

This is not an ADB material. The views expressed in this document are the views of the author/s and/or their organizations and do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Asian Development Bank, or its Board of Governors, or the governments they represent. ADB does not guarantee the accuracy and/or completeness of the material's contents, and accepts no responsibility for any direct or indirect consequence of their use or reliance, whether wholly or partially. Please feel free to contact the authors directly should you have queries.

**nexqt.**

# Transition intelligence for all cities

Driving built environment transition  
with local AI-powered insights

**Fouzi Benkhelifa, CEO**

[fouzi@nexqt.com](mailto:fouzi@nexqt.com)

+33 6 99 81 21 18

[www.nexqt.com](http://www.nexqt.com)

124 Rue de Réaumur  
75002 Paris

An aerial view of a city with a river winding through it. In the foreground, the back of a person's head with long, wavy, light brown hair is visible, looking out over the city. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

More than

**13,000**

Mayors are committed to put their cities  
on the path to **decarbonization**

# Transition equation for a 1M inhabitant city



+



+

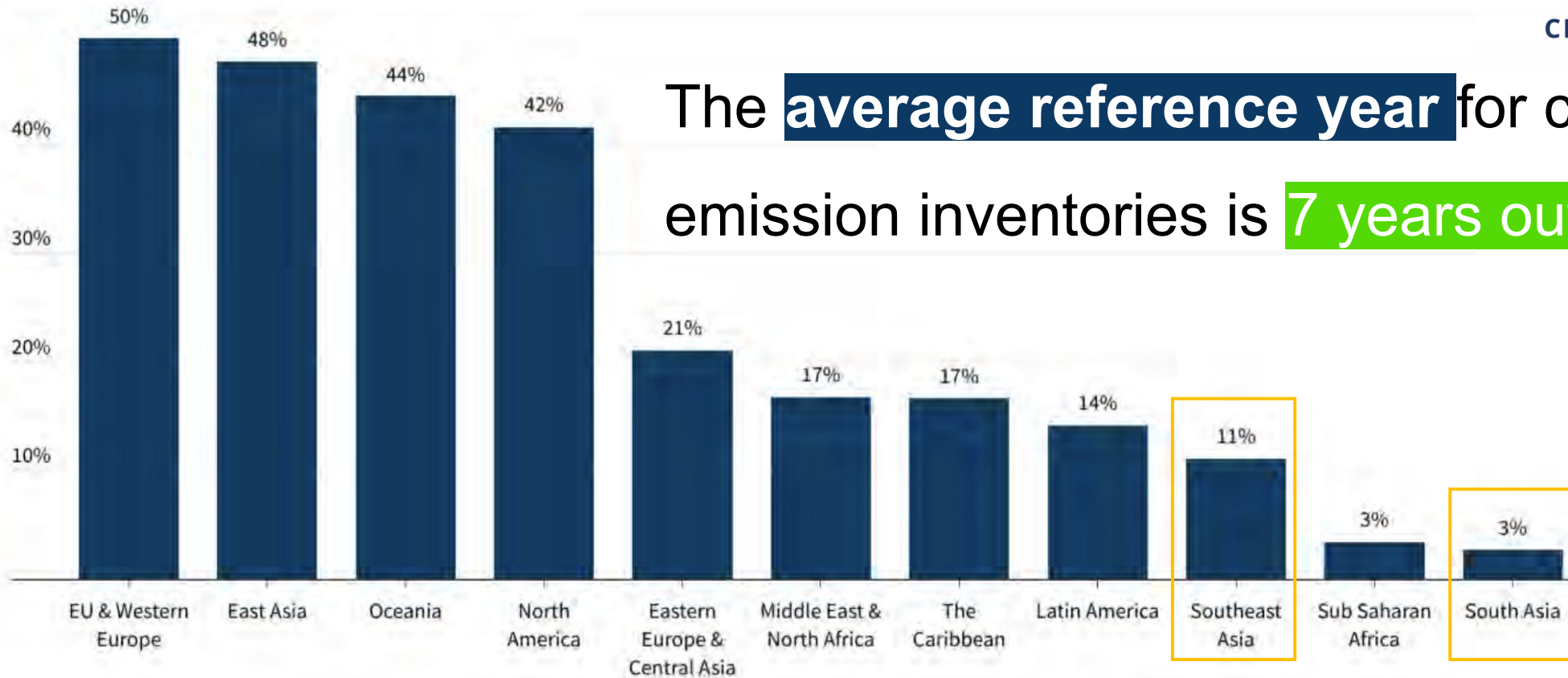


What are the current trends?  
Where to target, trigger and track this in my city?

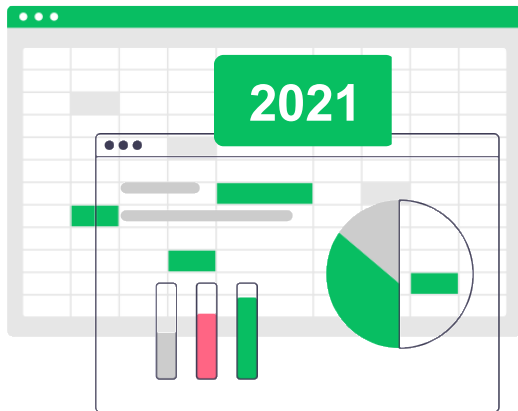
# Committed cities with a carbon emissions inventory



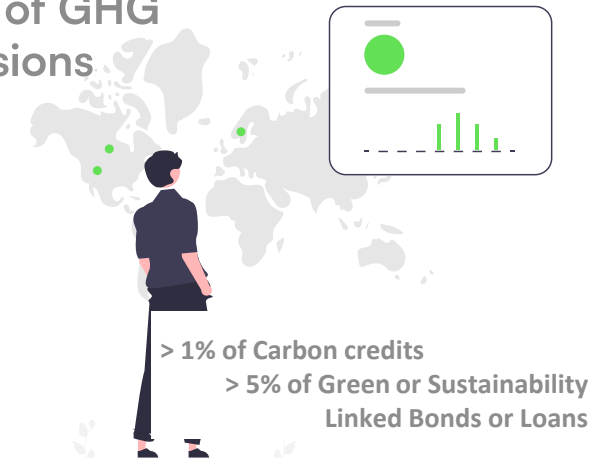
GLOBAL COVENANT  
of MAYORS for  
CLIMATE & ENERGY



# Facing the decarbonization challenge with an excel sheet...



Cities cover  
70% of GHG  
emissions



Too broad & outdated  
carbon footprint data



Difficult to access  
individual and reliable  
energy-GHG data



Due to costly MRV, low  
access to climate finance  
for urban projects

# Paradox: Cities are data-rich but insight poor...

By 2026

**85+ billion**

connected devices and sensors will be creating large, diverse datasets on a wide range of topics

**Atmospheric sensors**

**Open data**

**Energy meters**

**GPS data traffic**

**Spatial imageries**

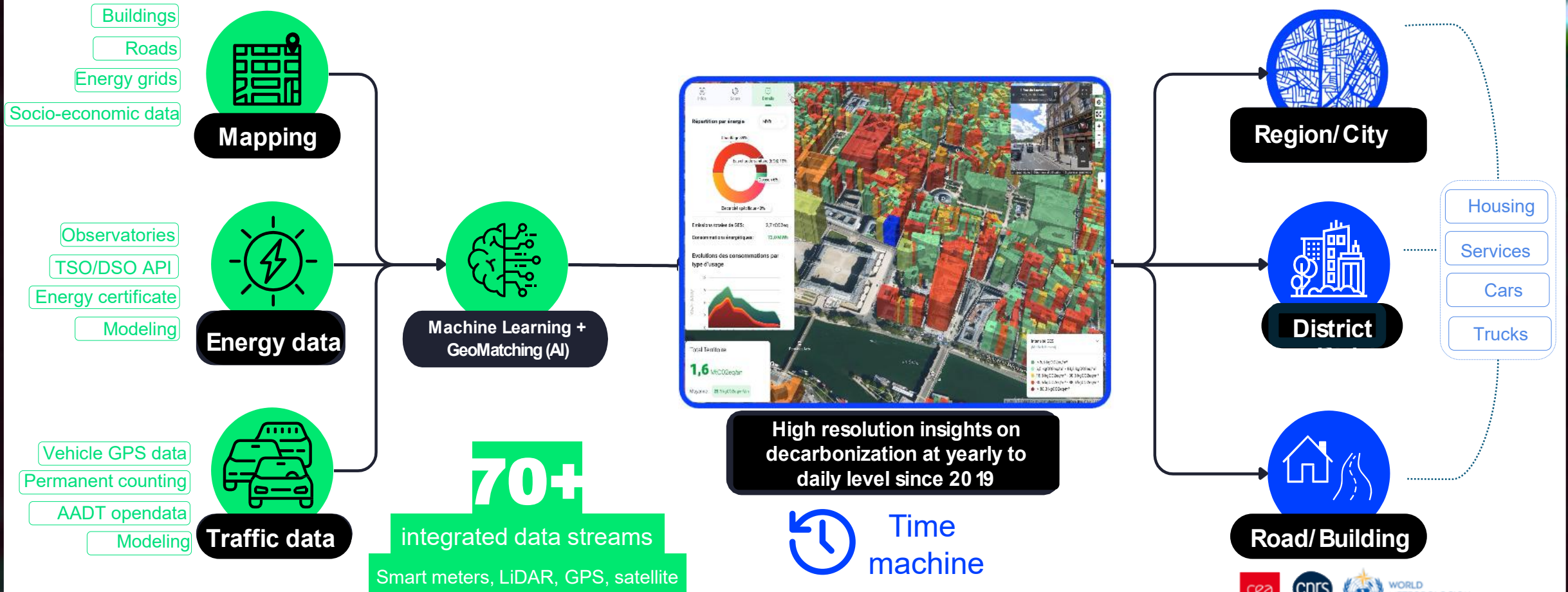
Only

**10%**

of this data is currently turned into insights and is difficult to link to internal data silos



# Sensor-less AI platform bringing transition intelligence to every city

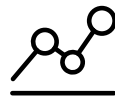


# AI & Data Science Solutions to address urban data challenges (multi-scale, fragmented & dynamic data)



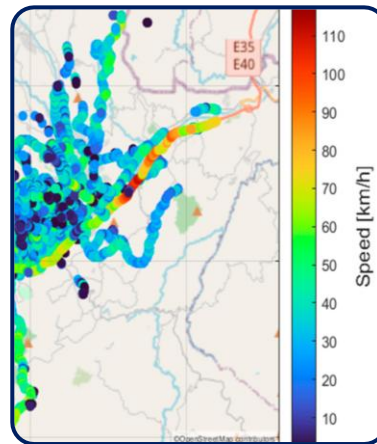
## Gap Filling

Interpolation, supervised ML (Random Forest, XGBoost), enrichment via satellites and OpenStreetMap



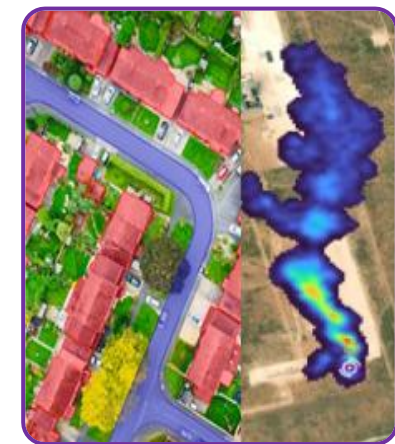
## Pattern Detection

Clustering, neural networks, spatio-temporal analysis for mobility, energy, emissions



## Computer Vision

CNNs, semantic segmentation, super-resolution for mapping and emissions detection

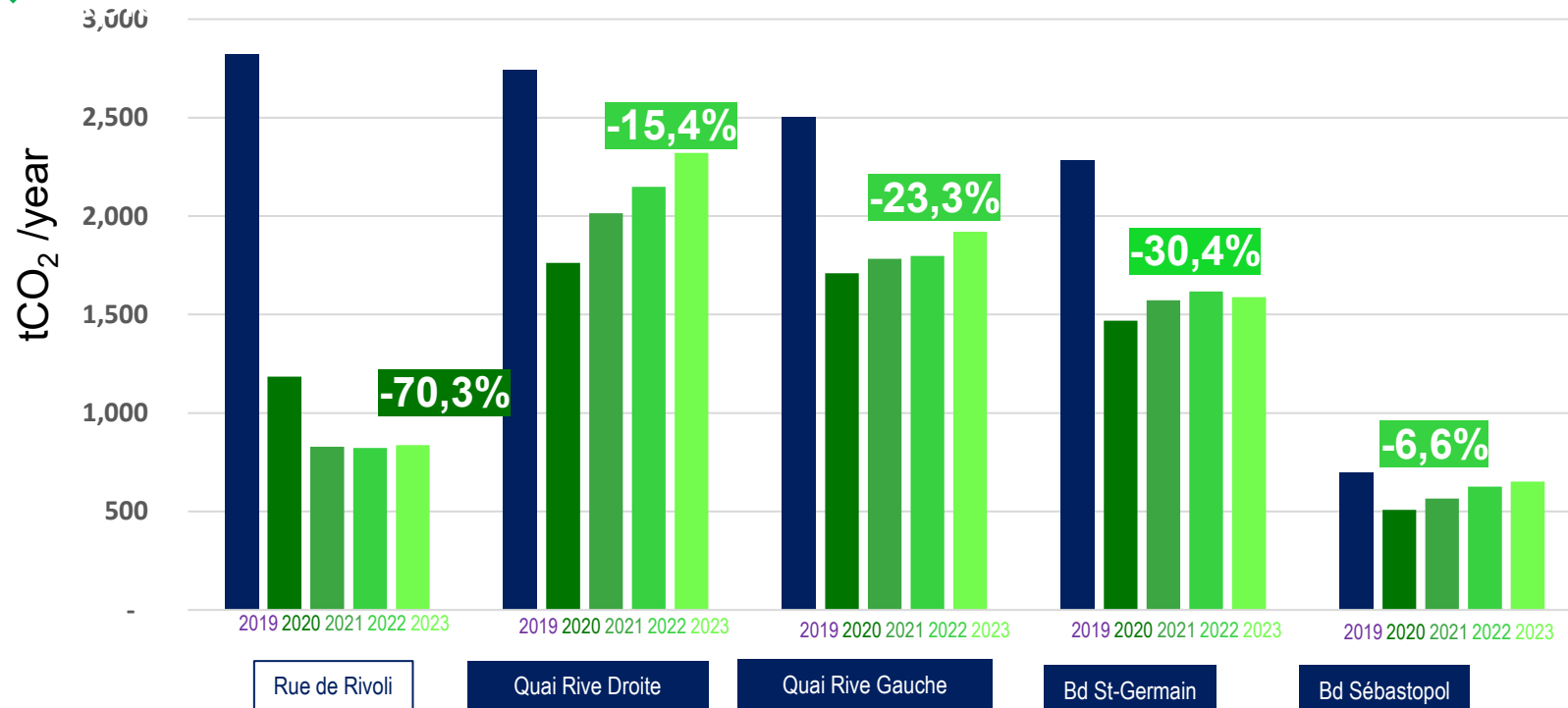




# Mobility Impact of bike lanes

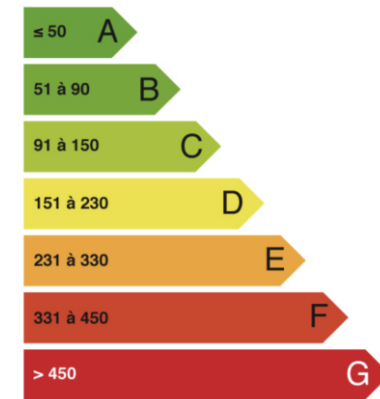
Assessing greenhouse gas emissions in the Rue de Rivoli since the installation of cycle paths.

**↓ 34%** overall reduction in CO2 emissions on Rue de Rivoli and transfer routes



# Buildings High ROI Energy renovation

Fossil-fuel heated Commercial buildings in the Greater Paris Region, with high solar roof and renovation opportunities



- Large (>1000m<sup>2</sup>), energy-intensive buildings
- Natural gas or oil heated buildings

# Making the most of this next-gen approach

## The necessary alignment of city governance

### Assess & Correct

**Continuous**, reactive **impact measurement**, adapted to action follow-up and consolidated at city level.

### Financing & Action

Operational data, **at building or road level**, to secure the **feasibility and impact of investments**.



### Observe & Inform

Up-to-date, **territory-wide data** to understand major trends, **guide strategy and raise awareness**.

### Plan & Target

Information at neighborhood level to feed **master plans and identify and objectify priorities by area**.

# To make it happen **for Asian Cities**



DATAFLUCT



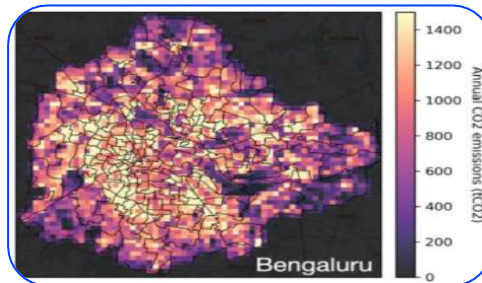
**Adaptation of NEXQT's platform for Japanese cities**



Partnership agreement on the Urban Decarbonization Area programme opportunities



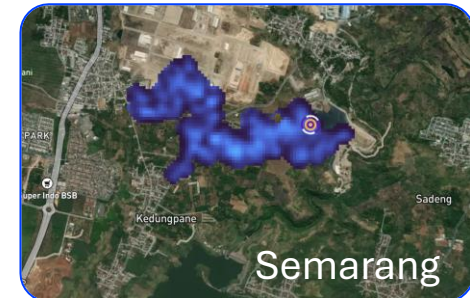
**Actionable GHG insights over 100 Indian cities**



Applied R&D effort to track air pollution and GHG emission at neighborhood level



**Improving the municipal waste management**



Methane emission detection to track the progress and open to carbon credit financing

# Who's nextt.? a hybrid team of builders and top notch scientists



**Timothée Alpektor**, CDO of NEXQT, more than 10 years of experience in sales and growth strategy for tech start-ups. He has developed and managed sales teams.



**Nicolas Megel**, co-founder and CTO of NEXQT, has been an AI expert in the field of local decarbonization for over 10 years.



OPTIMIZATION SOLUTIONS



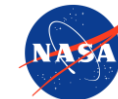
**Fouzi Benkhelifa**, co-founder and CEO of NEXQT, has been an expert and developer of low-carbon energy solutions for cities and investors for over 20 years.



**Philippe Ciais**, co-founder of NEXQT, Scientific Advisor, +25 years of industrially applied research in the field of the carbon cycle and energy. Member of French Science Academy and Chinese Science Academy, Research Director LSCE - Paris Saclay (CEA/CNRS)



**Phil DeCola**, co-founder of NEXQT, Chief Strategy Officer. His career has focused on use of remote-sensing and computational models to inform climate action and environmental resource management (University of Maryland, NASA, White House, NIST, WMO).



ORGANISATION  
MÉTÉOROLOGIQUE  
MONDIALE



**nexqt.**

**Transition intelligence  
for all cities.**

Thank you  
Merci



Connect with us on LinkedIn

**Fouzi Benkhelifa**

fouzi@nexqt.com

+33 6 99 81 21 18

[www.nexqt.com](http://www.nexqt.com)

Spaces, 124 Rue de Réaumur  
75002 Paris

Ai-powered energy-carbon data platform for cities and investors