

The Renault Nissan Alliance and EDF to test 100 electric vehicles in the Paris region in 2010

The Renault Nissan Alliance and EDF have announced the launch of a large-scale electric vehicle test in the Paris region. Under the terms of the agreement signed on October 9, 2008 by Pierre Gadonneix, CEO of EDF, and Carlos Ghosn, CEO of Renault and Nissan, the two partners plan to test the development of electric mobility for the first time in France during real-life trials in the Paris region.

For one year from September 2010, consumers, professionals and local government employees will try out 100 electric Renault-Nissan Alliance passenger cars and light commercial vehicles. They will be able to use a charging infrastructure at home, at the workplace, in car parks and on the public highway. The experiment has been made possible by a technical and financial partnership between all the public and private parties involved.

The Renault Nissan Alliance and EDF plan to use the full-scale trial to test the usage and performance of their future electric vehicles. The vehicles will be identical to the series-produced models scheduled for launch at the start of 2011.

This joint initiative by the Renault Nissan Alliance and EDF is supported by the Paris region and Yvelines local authorities. It was devised in close cooperation with the "Etablissement Public d'Aménagement du Mantois Seine-Aval" (EPAMSA) local planning body.

The project, called SAVE (*Seine Aval Véhicules Electriques*), will involve a number of private partners. A file has been submitted to the French Energy Management Agency (ADEME) as part of the invitation for expressions of interest announced on June 26, 2009. The project will be launched only after the financing necessary for its implementation has been approved.

The Renault Nissan Alliance

Marking its tenth anniversary this year, the Renault-Nissan Alliance is leading a collaborative approach with both business and governments and has signed nearly 30 agreements worldwide with partners to launch its first electric vehicle starting in 2010 and to mass market a full range of electrical vehicles in 2012.

EDF

The EDF Group, one of Europe's leading power utilities, is an integrated energy company with a presence in a wide range of electricity-related businesses: generation, transmission, distribution, supply and energy trading. As Europe's leading producer of electric power, the EDF Group relies mainly on nuclear and hydraulic production facilities in France that generate 95% of CO2-free electricity. Its transmission and distribution subsidiaries in France operate 1,274,000 km of overhead and underground medium- and low-voltage lines and some 100,000 km of high- and very high-voltage networks. The EDF Group supplies energy and associated services to more than 38 million customer accounts worldwide, including more than 28 million in France. In 2008, the Group's consolidated sales amounted to €64.3 billion, of which 47% in Europe, outside France. Listed on the Paris stock market, EDF is a member of the CAC 40 index.

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