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## Press Release

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### ELECTRICIENS SANS FRONTIÈRES AND ITS SPONSORS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL EDITION OF THE ENERGY SOLIDARITY WEEK!

The Energy Solidarity Week was created by the French NGO Electriciens sans frontières in 2013 to raise awareness on the problems of access to electricity and water in the world. From Monday 20th September to Sunday 26th September, the NGO offers a challenge and a program of events throughout France.

#### ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY AND WATER ARE BASIC NEEDS

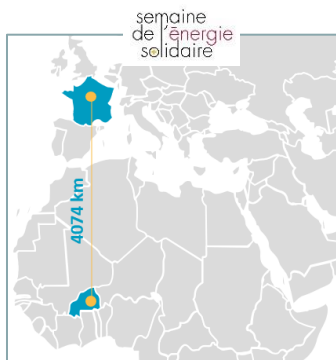
Today, nearly 1 billion people in the world still do not have access to electricity, while every day nearly 1,000 children under the age of five die from diarrhea caused by unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and lack of hygiene. **Energy and water are essential for the human and economic development of populations. How can we meet these basic needs while taking into account climate change?**

#### ONE WEEK TO SHOW THAT SOLUTIONS EXIST

Every year, the French NGO Electriciens sans frontières organizes the **Energy Solidarity Week in order to show that simple, efficient, affordable and sustainable solutions exist.** In almost all of the projects carried out by the NGO, energy production is based on local renewable resources, such as the sun or hydraulic energy, which are alternatives to fossil fuels with a very limited impact on the environment. Renewable energies allow access to efficient energy at an affordable cost while fighting against greenhouse gas emissions.

#### TAKE ACTION: A WEEK TO SUPPORT ELECTRICIENS SANS FRONTIÈRES!

**1/ RISE TO THE CHALLENGE:** Electriciens sans frontières launches the challenge of **virtually connecting Paris to Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, a distance of 4074 km!**



**The challenge** is to accumulate as many kilometers as possible and add them to the NGO's odometer in order to give visibility to the problems of access to electricity and water in the world.

**How do you do it?** You make your walk, hike, run, bike ride... Then you add your kilometers on the odometer of the Challenge (use an application of your choice to count your kilometers)

**When is the Challenge?** From Monday 20th to Sunday 26th September 2021 (challenge available until 17th October included).

**Where ?** Everywhere in France and in the world.

**Who can participate ?** This challenge is open to everyone! The more people, the more kilometers!

**How does it work?** [Discover all the information here](#)

**2/ PARTICIPATING IN ENERGY SOLIDARITY WEEK EVENTS IN FRANCE:** Our partners and our 1200 volunteers are proposing a program of events where they will be present throughout France: Salon des collectivités locales de Besançon (25), World Clean Up Day in Cugnaux (31), solidarity walk from Saint-Rémy-lès-Chevreuse (78) to the doorstep of Notre Dame (75), evening of meetings with actors of international solidarity and citizenship education in Billere (64), stand at the national days of light in Strasbourg (67), stand at the Namana festival in Cherbourg (50), CMCAS festival in Cap d'Agde (34), solidarity walk followed by a seminar in Romorantin (41), meeting with the Aisne educational technical sector in Chauny (02), event "les Cours d'eau H2O" in Clermont-Ferrand (63), etc. The complete program will be available on our website and will be regularly updated. [See more.](#)

**3/ LIKE, SHARE, COMMENT:** All the news of the Energy Solidarity Week - [#EnergieSolidaire](#) - will be released from Monday, September 20th on Instagram : [@esf\\_fr](#) - Facebook: [@electricienssansfrontieres](#) - Twitter: [@ESF\\_ONG](#)

### I participate in the Energy Solidarity Week

#### **SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR MAXIMUM COMMITMENT**

In a context where many events take place remotely, Electriciens sans frontières is more than ever supported in its approach.

**LOYAL PARTNERS:** Electriciens sans frontières has always been able to count on its partners. Their support, whether through material, human, financial or logistical resources, is a precious help for the NGO to carry out its projects. During the Energy Solidarity Week, partners co-organize actions with volunteers, communicate by all means, mobilize their network, their employees and even their customers! Their commitment allows us to offer maximum visibility to this initiative. [See the partners](#)

**SPONSORS** that are aware of the importance of access to electricity and water in the world:



**Lucile Razet** is junior vice world champion on 400 meters and member of the French handisport team.



**Alexandre and Sonia Poussin** are reporters and writers, they walked more than 25,000 km during their first trek on the African continent (Africatrek), then their second in Madagascar (Madatrek) and through many other walks.

All three of them will commit to Electriciens sans frontières by taking part in the Energy Solidarity Week challenge and raising awareness in their communities!

**All the information about the Energy Solidarity Week** [on our website](#)

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*Electriciens sans frontières, French international NGO and registered charity, has been fighting since 1986 against inequalities in access to electricity and water throughout the world. With the support of our 1200 volunteers and through partnerships with local actors and using renewable energies, we make access to electricity a lever for human and economic development. In 2019, Electriciens sans frontières received the UN award for climate innovation at the COP25 and the Zayed Sustainability Prize.*

