

CYCLEVIA IS EXTENDING ITS CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WASTE OILS REGENERATION FACILITY IN FRANCE

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In February 2024, Cyclevia, the waste oils and lubricants producer responsibility organisation, launched a call for ambitious projects for the installation of a cutting-edge waste oils regeneration facility in France. Cyclevia has recently decided to extend this call for projects: potential tenderers now have until September 30th, 2025 to submit their proposals.

An ambitious but necessary project

The February 16th launch of the call for projects to install an operational regeneration facility capable of producing group 2 and / group 3 base oils in France was a key event for Cyclevia in 2024. The objective: to produce very high quality regenerated oils able to be incorporated into new lubricants used for cutting edge equipment, and namely Euro 5 and 6 engines. A project requiring major investments but which is essential for the future of the French regeneration market in its strive for excellence.

A schedule disrupted by political uncertainties

The political crisis which hit in the spring of 2024 triggered a sluggish business context and a certain reluctance among companies to invest in the short and medium term. Temporarily reshuffling the cards as regards this project, these uncertainties pushed the producer responsibility organisation to review its schedule and extend the call for projects. The new submission date is fixed at September 30th, 2025, which should permit potential candidates to project themselves more clearly.

A movement which is already underway

Whilst this type of service does not yet exist in France (with the exception of group 1 regenerated base oils), the situation is set to change. Proof that the movement towards greater circularity is already underway, Esso, Europe's base oils marketing leader, has announced the forthcoming opening of an industrial unit capable of producing the high quality regenerated base oils eagerly awaited by the market.

This facility will be built on its Gravenchon (76) site, almost certainly during the second half of 2025.

The producer responsibility organisation is welcoming this step forward and hopes that it will encourage other market players to commit to similar innovations which are extremely beneficial for both the industry and the environment.

As part of a drive for industrial sovereignty, Cyclevia is reaffirming the importance of encouraging intra-territorial circularity:

- To ensure that the waste oils collected and regenerated in France remain in France in order to supply a national market which is increasingly looking to supply itself with groups 2 and / or 3 regenerated base oils,
- To respond to a growing demand among users.

A provision of several millions of euros upwardly revised for the project

Given the extensive investments required to build this new industrial tool coveted by Cyclevia, the producer responsibility organisation, which had initially announced financial backing to the order of 7 million euros, has decided to upwardly revise this sum to 10.5 million euros. With the exact amount being fixed following the final project presentation phase at the beginning of 2026.

→ *For more information concerning the call for projects, go to cyclevia.com*

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 (ERP) 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 eco-fees paid by its members, CYCLEVIA supports the collection and treatment of waste oils in France and more generally promotes responsible development in the sector.

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