

AGC Glass Europe and Saint-Gobain Launch Large-Scale Hybrid Furnace Project to Help Decarbonize Flat Glass Production

Tokyo, August 31, 2026—AGC Inc. (AGC; Head Office: Tokyo; President and CEO: Yoshinori Hirai) today announced that AGC Glass Europe S.A., its wholly owned subsidiary based in Belgium, is collaborating with Saint-Gobain S.A. on a large-scale hybrid furnace project aiming at significantly reducing CO₂ emissions from flat glass manufacturing.

The project builds on the results of the VOLTA electrification demonstration project, which the two companies have jointly pursued since 2023, and further advances their efforts to decarbonize flat glass manufacturing. The hybrid furnace will be installed at Saint-Gobain's flat glass manufacturing plant in Avilés, Spain.

Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2027, with production expected to start in the second half of 2027.

Saint-Gobain's flat glass plant in Avilés, Spain, where the hybrid furnace is scheduled to be installed



The project is co-funded by the European Union Emissions Trading System (ETS) Innovation Fund. For further details, please refer to [the news](#) issued by AGC Glass Europe.

Under its medium-term management plan, **AGC plus-2026**, the AGC Group has identified the deepening of sustainability management as one of its key strategies. Through this collaboration, AGC aims to advance the decarbonization of glass manufacturing processes and reduce environmental impact. The Group will continue to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society through its distinctive materials and solutions.

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[AGC and Saint-Gobain Partner for the Decarbonization of Flat Glass Manufacturing](#)

[AGC Glass Europe Announces Inauguration of New Flat Glass Production Line with Reduced Carbon Footprint](#)

VOLTA Project Website: [Design of a hybrid mid-sized pilot furnace for flat glass \(Volta project\)](#)

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