

## Press release

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*Innovation and technology : the transition is underway*

# Romande Energie Ventures presents its gems

**Entity launched in June 2023 with the aim of being the catalyst for green innovation and climate tech in Switzerland, RE Ventures presented the start-ups in which it believes and has invested in front of an audience of young CEOs and investors at the occasion of its first RE Ventures Night at Gotham Gare Lausanne.**

The energy transition will take place and will have to count on a number of start-ups who are committed to supporting the decarbonization of our country, even beyond our borders. Romande Energie understands this and has already been investing since 2022 in these young companies that see far. Since then an entity has been dedicated to it. The team made up of analysts, venture architects and strategic specialists carry out scouting, observation and analysis of the market, anticipate and monitor the activities of these start-ups in order to find those that the Group can support with a common goal, that of decarbonizing our activities and our region.

## An exciting evening

In the form of pitches, the start-ups in which Romande Energie has invested took turns presenting their field of activity and their challenges. Thus Tayo, Proxipel, Popety and enerdrape presented themselves before giving way to other start-ups from the RE Ventures ecosystem such as RTDT, Effizency (Portuguese start-up), co-investors such as Vaudoise Assurance and Après-demain / Generation Planet, the Tech4Regeneration incubator – accelerator of the EPFL Innovation Park, partner of RE Ventures, who also managed to catch the public's attention and generated much interest and enthusiasm. Finally, fund investors in innovation and cleantech discussed their strategy, such as the BNP Paribas Solar Impulse Venture Fund, of which RE Ventures is a partner to target scale-ups in their growth phase. A colourful and extremely motivating evening when we see how seriously the climate emergency is taken. RE Ventures Nights are expected to become a yearly fixture on the Swiss innovation and climate tech agenda.

## Next steps for RE Ventures

Supported by the Romande Energie Group, RE Ventures is continuing its research and analyse, and intends to collaborate closely with the start-ups already in its portfolio and all those in its ecosystem to offer tools and solutions to clients who also wish to take an active role in the energy transition.



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## Romande Energie at a glance

The Romande Energie Group is the leading electricity provider in Western Switzerland with services spanning the energy value chain. It offers a wide range of sustainability solutions to help cut carbon emissions, including tailor-made support for the independent production of clean energy as well as products and services that save energy and encourage smarter energy use.

**Romande Energie aims to make Western Switzerland the first region in the country to be 'net zero'**. It continues to invest heavily in expanding its network of local renewable assets – solar farms, hydropower and biomass plants, its many district heating networks, and its geothermal and wind projects – with an ever-increasing share of renewable energy supplied to its customers.

Romande Energie is committed to being a trustworthy partner in creating a society that respects the environment and people, and in promoting a sustainable local economy. **Helping customers build this sustainable future** is its core purpose.

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