

## Press release

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# Sustainable Mobility: The European Union and the Banque des Territoires support the decarbonisation of Marseille Provence Airport's ground operations

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**Marseille Provence Airport is committed to decarbonising its ground operations.**

**The project will be financed with €2 million in quasi-equity from Banque des Territoires, €2.8 million from Marseille Provence Airport and a €2 million grant from the European Union, representing a total investment of €6.8 million.**

Building on its efforts to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions, Marseille Provence Airport is going further by enabling its partners to follow the same path. Specifically, stationary aircraft will no longer need to keep their auxiliary engines running for air conditioning, thanks to the installation of eight PCAs<sup>1</sup> under the jet bridges at Terminal 1. Ground support equipment will also be able to switch to electric power, with charging points installed at 31 additional stands. "These facilities will reduce diesel and kerosene consumption and therefore cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The project will also improve air quality in the vicinity of the airport," said Philippe Bernand, Chairman of the Executive Board of Marseille Provence Airport.

The Banque des Territoires is providing €2 million in quasi-equity for the project. By helping to finance this electrification initiative, it is reaffirming its commitment to help decarbonise transport and, more broadly, contribute to the country's ecological and energy transition, one of its two strategic priorities.

The project will also benefit from a €2 million grant from the European Union under its "CEF – Transport – Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility" (AFIF) programme. This initiative is a key instrument used by the European Commission to achieve the targets set by the European Green Deal for green mobility and environmental transition. To this end, the Commission relies on the Caisse des Dépôts, its partner for implementing the AFIF in France, and draws on the long-term investment expertise of the Banque des Territoires, which deploys financing through its 37 regional offices.

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### About Marseille Provence Airport (AMP)

*The Marseille Provence Airport site is home to more than 140 companies and 4,500 employees, including 366 directly employed by the airport itself. Our goal is to develop a sustainable airport model that enhances connectivity while actively contributing to the preservation, attractiveness and economic vitality of the region. In France, we are the leading regional airport for freight and the second regional airport in terms of passenger traffic. The airport welcomed 10.8 million passengers in 2023 (10.1 million in 2019).*

### About the Banque des Territoires

The Banque des Territoires is one of the business lines of Caisse des Dépôts, bringing together in-house expertise dedicated to supporting local areas. Acting as a single point of contact for its clients, it works alongside all local stakeholders: local authorities, publicly owned companies, social housing providers, legal professionals, businesses and financial institutions. It supports them in delivering projects of public interest by offering a full range of solutions, including advisory services, loans, equity investments, deposits and banking services. By working across all territories, from rural

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<sup>1</sup> Ground air conditioning units designed to supply aircraft with conditioned air while parked.

communities to metropolitan areas, the Banque des Territoires aims to maximise its impact, especially with regard to the ecological transition and social and territorial cohesion. It operates across all metropolitan and overseas territories through 37 local offices.

**Working together to develop greener and more united territories.**

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