

NOVETHIC, FOUNDER OF THE FIRST EUROPEAN SRI CERTIFICATION, BECOMES EETC CERTIFICATION AUDITOR

Paris, 7th March 2016. Novethic has been selected as an auditor of the Energy and Ecology Transition for the Climate (EETC) certification launched in December 2015. French Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs Minister Segolène Royal today announced the name of the two auditing bodies that will attribute this public certification to financial products that focus their investments on the energy transition. Novethic is proud to have been selected among these certification bodies and is delighted to contribute as a certifier of financial products on the basis of environmental and social criteria, to this innovation.

Promoting financial products with a high environmental and social impact

Novethic, a part of Caisse des Dépôts, encourages the development of markets related to responsible investment, such as that of green investments. Since the creation of its SRI Label in 2009, Novethic's Research Centre has provided quality benchmarks to investors, and notably private investors. By performing independent audits, the Research Centre helps to distinguish, among the offer of responsible investment products, those whose management process is clear and transparent and guarantees the integration of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria in their asset management.

EETC certification is a new resource for orienting savings towards financing the energy transition, thereby seeking to foster the creation of new products of this type. This is why Novethic is proud to take up this challenge.

Novethic, a pioneer in the certification of responsible financial products

Recognised as an expert in responsible investment since 2001, Novethic has robust experience in auditing and certifying responsible investment funds. In 2009, it launched Europe's first SRI certification, awarded each year to more than 100 funds whose financial management integrates ESG issues. In 2015, Novethic partnered with FNG, the industry association for sustainable investment in Germany, to launch an SRI label based on this principle for funds in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. In 2013, Novethic launched a Green Fund label to supplement its methodology, relative to environmentally-themed funds.

Guaranteeing the quality and transparency of EETC-certified funds

Upon its official selection, Novethic is qualified to receive the first EETC certification applications from equity funds, green bonds, infrastructures and private equity with a view to carrying out audits compliant with the framework established by the French Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs.

Each criterion will be thoroughly assessed to guarantee the quality and transparency of certified funds, relative not only to their management methods but also to their contribution to the energy transition.

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Novethic, founded in 2001, is a leading research centre on responsible investment in France. As a part of Caisse des Dépôts, Novethic analyses the key trends in responsible investment worldwide, publishes statistics on SRI in France and certifies financial products on the basis of ESG criteria. [www.novethic.com / Press contact](http://www.novethic.com/Press-contact)