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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Eurovia announces two new positive-energy road projects in France using Power Road®

While resurfacing the cinema car park in Feurs (Forez Est, central France) and modernising the heat and energy systems in 76 social housing units in Fleury sur Orne (Normandy), Eurovia is continuing to roll out its positive-energy road technology, <a href="Power Road">Power Road</a>. In the first project, the energy produced by the system will be used to pre-heat swimming pool water; in the second, it will heat refurbished housing units.

# 16 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> avoided annually to heat swimming pool water for an area with a population of 70,000

Forez Aquatic, the swimming pool managed by the Forez Est local authority, needs a new source of renewable energy for the water-heating system. The Feurs facility operates in summer with a 50-metre outside pool (holding 2,345  $\text{m}^3$  of water) and an outside teaching pool (holding 112  $\text{m}^3$ ) at 28 °C. The integration of Power Road® on 750  $\text{m}^2$  of the adjacent cinema car park will help pre-heat the fresh water being fed into the pools, avoiding 16 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually from the main gas heating system.

## 75% of heating and hot water needs of 61 social housing units

As part of a programme to refurbish a social housing apartment block (1-room to 4-room apartments) Inolya, the largest social housing operator in Calvados, Normandy, selected Power Road® to equip 1,420  $m^2$  of roads in order to cover 75% of the heating and hot water needs of 61 apartments. This innovation will reduce  $CO_2$  emissions by 75%.

Power Road® captures heat from the sun's rays hitting the road surface using a solar thermal collector built into the road, combined with heat pump. It can then store this energy or feed it immediately into adjacent infrastructure. Whether heating nearby buildings, removing snow and ice from roads in winter or helping to reduce the urban heat island effect, this multifunctional renewable energy process, which is 100% recyclable, is particularly useful for the local environment.

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