

PRESS RELEASE

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Helexia builds its first solar projects in Romania for Leroy Merlin

Helexia, a subsidiary of Voltalia (Euronext Paris, ISIN code: FR0011995588) and an international player in the energy transition, has announced the start of construction of 12 solar rooftops with a total capacity of 3.6 megawatts for Leroy Merlin.

On 24 October 2022, Helexia officially announced¹ the launch of its activities in the Romanian market. On this occasion, Daniela Vladica was appointed Country Director of Helexia Romania.

Helexia is starting the construction of 12 photovoltaic projects with a capacity of 3.6 megawatts for Leroy Merlin, a major DIY player specialising in a wide range of home improvement solutions.

Leroy Merlin Romania has chosen Helexia to develop, build, and maintain solar rooftops on its stores. This 3.6-megawatt self-consumption project will be implemented at twelve sites across the country. Annual production is expected to generate 4,218 megawatts per hour, covering 25% of their electricity consumption and saving around 2,000 tonnes of CO₂ a year.

"We are thrilled to announce our momentous expansion into the vibrant Romanian market. It's important to note that our collaboration with Leroy Merlin extends well beyond this remarkable venture. Helexia is honoured to have a rich history of successful projects with Leroy Merlin in various countries. Our enthusiasm for supporting Leroy Merlin's sustainability goals is unwavering, and this venture exemplifies our dedication to a greener, more sustainable future in Romania and beyond", says Benjamin Simonis, CEO of Helexia.

"Leroy Merlin Romania is fully committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement, which is why, starting in 2022, we aim to decrease our carbon footprint by 5% each year, so that in 2035 we will have a carbon footprint 50% lower than the baseline year. To support this target we are working actively, using all the levers at our disposal: from offering sustainable solutions for the energy renovation of Romanians' homes, decarbonizing our offer and optimizing transport solutions, to reducing energy consumption, purchasing green energy, and installing solar panels on our stores. We are grateful and confident that with the help of our partner Helexia, whom we choose to install solar rooftops on 12 of our stores, we will successfully cover 25% of our electricity consumption and save up to 2,000 tons of CO₂ per year", adds Alain Apperce, Indirect Procurement Manager at Leroy Merlin Romania.

¹ Press release published on 24 October 2022.

About Helexia (<https://www.helexia.group/>)

Helexia is a historical player in the energy transition sector. Created in 2010, Helexia is a subsidiary of Voltalia (ISIN code Euronext Paris: FR0011995588). Helexia specialises in the energy performance of buildings and the production of photovoltaic energy on site (rooftops and solar carports).

With +415 employees in 10 countries, Helexia has completed nearly 1,000 photovoltaic projects with a total capacity of 198 MW in operation. Helexia has supported its commercial, industrial, and agricultural clients in more than 180 energy efficiency projects. It provides continuous energy management for 1,000 sites.

The wide range of services offered to its clients includes the definition of an energy strategy adapted to their needs, the design and execution of constructions, and the operation, management and maintenance of equipment and facilities to achieve their decarbonisation and energy consumption reduction objectives.

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About Leroy Merlin (<https://www.adeo.com/en/>)

Leroy Merlin, Member of the French ADEO Group, is the European leader in the DIY market, with a history of over 90 years as a retailer specialising in construction, decoration and gardening.

The ADEO map includes more than 1000 stores located in 20 countries serving 500 million inhabitants and professionals. We are 150,000 colleagues, and leaders nurtured in a culture of intrapreneurship, driven by a common purpose: to serve ourselves, each other, our communities, and the world, to provide effective and responsible home improvement solutions.

In Romania, there are 21 Leroy Merlin stores with almost 3,500 employees in 15 cities: Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Craiova, Ploiesti, Brasov, Constanta, Sibiu, Suceava, Targu Mures, Bacau, Iasi, Timisoara, Oradea, Targoviste and Arad.