

Press release

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<u>Design and build projects:</u> NGE opens its own engineering department

NGE announces the creation of its project engineering department. Thanks to this new expertise, France's 4th-largest construction and civil engineering Group is moving up the value chain by positioning itself right from the design stage. This approach enables NGE to have a global vision of its projects, and to make strategic choices on the construction of infrastructure by arbitrating various issues (construction methods, operating procedures, choice of materials, etc.) with a particular focus on the environment. This new entity will enable the Group to strengthen its position in the design-build market, which is booming in France and abroad, particularly in terms of projects financed.

Organised into three engineering divisions with its own human resources - project management, geometric design, and structures - the subsidiary will cover 50% of the Group's engineering scope from this year, capitalising on the expertise of NGE's cutting-edge businesses, already organised into a single Scientific and Technical Division.

This initiative will make it possible to produce more effective and economical offerings for clients. NGE will also proactively integrate local, social, and environmental parameters from the earliest design stages to guarantee sustainable and environmentally friendly projects.

An organisation based on continental hubs, with job opportunities

To be able to respond to projects in the 17 countries where NGE operates and to work shifts, NGE's engineering department is using a strategy of continental "hubs": in France, with the first offices already established in France. The second hub, opened in early 2023 in Bogota, Colombia, and will support activities in the LATAM region. Subsequent hubs will be based in Africa and Canada.

Around twenty positions will be available in 2023, rising to around fifty in 2024.

"The market is moving towards design and build tenders, as is the case for the Grand Paris Express in France, but also for financed projects and many major international projects," **explains Orso Vesperini, NGE Senior Vice President.** "It is therefore crucial for us to secure, at a very early stage, design choices that are adapted to our construction methods, in favour of the ecological transition, in order to build infrastructures that fit perfectly into their environment. Our engineering department's ambition is not to work alone, but in synergy with the engineering companies with which we have been collaborating for decades".

About NGE www.nge.fr/en/

NGE is an independent construction and civil engineering company, with revenues of 3.1 billion euros: one of the top 4 players in France. Around the world, **NGE** teams finance, design, build and renew infrastructures and buildings in 18 countries. The Group's 16,500 employees are involved in the construction of major sustainable mobility infrastructures, with a proven track record worldwide. Its flagship projects, ongoing or completed, include sections of lines 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the Grand Paris Express, the PPP railway project for the construction of Ferrocarril Central (270km) in Uruguay, the LRT 10th of Ramadan in Egypt, the Crossrail project in London, United Kingdom, the 740km North-South rail line in Saudi Arabia and the underground cross-border section of the Lyon-Turin (TELT) high-speed line.

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