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Meridiam becomes one of the first French companies to adopt France's new mission-driven Benefit Corporation status

Meridiam has announced that it has changed its by-laws to become a French Benefit Corporation (*société à mission/mission-driven company*). Meridiam thus becomes one of the first major French companies to make a concrete commitment to this path, joining a global movement of leaders using business as a force for good by balancing purpose and profit. This new step is a recognition of a strong and long-standing commitment to social and environmental responsibility. A further illustration of the firm's determination to achieve positive impact and social responsibility, as well as its ability to innovate.

By becoming a Benefit Corporation, Meridiam confirms its commitment to concrete sustainable development objectives and a rigorous and genuine evaluation of the impact of its investments. A specific committee including independent members and staff representatives has been set up for this purpose.

For Thierry Déau, Meridiam's founding CEO: "Becoming a Benefit Corporation was an obvious step for us. We have placed impact investment at the heart of all our actions since our inception. This change is a natural extension of our commitment to social, environmental and societal responsibility in general, but also our conviction that the company must engage productively in the critical global issues of our time, particularly climate change and ecological transformation »

The status of "*société à mission*", or mission-driven company, allows companies to include social and environmental objectives in their corporate goals. The adoption of this new status has been made possible by the promulgation of the "Pacte Act" by the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, on May 23, 2019.

Meridiam's purpose: "Together with our investors and partners, we deliver sustainable infrastructure that improves the quality of people's lives."

This purpose is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and in particular:

- Contribute to building a resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization that benefits all and foster innovation (SDG 9)
- Contribute to ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (SDG 7).
- Contribute to urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (SDG 13).



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About Meridiam

Meridiam was founded in 2005 by Thierry Déau, with the belief that the alignment of interests between the public and private sector can provide critical solutions to the collective needs of communities. Meridiam is an independent investment firm specializing in the development, financing, and management of long-term and sustainable public infrastructure projects and assets in the mobility, energy transition and social infrastructure sectors. With offices in, Addis Ababa, Amman, Dakar, Istanbul, New York, Luxembourg, Paris, Toronto and Vienna, Meridiam currently manages 7 billion Euros of assets, and more than 70 projects and assets to date. Meridiam is certified ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 26000 Advanced by VigeoEiris and operates on a proprietary methodology in relation to ESG and impact based on UNSDGs. www.meridiam.com [Twitter](https://twitter.com/Meridiam)

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