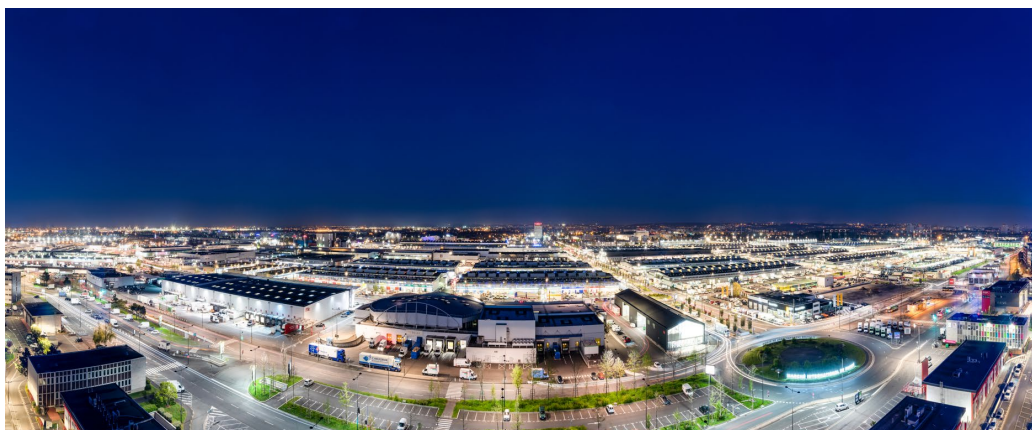




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The Rungis International Market has awarded SUEZ a €31 million contract to expand its food and non-food waste sorting and recovery capability

Semmaris, the Rungis International Market's management company, has awarded SUEZ, a leader in environmental services, a contract to collect and sort waste at the world's largest fresh produce market. Since January 2024, SUEZ has been implementing solutions to raise awareness and improve waste sorting and recovery. By leveraging SUEZ's expertise, the aim is to double the proportion of waste sorted by 2025 for the Rungis International Market, which is fully aligned with its CSR strategy to reduce the size of its environmental footprint. This €31 million contract runs for seven years.



Principal target: to double the proportion of waste sorted by 2025

Since the beginning of 2024, SUEZ has worked alongside Semmaris on preventing, sorting and recovering waste at the Rungis International Market, with a focus on collecting and sorting all biowaste, which is now mandatory under the AGECL law.

To reach the target of doubling the proportion of waste sorted by 2025, several actions are underway:

- **Sorting at source:** clearly visible and easily understandable signs have been displayed to facilitate sorting and to enhance the quality of waste collected with a view to its recovery;
- **Advice and support:** certified training sessions, awareness-raising workshops and thematic events are organised by recycling specialists for Rungis International Market's staff;
- **Sorting ambassadors:** local representatives implement educational initiatives to increase buy-in from wholesaler customers;
- **Operational optimisation tailored to Semmaris' various sites and facilities:** new working methods have been introduced to optimise performance of the market's sorting and landfill unit.

SUEZ, *société anonyme* (public limited company) with capital of €63,757,000. Registered office: 16 place de l'Iris (Tour CB21), 92040 Courbevoie, France, registered with the Nanterre trade and companies registry under number 901 644 989 - VAT number: FR60901644989

SUEZ has also undertaken to put in place a zero-waste policy by setting up a platform for donations of unsold produce, a system for handling produce that is too severely damaged, and also biowaste composting and methanation.

Fully electric collection vehicles cutting carbon emissions

SUEZ's fleet of fully electric vehicles will handle waste collection and on-site logistics. Drivers will also be trained in eco-driving techniques. These initiatives will reduce annual carbon emissions sixfold from 159 tons of CO₂, or the equivalent of 3,182 return flights between Paris and London.

An ambitious access-to-employment programme to help people get back to work

Lastly, REBOND Insertion, a SUEZ subsidiary, is also involved in delivering this contract. It will strengthen the operational teams by offering various assignments to long-term job seekers.

Stéphane Layani, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Rungis Market, said: *"This contract with SUEZ opens up new possibilities for the management of the Rungis Market's waste. As the number one French public service operator in the food sector, the Market needs to take a lead in how it processes and recovers food and non-food waste. SUEZ is a leader in this area, and I firmly believe that by joining forces, we will achieve our objectives and fulfil our CSR commitments."*

Sabrina Soussan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ added: *"SUEZ is proud to be working with the Rungis International Market, the world's largest fresh produce market, to help it meet its ambitious commitments to manage waste and reduce the size of its environmental footprint. This contract is one of the largest SUEZ has ever entered into with a company in France. Its award reflects the strength of our customer-focused innovative solutions, which help our clients to make progress with their environmental transition by coordinating actions with their own service users."*

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About SUEZ:

Faced with growing environmental challenges, SUEZ has been delivering essential services that protect and improve our quality of life for more than 160 years. SUEZ provides its customers with innovative and resilient solutions for water and waste services. With 40 000 employees across 40 countries, the Group works with customers to create value over the full lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive their low carbon transition. In 2022, SUEZ provided drinking water for 68 million people worldwide and sanitation services for more than 37 million people. The Group generated 7.9 TWh of energy from

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waste and wastewater. In 2022, SUEZ has generated revenues of 8.8 billion euros*. For more information: www.suez.com/ Twitter @suez

*restated on a 12-month basis.

About the Rungis International Market

The Rungis International Market occupies a surface area of 234 hectares at the gates of Paris and forms an ecosystem all of its own. It helps feed France's population, handles urban logistics for fresh produce, promotes the development of France's regions and gastronomic heritage and provides support for specialised retailers and city-centre activities. It hosts 1,209 companies, with over 13,000 employees and 3 million tons of produce sold every year, generating €10 billion in total revenue. The main activities of Semmaris, the management company of the Rungis International Market founded in 1965, are the development, operation, marketing and promotion of the infrastructure of the Rungis International Market.

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