

## PRESS RELEASE

# Helexia announces the appointment of Bernard Guntz as CEO

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Helexia, an international player in the energy transition and a subsidiary of Voltalia (Euronext Paris, ISIN code: FR0011995588), announces the appointment of **Bernard Guntz** as **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, effective **beginning of January 2026**. This appointment is part of the transformation plan, led by Voltalia, which aims to strengthen performance, efficiency and integration within the Group.

### A new chapter for Helexia

After **15 years of committed leadership**, **Benjamin Simonis**, co-founder and CEO of Helexia, stepped down at the end of 2025. His vision and entrepreneurial spirit have been instrumental in the growth and success of the company. Helexia would like to express its sincere gratitude for his commitment and wishes him much success in his future endeavours.

### An international profile to support the transformation

With over **25 years of experience** in the energy and operations sector, Bernard Guntz has led major international projects in more than **15 countries**. He notably spearheaded expansion and integration programmes for **Auchan** in Central Europe, before overseeing the technical operations of Auchan Retail International worldwide and in France, managing **600 employees in France** and major investments. His technical expertise and leadership in driving transformation make him the ideal candidate to guide Helexia through its next phase of growth.

### Accelerating performance and synergies

This governance change marks a key milestone for Helexia, which will continue to pursue its ambition to **industrialise its processes, harmonise its practices** and **strengthen synergies with Voltalia** to accelerate performance and support sustainable growth.

**“I am deeply grateful to all the Helexia teams. Together, we have built a bold and committed international company dedicated to the energy transition. I am confident that the new governance structure will enable the company to continue and amplify this momentum”.**

— Benjamin Simonis, Co-founder of Helexia Group.

**“I am honoured to join Helexia at such a key moment. With the support of the Voltalia Group, we will improve performance by optimising our costs, simplifying and standardising our operating methods.”**

— Bernard Guntz, CEO of Helexia Group.

## About Helexia (helexia.group)



Helexia is a key player in the energy transition sector.

Founded in 2010, Helexia, a subsidiary of Voltalia (ISIN code Euronext Paris: FR0011995588), specialises in building energy performance and on-site photovoltaic energy production (rooftop and solar carports).

With nearly 500 employees operating internationally across 9 countries, Helexia has completed 1800 photovoltaic projects worldwide. Helexia supports its commercial and industrial clients in their energy efficiency projects and manages their sites.

Thanks to a broad range of services, Helexia ensures the definition of strategy as well as the execution of works, operation, monitoring, and maintenance of equipment.

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