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THE CITY OF SAINT-ETIENNE, SAINT-ETIENNE MÉTROPOLE AND SUEZ LAUNCH THE “DIGITAL SAINT-ETIENNE” PROJECT

► SAINT-ETIENNE WILL BE ONE OF FRANCE FIRST CITIES TO HAVE A PUBLIC DATA PLATFORM ADAPTED TO ITS INHABITANTS’ USES

The city of Saint-Etienne, Saint-Etienne Métropole and SUEZ are launching the “Digital Saint-Etienne” project to build a public data platform today. The goal of the platform is to make daily life easier for the inhabitants and, consequently, to improve quality of life in the city. The design and the development of the platform and its digital ecosystem will be finalized by the end of 2018, beta versions will be supplied to application developers in the coming months.

The project is being supported and partly funded by the French State through the “Investissements d’Avenir” program, as part of the “Sustainable and responsible cities” initiative managed by the General Commissariat for Investment (CGI) and the National Urban Renovation Agency (ANRU). The Tarentaise-Beaubrun district was jointly chosen for the first experiments and the initial phases of the platform deployment. In view of its innovative character, the project has also been labelled as an Industrial Sustainable City Demonstrator (D-IVD) by the Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Sea and the Ministry of Housing and Sustainable Homes.

Through this project open to the community, the development and use of numerous applications will be made possible and will allow new uses of urban services. The inhabitants of Saint-Etienne will be able to optimise their energy bills and their movements around the city, thanks to real-time information on the traffic and the number of available parking spaces. The platform will also open the way to the development of a circular and collaborative economy in the neighbourhoods, then the entire city, by recovering and repairing everyday objects. Finally, the platform will contribute to a better use of public spaces for greater tranquillity, for example by adapting urban lighting to users’ habits.

The project is a demonstration of the know-how of French Tech resulting from a joint initiative involving officials, inhabitants, technical departments, public and private companies and NGOs, in which citizens and their uses took centre stage. Thanks to the commitment of the stakeholders, the first functionalities designed around the platform will be on show in the “Maison des Projets” in the Tarentaise-Beaubrun district in the coming days. The platform will be definitively operational by the end of 2018, opening the way for innovative and sustainable solutions that can be extended to other districts and will shape the future of the city of Saint-Etienne.

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