

## **Press release**

10th of April 2025, à Saint-Etienne-du-Grès.

### **NGE Group's subsidiary Sade secures a major drinking water infrastructure contract in Moldova**

**NGE Group, top 4 construction Group in France, through its water cycle subsidiary Sade, has been awarded a major drinking water infrastructure project in Moldova. This project will improve access to drinking water in the cities of Chişinău, Străseni, and Călăraşi, reinforcing Sade's position as a key partner in the region's water infrastructure development. This marks the 7th water-related project entrusted to Sade by Moldovan public authorities, further strengthening its role in fostering France-Moldova economic cooperation.**

#### **Tackling Moldova water supply challenges.**

Moldova's water and sanitation infrastructure, much of which dates back to the Soviet era, is undergoing essential modernization. This new contract will ensure access to safe drinking water for more than 30,000 people, especially in rural areas.

The 21-month contract was awarded to Sade by the Central Regional Development Agency, includes the design and construction of a 54-kilometer ductile iron pipeline. This pipeline will connect Chişinău to Străseni and Călăraşi, supplying water from the Dniester River to these municipalities. Additionally, the project includes the installation of a new pumping station in Călăraşi, equipped with an advanced remote management and control system (SCADA) to optimize network operations. This new station will complement existing facilities, increasing capacity and enhancing overall network management.

**Valued at €22 million**, the project is financed by the German development bank KfW and the Fondul Naţional pentru Dezvoltare Regională şi Locală (National Fund for Regional and Local Development).

**Frédéric Bernadet, managing director of Sade:** *"As NGE Group's water cycle expert, Sade is proud to contribute to the development of essential water infrastructure in Moldova. By leveraging our expertise, we are securing a reliable drinking water supply for tens of thousands of people. This project highlights our commitment to delivering high-quality, sustainable solutions that improve daily life and support economic growth."*

#### **A strong and lasting partnership in Moldova**

Sade, which became part of the NGE Group in 2024, specializes in the design, construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of water networks.

With over a decade of presence in Moldova, Sade has built a strong reputation and gained the trust of local authorities, delivering for them significant infrastructure projects over the years. These include the development of irrigation systems for the Millennium Challenge Account to irrigate 4500 ha, the installation of 62 km of drinking water networks in Chişinău (funded by the EBRD and EIB), and the construction of a wastewater treatment plant and 21 km of sewage networks in Cantemir (funded by ADA).

This new project underscores the strengthening economic ties between France and Moldova, highlighting the increasing presence of French companies in Moldova's strategic sectors.

### Scope of work:

- **Project duration:** 21 months, involving 120 employees.
- **Project funders:** KfW (German development bank) and the Fondul Național pentru Dezvoltare Regională și Locală.
- **Main pipeline:** 54 km of ductile iron pipeline, diameter ranging from 400 to 600 mm, connecting Chișinău to Strășeni and Călărași.
- **Pumping station:** A new station with a capacity of 35 to 40 l/s, including an 800 m<sup>3</sup> concrete reservoir, to ensure continuous water supply.
- **SCADA system:** Installation of a remote management system to monitor infrastructure and optimize water distribution.
- **Infrastructure rehabilitation:** Modernization works in Strășeni and Călărași, including the replacement of pumps and pipes, and installation of new equipment to ensure efficient distribution.

#### About Sade – [www.sade.fr](http://www.sade.fr)

Sade, a subsidiary of the NGE group, is a company that is more than a century old and specializes in the design, construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of networks (water and energy) and infrastructure (civil engineering and underground works) in France and internationally. As an entrepreneur in ecological transformation, it supports its public and private clients with efficient and innovative technical solutions for virtuous networks and low-carbon infrastructure.

#### About NGE – [www.nge.fr/en/](http://www.nge.fr/en/)

NGE – New Generations of Entrepreneurs – the fourth largest construction group in France, builds major infrastructures and urban or local projects. With its expertise in financing, design, construction, and maintenance, the Group is a key player in delivering infrastructures that address the economic and ecological challenges of the territories. Its entrepreneurial drive is supported by a strong employee ownership structure (the founders, management, and employees hold 72% of the Group's capital) reinforced by Montefiore Investment, a leading French investment firm (28% of the capital). With a turnover of 4.5 billion euros, NGE operates in 20 countries, supporting private and public clients in financing, designing, and building their transition projects in water, mobility, urban renovation, energy, and telecommunications. NGE's 23,000 employees are proud to contribute to building infrastructures that change the world.

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