



Belgian Alliance for Climate Action

CFE Contracting steps up sustainability ambitions by joining Belgian Alliance for Climate Action

CFE Contracting – the CFE group subsidiary that specialises in construction, multitechnics and rail & utilities – is one of 53 Belgian organisations that are part of a unique climate alliance launched today. The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action encourages organisations in the country to set ambitious climate goals and achieve them. In making this commitment, CFE Contracting is seeking to step up its sustainability ambitions.

The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action is an initiative of The Shift and WWF Belgium. It responds to the World Economic Forum's call to put climate targets at the heart of the post-coronavirus recovery strategy. Members of the alliance, including CFE Contracting, undertake to align their operations with the objectives of the Paris Climate Agreement.

*"This commitment demonstrates that our motto 'Together shaping tomorrow's world' is no empty promise," says **Raymund Trost, CEO of CFE Contracting**. "Our group wants to drive change and make the inexorable trend towards sustainable building a reality. The construction and real estate sectors account for almost 40% of global emissions and waste. We are constantly looking for ways to reduce our environmental impact, particularly in terms of a circular economy and the logistic flows to construction sites."*

Pioneers in sustainable materials

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment report clearly identifies the construction and real estate sectors as most likely to significantly contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions over the next few years. CFE Contracting intends to assume its responsibilities by adopting a long-term strategy. Raymund Trost mentions some specific achievements in construction: *"We are already seeing good results in terms of the circular economy and the reduction in packaging and building site waste. Examples include the successful pilot projects led by BPC at Jardins de la Chasse (Jachthof) in Etterbeek and Tivoli Green City in Brussels, and by CLE at Aurea Tower in Luxembourg. Van Laere has experimented with rational water management at the Tour & Taxis site in Brussels and MBG has done something similar at the Bruges exhibition complex. MBG also recently completed 'Gare Maritime', one of the largest timber construction projects in Europe. Early this year VMA launched its VEMAS project (VMA Energy Solutions), which offers a fully integrated solution for energy performance in buildings. Together with its LUWA partners, Mobix is installing LED lighting throughout the Walloon motorway network. From now on, we want to make a sustainability objective an integral part of each of our projects."*

CFE Contracting also wants to become a pioneer in the use of sustainable building materials. *“The 19th century was the age of steel, superseded by concrete in the 20th century. The 21st century will undoubtedly be the era of smart solutions, such as lighter timber or hybrid structures and reusable materials. Wood will reduce our environmental footprint and offer real opportunities for reuse. On that note, together with BPI, the CFE group’s property development company, we recently created Wood Shapers, a new company specialising in large-scale timber and hybrid construction projects.”*

Extra boost for climate ambitions

The new climate alliance is seeking to become a platform for Belgian organisations that want to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and use **Science-Based Targets** to achieve their environmental objectives. *“One of our priority goals for 2020 is to set more precise environmental KPIs in order to find ways to further reduce our carbon impact. Committing to the Science-Based Targets of the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action gives that an extra boost.”*

CFE Contracting is delighted that the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action is being launched today. *“Together with the other fifty Belgian organisations, we will take up the challenge and hope to make a difference. This commitment makes us even more aware of the role we can play in developing a sustainable society.”*

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- Belgian Alliance for Climate Action (BACA) is an initiative of The Shift and WWF and was launched on Monday, 12 October - <https://www.belgianallianceforclimateaction.org/>
- 53 organisations, including CFE Contracting, undertake to align their operations with the objectives of the Paris Climate Agreement;
- In this way, CFE Contracting will strengthen its long-term strategy on sustainability. The company remains committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and encourages the use of sustainable materials.

About CFE Contracting

CFE Contracting is one of the three divisions of the Belgian industrial group CFE, which encompasses the group’s construction, multitechnics and rail activities in Belgium, Luxembourg and Poland. This business division specializes in the construction and/or renovation of public, residential and industrial buildings, electrotechnical installations, production and industrial process automation, HVAC and electrification works for high-voltage networks and railways.

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