



CIC is supporting UNITE in the construction of six photovoltaic aviaries with an installed capacity of 79 MWc.

The Crédit Industriel et Commercial is providing long-term financing for the developer UNITE to build six photovoltaic power plants in the form of aviaries installed on farms, primarily pheasant farms. The sites are located in Loiret, Loir-et-Cher, Vienne, and Allier. With very different sizes, the installations represent a total capacity of 79.1 MWc for a total investment of approximately €80 million. Construction of the power plants has already begun for the most advanced projects, with the first electrons expected to be injected by autumn 2025. The last plant will be completed during Q3 2026. Each power plant has been selected in a CRE Tender and will sell its electricity under the CfD scheme.

All the installations share the characteristic of being implemented on already existing farms and will not only produce electricity but also modernize farming infrastructure. The new structures (made up of metal-framed canopy shades and nets) are more robust and durable than those currently in place and will benefit poultry farming activities. Beyond modernization, the newly built installations will improve animal welfare, notably by creating shaded areas.

The project has benefited from a preferential rate thanks to the intervention of the European Investment Bank (EIB), through which CIC will be able to refinance part of the loans granted.

About UNITE

Based in Lyon and founded in 1985, UNITE is a major player in renewable energy in France with over 120MW of installed capacity and a developing portfolio representing +3GW. Historically focused on small-scale hydroelectric power, UNITE later diversified into wind and solar energy. UNITE's solar activity is experiencing strong growth. UNITE ranked 2nd in the most recent Building PV CRE Tender with nearly 39MWc awarded, thus confirming its recent successes in previous tenders.

The UNITE Group, which also includes the companies Green-access and Hydrowatt, is active across the entire renewable energy value chain, from development to operation and maintenance, and also in the valorization of renewable electrical installations (advising on the negotiation of CPPA or aggregation contracts, marketing Guarantees of Origin, etc.).

Since 2024, UNITE has been supported by the French management company Ardian through its Ardian Clean Energy Evergreen Fund.

About CIC Structured Finance

Founded in 1993, the Structured Finance department of CIC brings together the 5 activities that are asset financing, acquisition and project financing, syndication and securitization, operating from Paris, London, New York and Singapore.

With a team of 145 experts across its various offices, CIC Structured Finance provides its clients with global expertise tailored to their needs. Since 2010, the team has contributed to financing approximately 1.5 GW of installed photovoltaic capacity.

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