

Nergica receives financial support from Government of Canada to drive energy transition

Renewable energy research and innovation centre Nergica receives financial contribution of \$1,478,839 from Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions

GASPÉ, March 1, 2021 – On behalf of the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, together with the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice, announced today a financial contribution to Nergica in the amount of \$1,478,839. This financial support confirms Nergica’s key role in the energy transition.

The package is broken down as follows:

- \$1,050,000 over the next three years intended to structure, sustain and develop Quebec’s solar PV industry as well as to support innovation in this sector.
- A grant of \$428,839 to allow Nergica to procure specialized equipment for microgrids, decentralized production and wind energy.

Moreover, in late April, Nergica will publish an important study entitled *Solar PV in the Quebec Energy Mix*, which will present recommendations for structuring the solar photovoltaic industry in Quebec. This represents the first in-depth study on the subject. The contribution by Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions will notably help support businesses in developing a PV market and value chain in Quebec in accordance with the study’s recommendations.

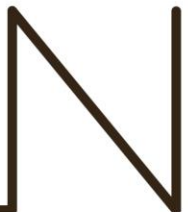
The acquisition of specialized equipment will provide a boost to Nergica’s activities in the fields of microgrids, energy storage and wind power in order to better support the industry.

Quotes

“Today’s announcement will not only allow Nergica to pursue its research and innovation activities in these fields, but will also help support Quebec-based businesses in these market segments, which will play a major role in Quebec’s energy development over the coming decade. In addition to being indispensable for the fight against climate change, the energy transition will be central to the post-COVID-19 economic recovery, both within and beyond Quebec’s borders. To make the most of this opportunity, we must combine Quebec engineering, innovation and entrepreneurship, and this is where Nergica comes in.”

Frédéric Côté, General Manager, Nergica

“CED fosters the entrepreneurial spirit, even more so when our entrepreneurs’ ingenuity and know-how lead to the development and marketing of green technologies. Innovation is at the heart of CED’s priorities, and we proudly support projects such as those by Nergica.”



By leveraging these innovative projects, we are also investing in the well-being of future generations.”

The Honourable Diane Lebovillier, Member of Parliament for Gaspésie–Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine and Minister of National Revenue

“The climate crisis remains one of the greatest challenges of our time. It is therefore essential to encourage organizations such as Nergica to help businesses develop more environmentally friendly processes and products, while also enhancing their competitive advantages and perspectives for the future. In addition to driving our industries’ competitiveness and economic growth, reducing our ecological footprint is helping to build healthier communities.”

The Honourable David Lametti, Member of Parliament for LaSalle–Émard–Verdun and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

“The Government of Canada has made concrete commitments to demonstrate that a strong economy and a healthy environment go hand in hand. Among other actions, we are making strategic investments in clean technologies. By helping SMEs in the Gaspésie region and across Quebec to become more innovative and competitive and by boosting innovation to develop greener technologies and products, we are also preparing Canadians for the jobs of today and tomorrow.”

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Member of Parliament for Ahuntsic–Cartierville, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages and Minister responsible for CED

Quick facts

- Nergica is one of the most important applied renewable energy research centres in Canada. The organization is recognized as a Canadian Technology Access Centre (TAC) as well as a College Centre for Technology Transfer (CCTT) affiliated with the Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles.
- The financial contribution was awarded to Nergica as part of the [Regional Economic Growth through Innovation](#) program, which seeks to foster economic growth of businesses and regions through innovation.

Links

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About Nergica

Nergica is a Canadian centre of applied research that stimulates innovation in the renewable energy industry through research, technical assistance, technology transfer and technical support for businesses and communities. Its mission: to create new opportunities for renewable energy.

More precisely, Nergica specializes in developing solutions for renewable energy integration, optimizing wind farm and solar array performance and supporting growing SMEs.

Formerly known as the TechnoCentre éolien, Nergica has been active for 20 years in the renewable energy sector.

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