

## *Media Release*

### **NOVETHIC JOINS CLIMATE BONDS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

**LONDON/PARIS - 08/11/2016:** Novethic has today announced it has joined the [Climate Bonds Partnership Program](#) to develop the work of its Research Centre on Climate Finance. The Centre's dedicated surveys, certification of green funds and learning courses for investors complements the Climate Bonds Initiative mission to bring together all stakeholders, including NGO's, banks, institutional investors, to foster rapid growth in green bond markets around the globe.

#### **Novethic: an international reference on green finance**

Novethic has been assessing and advising asset owners and managers on environmental and social investments since 2001. In 2016, Novethic has published various studies which explain the strong investor movement towards green finance. In its latest report '[Green Bonds - an investors' perspective](#)', Novethic sheds light on how investors perceive the current market development of this new bond segment, surveying a representative panel of investors with a combined EUR 7.7 billion in green bonds.

Novethic introduced Europe's first 'socially responsible investing' label in 2009 and developed a certification scheme to assess green funds in 2013. This year it was appointed as auditor of the public French green label, initiated by the French Ministry of Environment and which relies significantly on Climate Bonds research.

#### **Anne-Catherine, CEO, Novethic:**

"Climate Bonds and Novethic share the same vision: We want to increase the transparency and quality of responsible investment products. As our latest research study reveals, investors' demand for high quality Green Bonds is strong, and future market growth is expected. We are happy to support this new Partnership with our own certification expertise."

#### **Climate Bonds CEO Sean Kidney:**

"Novethic's long-standing expertise in responsible investment will be invaluable as we work to build new green finance and green investment models at scale. As the recent announcement of French sovereign green bonds demonstrates, this is an important green bond market, partnering with Novethic will help us continue to explore the opportunities for investor outreach here."

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#### **Notes for Journalists:**

**About Climate Bonds Initiative:** The Climate Bonds Initiative is investor-focused, non-profit, promoting large-scale investment in the low-carbon economy.

It undertakes advocacy and outreach to inform and stimulate the market, provides policy models and government advice, market data and analysis and administers the Standards & Certification Scheme and the Green Infrastructure Investment Coalition (GIIC).

For more information, please visit [www.climatebonds.net](http://www.climatebonds.net).

**Climate Bonds Partnership Program:** Partners assist in developing initiatives to grow investment in climate solutions, participate in different market development committees and help define policy agendas for sector, country and sub-national programs.

A list of Partners is available [here](#).

**About Novethic:** Founded in 2001, Novethic is a research and media expert in sustainable finance based in Paris. The subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts group pursues three main goals:

- FOSTERING QUALITY OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT through funds certification and training courses on responsible investment
- HIGH QUALITY RESEARCH with its exclusive research on latest responsible investment trends and finance and Climate.
- RAISING AWARENESS FOR ESG thanks to its ESG annual event and newsroom ([@Novethic ESG watch](#))

For more information, please visit [www.novethic.com](http://www.novethic.com)

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