PARIS – French President Emmanuel Macron announced Friday that the European Union’s development bank is extending €34 million in new funding to sustainable energy projects in Jordan, after the leader said earlier this week that the bloc would be ready to provide financial support to the Arab country’s efforts to improve its energy situation.

Macron took to Twitter to announce that the French government would be providing the funding, which he said is part of a broader commitment to support Jordan’s sustainable energy efforts. The move comes as Jordan faces challenges in securing affordable and reliable energy supplies, while also working to reduce its dependence on imported fossil fuels.

The French aid package is expected to support a range of projects aimed at improving energy efficiency, increasing the share of renewable energy sources, and promoting the use of clean technologies. The funds will be used to provide technical assistance, finance pilot projects, and support the development of renewable energy infrastructure.

The announcement follows a recent trip to Jordan by Emmanuel Macron, during which he highlighted the importance of promoting sustainable energy solutions in the region. The French president has been a strong advocate for the development of renewable energy sources, and has called for increased international cooperation to address the challenges posed by climate change.

The new funding from the European Union’s development bank is likely to be welcomed by Jordanian authorities, who have been seeking ways to reduce their energy imports and improve the country’s energy security. Jordan has been working to diversify its energy sources, with a focus on developing wind and solar power. However, the country still relies heavily on imported oil and gas, and faces challenges in securing affordable and reliable energy supplies.

Macron’s visit to Jordan also included meetings with local leaders and officials, as well as a tour of a solar power plant in the country. He has been a strong supporter of renewable energy projects in the region, and has called for increased international cooperation to address the challenges posed by climate change.