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Water resource intelligence and management: vorteX-io strengthens its governance to support its growth and international expansion

Just a few months after raising €8.5 million, vorteX-io, a French climate-tech company specialising in hydrological intelligence, announces the appointment of Frederick Jeske-Schönhoven as Independent Member of its Strategic Committee and Sophie Cohendet as Chief Operating Officer and member of its Executive Committee.

Following funding, the next step is scaling up. With these two appointments, vorteX-io is strengthening its ability to structure its growth and accelerate its expansion among public-sector water stakeholders, both in France and internationally.

"*Our fundraising has enabled us to set ourselves ambitious objectives,*" explains Guillaume Valladeau, President of vorteX-io. "*Drawing on their experience, Frederick and Sophie will help us achieve these objectives. Frederick has extensive experience in scaling operations and international development. Sophie ensures that our strategy is translated into operational objectives and that their implementation runs smoothly, so that our service continues to meet the highest standards as we grow.*"

Frederick Jeske-Schönhoven, an expert in water resource management and digitalisation



On 29 September, Frederick Jeske-Schönhoven joined vorteX-io as an Independent Member of its Strategic Committee. A graduate of France's École Nationale d'Administration (ENA), HEC Paris and Sciences Po, Frederick began his career at the French Ministry of Economy and Finance, before working at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. He then joined Siemens, where he notably led strategy, business development and communications for Siemens Mobility. He subsequently spearheaded the transformation of dormakaba, one of the world's leading providers of access solutions, before joining SUEZ as a member of its Executive Committee, overseeing Strategy, Communications and Sustainable Development. There, he was tasked with turning around the group, which operates across the entire water value chain, and accelerating its digital transformation.

Throughout his career, he has supported numerous strategic transformations and growth operations, both in France and internationally.

For Frederick Jeske-Schönhoven, this appointment is a natural continuation of his career: "*After several years dedicated to the challenges facing the water industry, I am particularly pleased to join vorteX-io's Strategic Committee. I find here two issues that matter greatly to me: the sustainable management of water resources and the opportunities offered by digitalisation. I look forward to contributing, as an independent member alongside the shareholders, to the company's growth and international development.*"

Sophie Cohendet, a business transformation expert committed to the ecological transition



A member of Les Shifters (an organisation committed to decarbonising the economy, bringing together volunteers in France and across Europe to support the work of the Shift Project), Sophie Cohendet joined vorteX-io on 7 September. She is responsible for operational performance, covering everything from production and station deployment to service quality. Since 2022, Sophie Cohendet had been a member of the Executive Committee at Chance, a leading provider of career guidance and development for adults, where she was responsible for the Corporate division. In this role, she developed B2B operations with clients including Michelin, Kingfisher and Danone. Previously, she served as Regional Director for Nouvelle-Aquitaine at Simplon, where she oversaw a network of schools that trained and supported nearly 1,000 jobseekers into employment in less than three years.

A graduate of INSA, where she specialised in Industrial Systems Engineering, and ESSEC Business School, Sophie Cohendet also co-founded and led Learn Assembly, a 20-employee EdTech company acquired by Kea Partners in 2024.

Working alongside the founders and the Executive Committee, she now supports vorteX-io's growth and helps shape its impact strategy: "*After several years dedicated to skills development and organisational transformation, I wanted to put my experience to work on a project that contributes to the ecological transition. At vorteX-io, I have found that same determination to take action on tangible challenges relating to water resource management and local communities. I am delighted to be joining the team to support the company's growth and scaling-up.*"

Jean-Christophe Poisson, Managing Director of vorteX-io, welcomes Frederick and Sophie's appointments: "*Our ambition is to make hydrological intelligence a key pillar of public-sector decision-making, helping territories become more resilient. Strengthening our governance with the arrival of two senior executives whose complementary expertise will enhance our ability to deliver on this ambition.*"

About vorteX-io :

Founded in Toulouse in 2019, vorteX-io supports government bodies and international organisations in building knowledge of and ensuring the sovereign management of their water resources. The company provides a comprehensive river monitoring service combining autonomous measurement stations, a remote control centre and an analysis platform, turning hydrological data into actionable intelligence and decision-support tools.
Against a backdrop of climate disruption and growing pressure on water resources, vorteX-io enables decision-makers to anticipate risks, manage water resources sustainably and strengthen the resilience of their territories.
From 2023 to 2025, vorteX-io received support from the European Innovation Council for the development of Europe's first river forecasting service. With more than 4 million real-time data points collected in 2025, nearly 1,000 stations deployed across four continents (Europe, South America, Africa and Oceania), and a team of around 30 employees, vorteX-io is establishing itself as a technology and operational partner for more resilient and sustainable water resource management.
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