

Public Works Trophies 2024: NGE wins the award in the 'Water and Biodiversity' category and the special mention of the competition

Paris, April 25, 2024 – **The NGE Group has been honored at the 2024 Public Works Trophies, held today at the INTERMAT exhibition in Paris. In the 'Water and Biodiversity' category, NGE was recognized for its 100% recycled and recyclable tree protections. The BioCiTer project received the special mention for its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions on construction sites. These awards highlight NGE's commitment to ecological transition, representing more than half of the innovation projects undertaken by the Group.**

The award ceremony for the 2024 Public Works Trophies, organized by the FNTF (French National Federation of Public Works), in partnership with the media *Le Moniteur*, took place at INTERMAT, the exhibition for sustainable construction solutions and technologies held today at Paris-Nord Villepinte in France. This ceremony honored Public Works companies that have developed innovations and addressed ecological challenges, thus improving the environmental performance of Public Works professions and projects. NGE stood out as the winner in two categories at this ceremony.

Water and Biodiversity Category: NGE's 100% recycled and recyclable tree protections.

The innovative NGE 100% recycled and recyclable tree protections project, represented by its co-inventor Martin LEJAY, environmental project manager at NGE, received the award in the *Water and Biodiversity* category. Widely adopted on urban development sites, with nearly 700 protections already deployed, such as those at the *Place des Quinconces in Bordeaux* carried out by NGE, NGE's tree protections replace the PVC sheaths commonly used. This adjustable, quick-to-install, and reusable solution protects trees from impacts or projections and prevents their decay thanks to perforations allowing for ventilation.

Special prize: Biomimicry for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The BioCiTer project, led by Nicolas BISCAY, R&D engineer at NGE, received the special mention of the trophies. Through a biomimicry approach, NGE drew inspiration from the saliva produced by termites, which allows for the construction of structures using reinforced soil with plant fibers, biopolymers, and microorganisms to offer an alternative to treatment with quicklime. This more environmentally friendly solution reduces CO2 emissions by 70%.



Infrastructure projects are essential in the era of ecological transition; it is crucial to adapt, transform, and build new ones for a more resilient world. NGE, in a comprehensive environmental approach, is committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 4% annually and dedicating at least half of its innovation investments to the environment.

About NGE - www.nge.fr/en/

As the 4th largest construction group in France, NGE – New Generations of Entrepreneurs – specializes in the construction of major infrastructure as well as urban and local projects. With expertise in financing, design, construction, and maintenance, the Group has become a key player in delivering infrastructures that address the economic and ecological challenges of the territories. Its entrepreneurial momentum is supported by a strong employee ownership structure (founders, management, and employees hold 72% of the Group's capital), reinforced by Montefiore Investment, a leading French investment firm (28% of the capital).

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