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## **Press release**

### **Eiffage, in consortium with APRR, has been named single preferred bidder for the concession on the Route Centre-Europe Atlantique (RCEA) in Allier, central France.**

The French Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition announced today that it had chosen a consortium comprising Eiffage (lead) and APRR as “single preferred bidder” for the project.

The RCEA project involves widening and upgrading to motorway standards a section of the RN 79 national road between Sazeret (Allier) and Digoïn (Saône-et-Loire). This operation is part of a plan to enhance safety on the Route Centre-Europe Atlantique.

The concession will operate with no balancing subsidies from the French State. The selected bid includes provisions specifically aimed at the use of cleaner vehicles and installing electric vehicle charging systems, in preparation for new requirements expected in the framework law on mobilities.

As it is intent on optimising project timeframes, Eiffage already has teams working on the consultation process and several of the administrative procedures required to move forward on the project, under the company’s responsibility and in accordance with applicable regulation, to make the most of the time during which Arafer (the French rail and road regulator) and Council of State review the draft agreement.

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