

Eric Scotto

CEO at AKUO Energy

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Éric Scotto is a dedicated entrepreneur and skilled investor concerned with climate change. After 10 years in IT, 2 years in finance, and a first success in entrepreneurship, he gives his career a boost with the creation of Perfect Wind and has a first 54 MW wind farm built in 2004. Perfect Wind becomes a leader in producing electricity from renewable energy and is purchased in 2006 by Iberdrola, the then world number one in wind energy production.

In 2007 he cofounds **Akuo Energy**, today's French leading independent renewable energy producer with 1144 MW of capacity in operation, under construction or with financing underway at the end of 2017 and 340 employees.

Akuo Energy develops innovative power stations in the whole world with the ambition of proposing energy mixes adapted to each geographical zone (wind farms, solar or hydraulic power plants, biomass units) and their combination with storage solutions and additional benefits for the inhabitants and the development of the territories.

Eric Scotto is at the initiative of the Agrinerie® concept which associates solar power generation with environmentally friendly farming, it is developed by Akuo Energy on several power plants. Aquanergie is the application of Agrinerie® principles to fish farming.

In 2017, Akuo Energy initiated its own crowdlending platform, **Akuocoop**. This tool aims at strengthening cooperation among local actors and Akuo Energy. That same year, Akuo Energy's first project based on **floating solar** technology was launched. This project invests land degraded by years of exploitation by a career of extraction of materials.

Eric Scotto took part in the creation of **Akuo Foundation** in 2007. The Foundation shares the values of Akuo Energy group based on integrity, education, innovation, togetherness and making a difference in contributing to a better world. It aims at providing environmental and social answers to underprivileged communities.