

## Private Partners

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### **Caisse des Dépôts**

Caisse des Dépôts is one of the leading banking institutions in France. Founded already in 1816, it is today the leading administrator of French savings deposits and retirement savings funds and of private funds that are protected under French law as well as a leading long-term investor. It is present throughout France with a broad network of regional offices, which work directly with local and regional governments.

As a mayor institutional investor, Caisse des Dépôts is engaged in a process of working towards enhanced sustainable development while supporting national and local governments. Thus, it has set up a sustainable development department to co-ordinate and disseminate its actions in the following three fields: social and environmental responsibility, socially responsible investing and the fight against global warming.

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## PHILIPS

### **Philips Lighting**

Royal Philips Electronics of the Netherlands (NYSE: PHG, AEX: PHI) is one of the world's biggest electronics companies and Europe's largest, with sales of EUR 30.3 billion in 2004. **It is also the world number one in Lighting.**

Philips and Energie-Cités have decided to develop cooperation in the European Campaign Display. They will draw attention to the potential **lighting** energy gains to be achieved in municipalities and provide local and regional authorities with information and available best practices. Philips will also provide financial support to the Campaign and publicise the Campaign via their publications, at events etc.

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## **Dexia Group**

Dexia Group was born in 1996 by the alliance between two prime stakeholders in the field of local public financing in Europe, i.e. Crédit Local de France and Crédit Communal de Belgique. Both institutions, as well as the Banque Internationale à Luxembourg (BIL), merged in 1999 into a single company listed on the stock exchange under the name of Dexia. This was one of the very first cross-border mergers in the banking sector in Europe.

End of 2005 Dexia adopted a new institutional motto “No achievement without lasting commitment”, which adds value to the Group’s roots, recalls its founding values – a sense of long-term activities and care for the general interest of all –, and reveal that the group is committed in a sustainable development policy ([Sustainable Development Report 2005](#)).

Being one of the 15 biggest financial corporations in the eurozone, Dexia is the world leader in public/project finance ; it is also a top retail bank in Belgium and Luxembourg, a recognized European stakeholder in investment management services e.g. in sustainable investment funds and an expert in financial markets.



## **Isover**

ISOVER, the main worldwide brand of Saint-Gobain’s Insulation Activity, creates efficient insulation solutions to provide safe comfort for users and to help protect the environment. By its worldwide experience, it is a major partner for energy efficiency in new buildings or renovation. Decreasing drastically the needs of energy is always the first step for sustainable construction.

When it is also providing a better comfort for indoor living, as well by thermal or acoustic ambiance, it becomes a must.



## AquaClic

**AquaClic** is a Swiss made water-saving product by Aqua Art Ltd. Zurich. It fits on all taps, saves 50% water, energy and costs without any loss in comfort.

**AquaClic** comes in more than 150 designs, from elegant stainless steel to colourful animal-designs or cool pop-art – and – you can have it customized with your own design or coat of arms.

With this unobtrusive but **fun «advertising» on private or public taps**, e.g. in schools, you can both: sensitize children and adults to use water and energy more carefully, enhancing their ecological awareness. And you can drastically cut down on water, energy and money, at the same time enhancing your image as a modern, responsible municipality.



## eCube: A green solution for business.

A green solution for the food and beverage industries has now arrived in the shape of the **eCube**. Invented by British engineers and patented globally, this small wax cube has been tested in-house and by independent organisations, and has been proven to reduce energy consumption by up to 33 per cent.

We estimate an **eCube** to every one of the commercial refrigeration units in the UK would save over a million tonnes in CO2 emissions.