europe & Australia Spokesperson T +49 (0) 201 5179-5941 E <u>sinje.vogelsang@rwe.com</u> Agence Rumeur Publique Antoine Bolcato : +33 (0)7 77 14 61 97 Loan Tournier : +33 (0)6 01 40 08 60 E sunagri@rumeurpublique.fr

Sun'Agri

For further

enquiries:

"Developing solutions and systems for adapting agriculture to climate change". Sun'Agri has been a pioneer and leader in dynamic agrivoltaics since 2009. Building on 15 years of research conducted with INRAE, in 2018 the company inaugurated the world's very first dynamic agrivoltaic demonstrator (4.5ha) in Tresserre (66), and with it the deployment of its technology on the market. A leader in CRE innovation tenders since its inception, Sun'Agri technology will equip around twenty sites and farms in France by 2023, including those entrusted to the company by energy partners. The Tech for Good 2022 finalist was awarded the gold medal at SITEVI. Sun'Agri is the agricultural solutions subsidiary of Sun'R, the renewable energy development platform of Eiffage Concessions since the end of 2022.

RWE

RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With an extensive investment and growth strategy, the company will expand its powerful, green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing more than €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydro power, hydrogen, batteries, biomass, and gas. RWE Supply & Trading provides tailored energy solutions for large customers. RWE has locations in the attractive markets of Europe, North America, and the Asia-Pacific region. The company wants to phase out coal by 2030. RWE employs around 19,000 people worldwide and has a clear target: to get to net zero by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The Science Based Targets initiative has confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. Very much in the spirit of the company's purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.

Forward-looking statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These statements reflect the current views, expectations and assumptions of management, and are based on information currently available to management. Forward-looking statements do not guarantee the occurrence of future results and developments and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Actual future results and developments may deviate materially from the expectations and assumptions expressed in this document due to various factors. These factors primarily include changes in the general economic and competitive environment. Furthermore, developments on financial markets and changes in currency exchange rates as well as changes in national and international laws, in particular in respect of fiscal regulation, and other factors influence the company's future results and developments. Neither the company nor any of its affiliates undertakes to update the statements contained in this press release.

RWE Renewables Europe & Australia GmbH | Group Corporate Communications & Public Affairs | RWE Platz 4 | 45141 Essen | Germany | T +49 201 5179-5008 | communications@rwe.com | www.rwe.com/press





Data Protection

The personal data processed in connection with the press releases will be processed in compliance with the legal data protection requirements. If you are not interested in continuing to receive the press release, please inform us at <u>Datenschutz-kommunikation@rwe.com</u>. Your data will then be deleted and you will not receive any further press releases from us in this regard. If you have any questions about our data protection policy or the exercise of your rights under the GDPR, please contact <u>datenschutz@rwe.com</u>.