

PRESS RELEASE

CYCLEVIA LAUNCHES ITS INVITATION TO TENDER TO ACCOMPANY THE CHANGING FACE OF ITS OPERATIONS

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After two and a half years of service and with its objectives achieved, CYCLEVIA will start a more operational-focused second chapter in its life by offering a special service designed for professionals having waste oil. With this in mind, the producer responsibility organization is launching an invitation to tender on the 8 November to find future partners operating collection-transfer and regeneration-recycling services.

An essential and necessary step

In March 2022, CYCLEVIA obtained its public authority approval and officially took over the monitoring of the oils and lubricants scheme from the ADEME, the French National Agency for Ecological Transition. After a first year spent on establishing its activity and a second on the development of its activity, 2024 proved to be a crucial year for the preparation of a particularly structuring new phase for the producer responsibility organization, i.e. its move towards to a "combined" EPR scheme. Already included in its specification document, this development was not a surprise and will ensure that the organization's impact on further developing the sector's circularity will be even more efficient.

In practical terms

The producer responsibility organization who, up until now, financially contributed to operations and offered operators an "open house" approach, will see its activity change to a combined financial and operational model as from 1 January 2025. In other words, CYCLEVIA will be involved in collection-transfer and regeneration-recycling operations for some of the waste oils. Even if the producer responsibility organization's mission is not to replace operators, it will from this moment on, become a genuine player in the areas of collection and regeneration when its signs contracts with the market's stakeholders. This will allow the entire stream of waste oils entrusted to it to be tracked and control where these are sent. This condition is essential for the scheme to develop in line with the objectives set by the public authorities. For those holding waste oils, CYCLEVIA will address them directly by offering a solution specifically designed for them.

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A procurement principle established together with operators

For this development to be successful, meticulous work and in-depth analysis have been carried out, particularly regarding procurement principles. Building on solid relations, CYCLEVIA invited organizations within the sector to be part of the process to define these principles, an aspect which was crucial and essential so that the principles meet the expectations of all stakeholders. Federations from the waste oil sector were also consulted during Operational Technical Committee meetings organised in the first half of the year.

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The invitation to tender

On Friday 8 November 2024, CYCLEVIA is launching an invitation to tender to recruit its future collection-transfer and recycling-regeneration partners for the waste oils that will be entrusted to them in 2025. The invitation to tender, allocated according to a geographical breakdown within each county ("département") will only cover mainland France because the French Overseas Territories have specificities that are too pronounced to be included. This invitation to tender will also cover the logical distinction, which is unfortunately not yet widespread within the sector, between black waste oil (having undergone severe thermal stress) and clear waste oil (with very little deterioration during its use). Each require specific and appropriate treatment processes to treat them. CYCLEVIA undertakes to separate these streams thereby allowing the scheme to gain in efficiency by reducing its environmental impact.

The invitation to tender will be allocated as follows:

- Type 1 lots: Transport (collection) and bulking-transfer of black oil
- Type 2 lots: Transport and regeneration of black oil
- Type 3 lots: Transport (collection) and bulking-transfer of clear oil
- Type 4 lots: Transport and recycling of clear oil

The companies tendering can obtain their application file as from Friday 8 November 2024 on the <u>dedicated online platform</u> where they can find all documents and useful information for their tender bid. They have until Saturday 7 December 2024 included to submit their bids to Cyclevia. The contracts awarded will be communicated in February 2025.

ABOUT CYCLEVIA

Resulting from the French AGEC Law in 2020, CYCLEVIA is the producer responsibility organization for the oils and lubricants industry. It meets the extended producer responsibility (EPR) principle. A private non-profit making company and approved by the French State in March 2022, it now has 300 members who are all lubricant producers and account for 90% of the market. Through the payment of eco-fees by producers, Cyclevia supports the collection and the treatment of waste oils and more generally encourages the development of an environmentally and socially friendly sector.

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