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LIFE Biodiv'France project

September 2023



LIFE BIODIV'FRANCE BACKGROUND



Expectations from the European Commission

Objective: Catalyse the implementation of national strategies or action plans

Expectations :

- Significant contribution to the **favorable conservation status of** habitats and species of Community interest
- Significant contribution to **reducing pressures** on habitats and species and restoring degraded ecosystems



The OFB, mandated by the MTECT to submit the French application in March 2023

- Reference strategy: National Biodiversity Strategy (NBS)
- LIFE's role: to provide the engineering required to implement a series of NBS measures
identify and monitor "complementary funds" that will also contribute to the implementation of the SNB
- Report to the EU on the implementation of the SNB through direct actions and complementary funds.



Financial framework

- **50 M€ over 9 years**, including 30M€ EU grant
- LIFE **aid rate**: 60% maximum
- **Complementary funds**: 247 M€, made up of EU funds (ERDF and regional EAFRD).

AMBITION AND OBJECTIVES

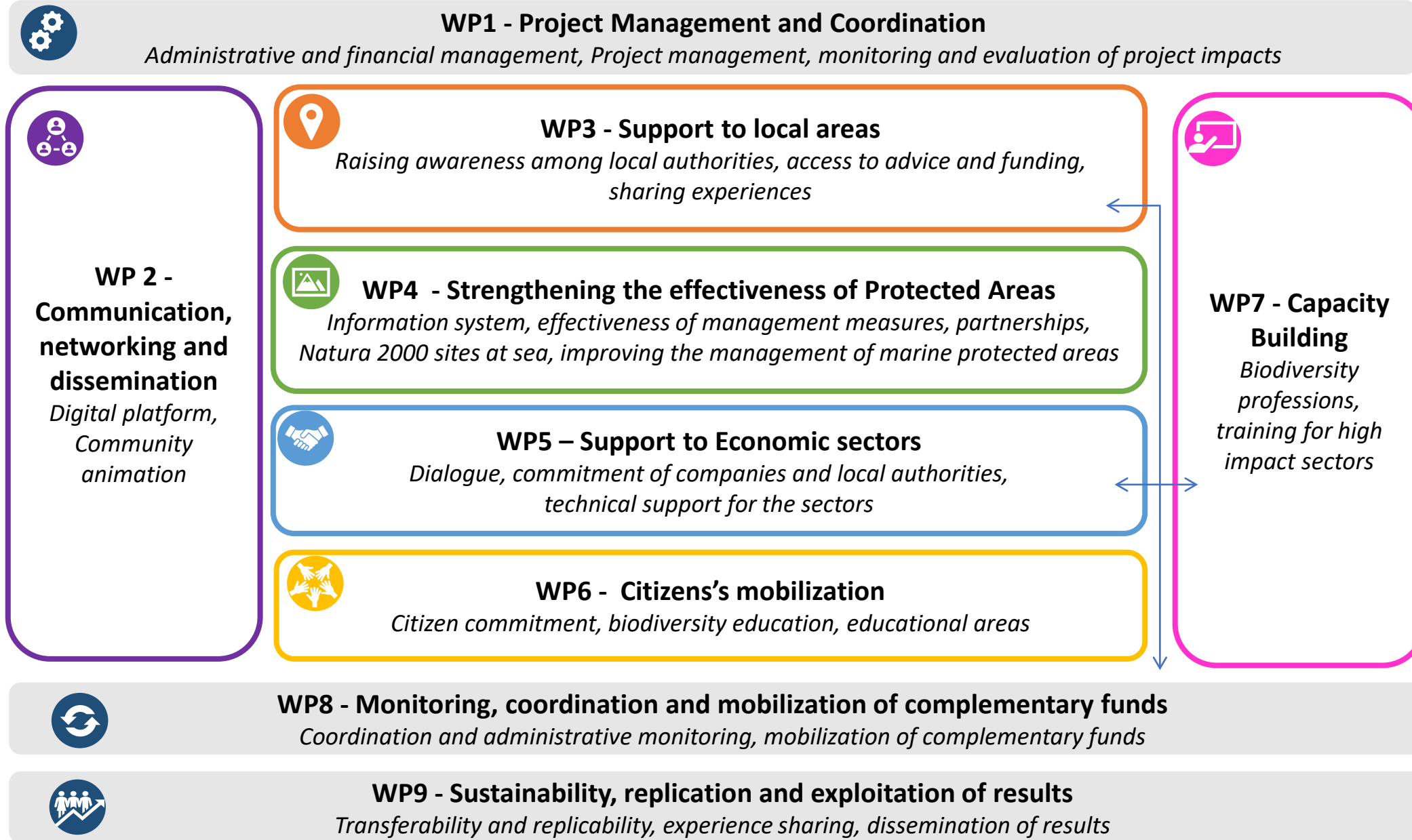
Project ambition: To regain biodiversity in France by acting on pressures using both direct and indirect levers, directly in line with the spirit of the NBS.

General objective: Halt the decline in biodiversity and improve the conservation status of habitats and species in mainland France and the French overseas territories.

6 specific objectives :

1. Ensure that biodiversity issues are systematically taken into account in local projects through support for Local Authorities
2. Improve the conservation status of habitats and species of Community interest in protected areas, including Natura 2000 sites
3. Bring about changes in practices that integrate biodiversity in the main sectors that have an impact on biodiversity
4. Raising public awareness of biodiversity protection issues
5. Facilitating access to biodiversity-related professions and promoting skills development for all stakeholders
6. Encourage more projects by leveraging European, national and regional structural funds to finance biodiversity.

PROJECT STRUCTURE



THEMES AND PARTICIPANTS

WP Regional support

Parcs naturels régionaux de France

ANEB ASSOCIATION NATIONALE DES ELUS DES BASSINS

FÉDÉRATION DES SCOT

Agence Régionale... Biodiversité BOURGOGNE-FRANCHE-COMTE

agence bretonne de la biodiversité

ARBE PROVENCE-ALPES CÔTE D'AZUR AGENCE REGIONALE POUR LA BIODIVERSITE ET L'ENVIRONNEMENT

occitanie Biodiversité Agence régionale

ANBDD

Observatoire de la biodiversité de la région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

INSTITUT PARIS REGION ARB AGENCE REGIONALE DE LA BIODIVERSITE

Region PAYS LOIRE

La Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

ARB Nouvelle-Aquitaine

OFB OFFICE FRANCAIS DE LA BIODIVERSITE

WP Management of Protected Areas

Conservatoires d'espaces naturels

LPO

Les parcs nationaux de France

Parcs naturels régionaux de France

Réserves Naturelles DE FRANCE

OFB OFFICE FRANCAIS DE LA BIODIVERSITE

WP Mobilising citizens

Conservatoires d'espaces naturels

FONDATION POUR LA NATURE ET L'HOMME

LPO

ENSN

Parcs naturels régionaux de France

CREPS Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Vallon-Pont-d'Arc • Voiron • Lyon

CENTRE EUROPEEN DES SPORTS DE NATURE

OFB OFFICE FRANCAIS DE LA BIODIVERSITE

WP Supporting industries

occitanie Biodiversité Agence régionale

Region PAYS LOIRE

AGENCE REGIONALE DE LA BIODIVERSITE Centre-Est de France

Solagro

WWF

WWF

WWF

Noé

LPO

Sidam ASSOCIATIONS EN PAYS CENTRAL

Parcs naturels régionaux de France

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WP Skills development

Conservatoires d'espaces naturels

LPO

Réserves Naturelles DE FRANCE

A-IGÉCO Les Acteurs de l'Ingénierie et du Génie Écologiques

UPGE Union professionnelle du génie écologique

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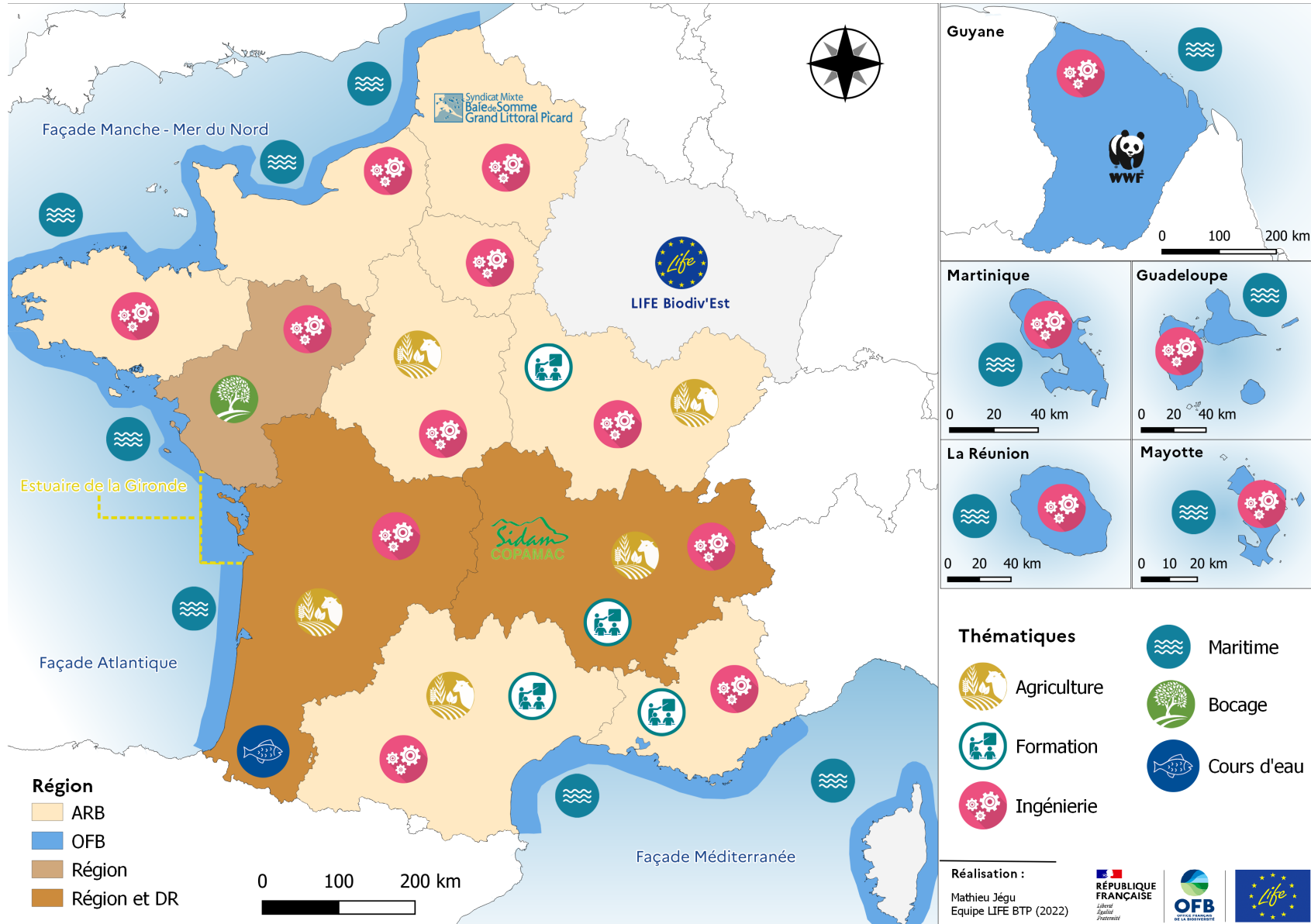
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PROJECT ACTIONS AT REGIONAL LEVEL



LIST OF 30 PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

Brittany Biodiversity Agency	ABB
Green Spaces Agency of the Ile-de-France Region	AEV IdF
Normandy Agency for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development	ANBDD
National Association of Elected Representatives of River Basins	ANEB
Burgundy-Franche-Comté Regional Biodiversity Agency	ARB BFC
Centre-Val de Loire Regional Biodiversity Agency	ARB CVL
New Aquitaine Regional Biodiversity Agency	ARB NA
Occitanie Regional Biodiversity Agency	ARB Occitanie
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Regional Agency for Biodiversity and the Environment	ARBE PACA
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region	AuRA Region
Pays-de-la-Loire Region	PDL Region
European Center for Nature Sports	CESN
Forest Landowners National Center	CNPF
National Committee for Marine Fisheries and Fish Farming	CNPMEM
Northern France Biodiversity Agency	ENRx
National Sailing and Water Sports School	ENVSN
National Federation of Nature Conservatories (+ CEN Occitanie)	FCEN
National Federation of Territorial Planning Documents (SCoT)	SCoT Federation
Foundation for Nature and Mankind	FNH
Regional Nature Parks Federation (+ 4 RNP)	FPNRF
League for Bird Protection	LPO
Adour Institution	Adour Institution
Noé Organisation	Noé
Pyrenees National Park (+ 7 other National Parks)	PNP
Nature Reserves of France (+ 4 OM affiliates)	RNF
Chamber of Agriculture of Massif Central	SIDAM
Baie de Somme & Grand Littoral Picard Protected Area	SMBSGLP
Solagro Association	SOLAGRO
Ecological Engineering Professionals (+ A-IGEco)	UPGE
World Wildlife Fund France	WWF France

BUDGET AND FINANCING PLAN



Total budget: €50m



OFB

Self-financing: €10M
EC subsidy: €15M

Associated beneficiaries

French funding: €10M
Of which MTECT: €4.2M
OFB: €1.8M
Other: €4 M

EC subsidy: €15M




PROJECT CONTENT

PROJECT MANAGEMENT




Global management

- Administrative and financial follow-up
- OFB support for consortium members
- Global governance
- Animation and follow-up of Work Packages



Monitoring/evaluation

- Setting up performance indicators (KPIs)
- Monitoring dashboards by objective
- Data collection
- Contribution to interim and final reports

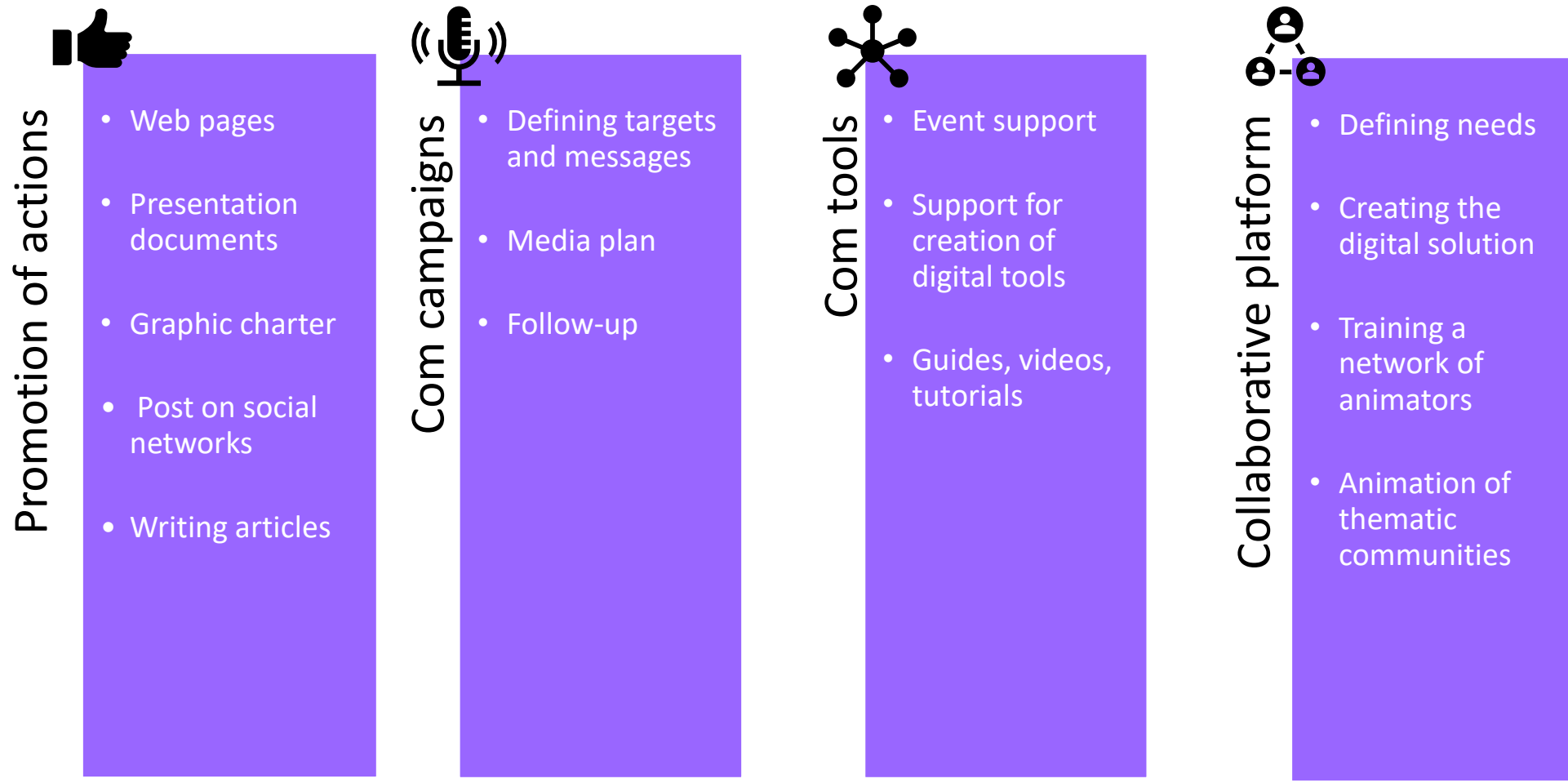


Environmental impact

- Definition and implementation of a charter of best practices (travel and purchasing)

1 annual steering committee and 2 annual technical committees for each theme; event attended by all consortium members at the end of each three-year phase; mid-term and end-of-project evaluations.

COMMUNICATION AND NETWORKING



Organisation of **20** major **events** on the project's themes; publication of **70** **articles** highlighting the project's actions and results; **2,000** users of the **collaborative platform** dedicated to **biodiversity**.

TERRITORIAL SUPPORT



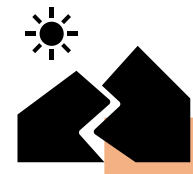
Information and tools

- Support for understanding the issues
- Mediation tools to share the issues
- Sharing solutions
- Support for action
- Financing guide



Support

- Development and consolidation of systems by Regional Biodiversity Agencies or Regions
- Support for project development, expertise, experimentation

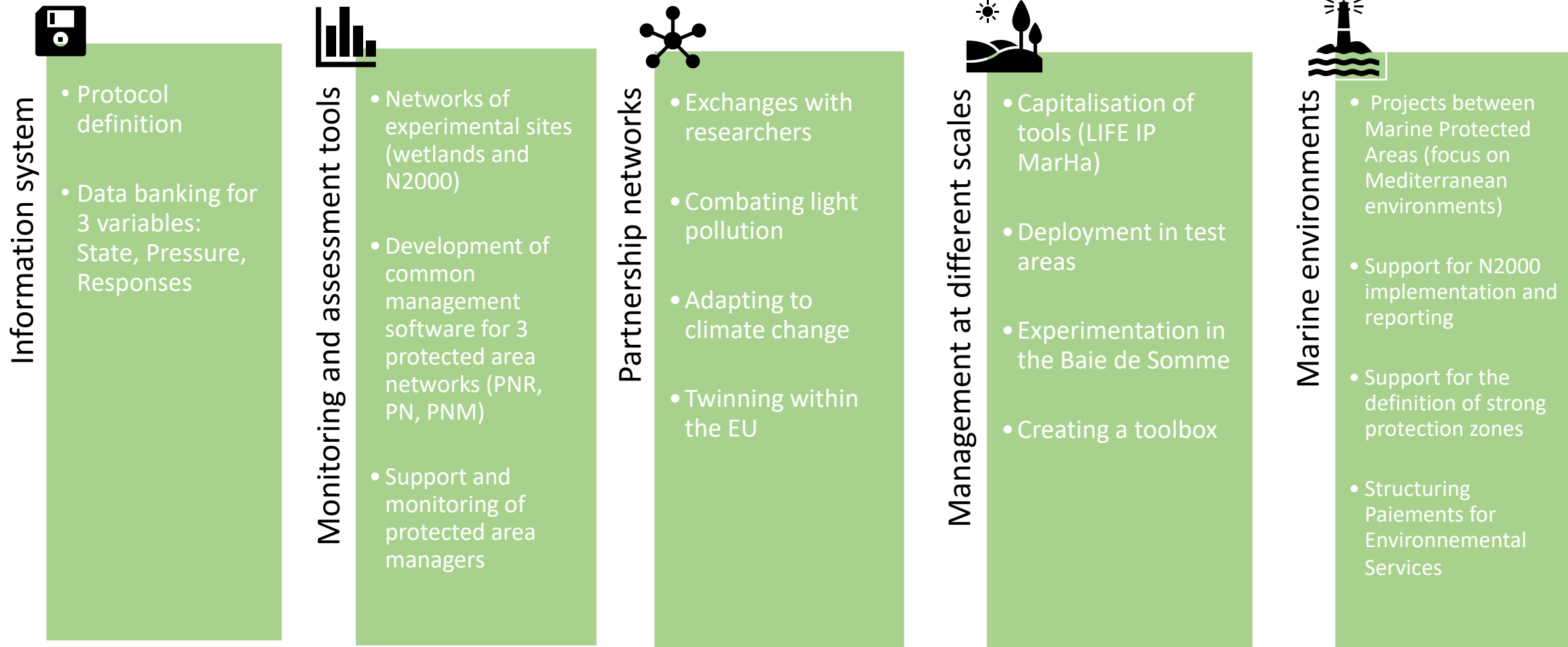


Restoring continuity

- Identification of 25 priority structures hindering aquatic continuity
- Protocol for improving the functionality of spawning areas
- Support for continuity restoration projects

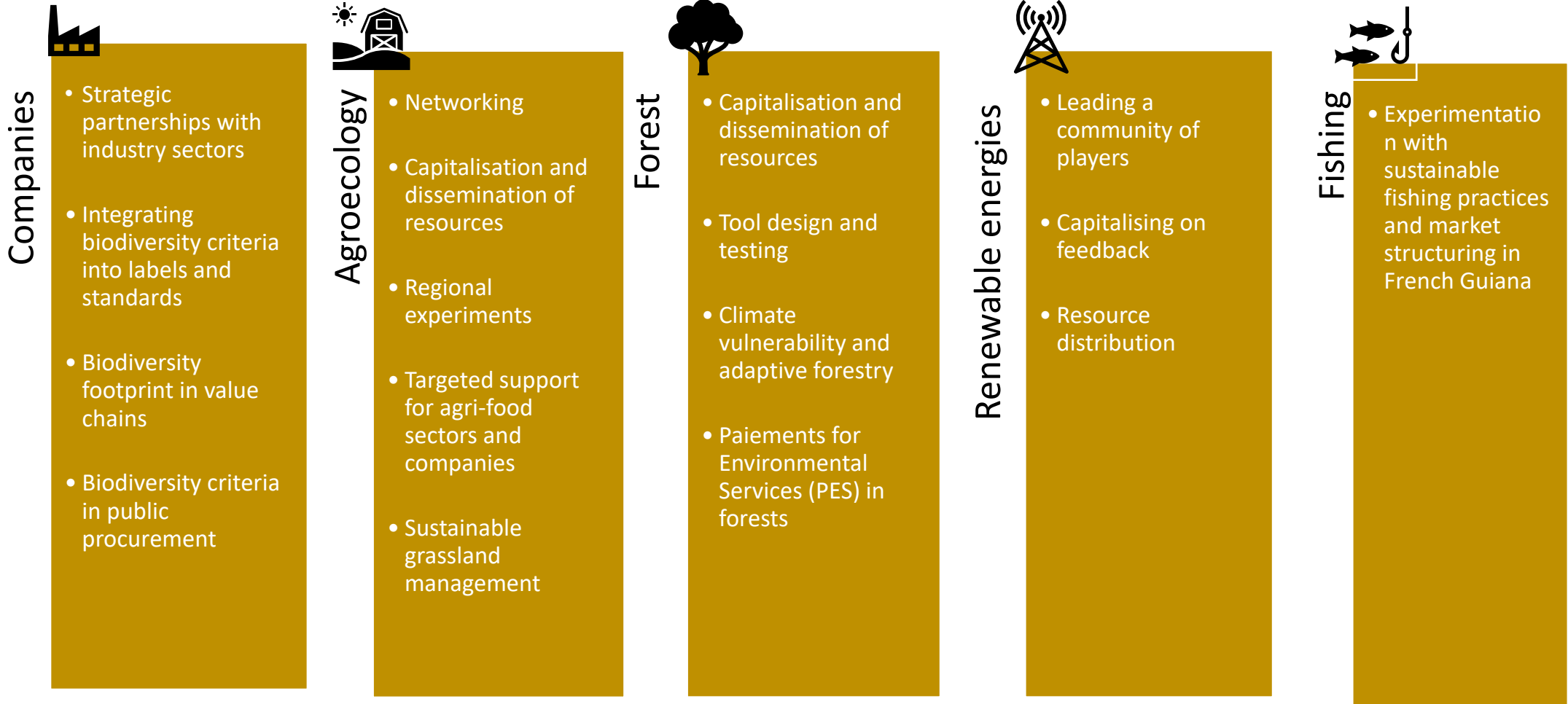
3,000 agents or elected representatives of Local Authorities made aware of biodiversity issues; **300** Local Authorities supported in implementing a biodiversity-friendly project; financial and technical framework for work to restore **25** major ecological continuities in watercourses.

PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

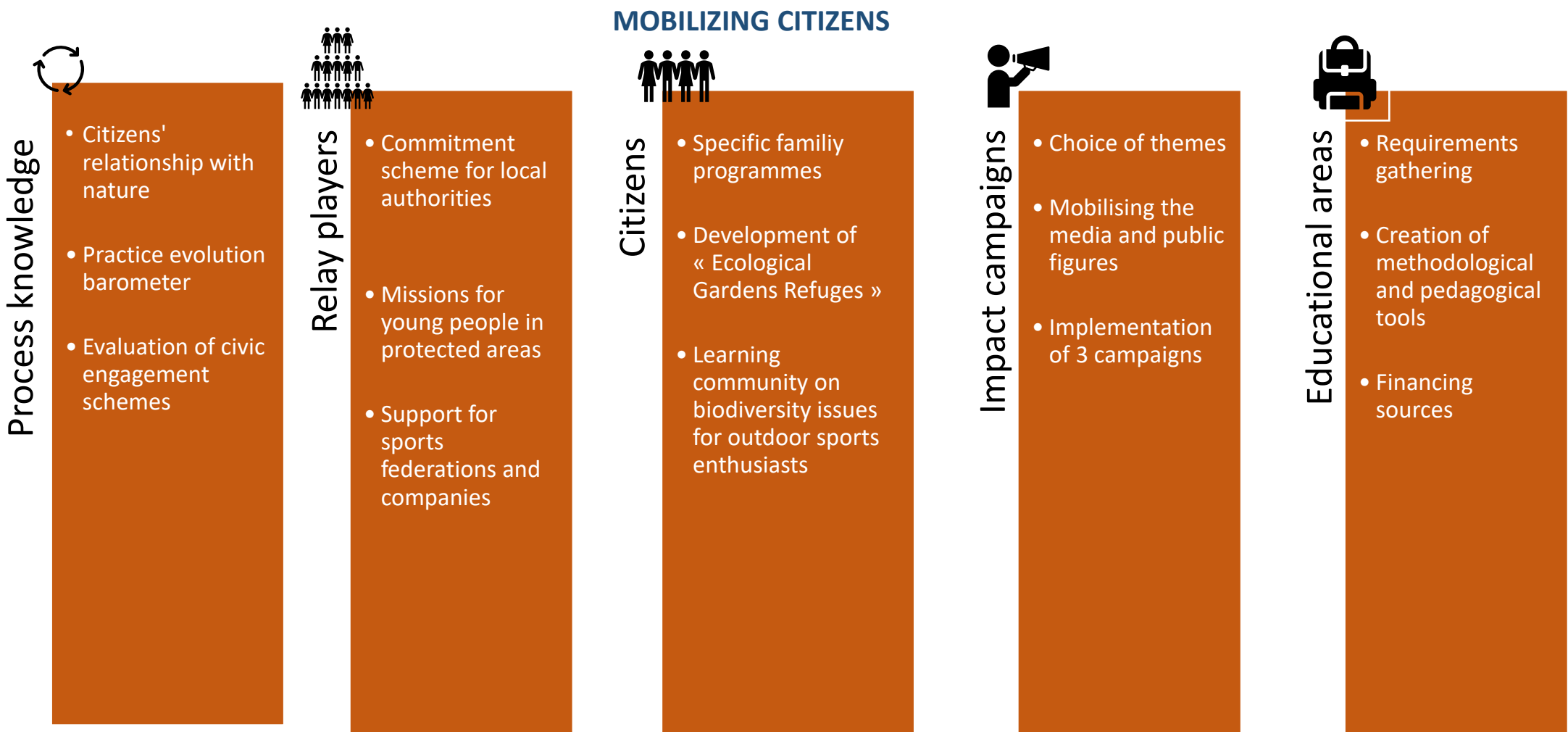


Homogeneous system for monitoring protected area management data put in place; Identification of effective solutions for combating the main anthropogenic pressures on biodiversity (climate change, economic and leisure activities, light pollution, etc.); Support for upgrading the skills of 70% of protected area managers.

INDUSTRY SUPPORT



10 labels or standards dedicated to companies have integrated biodiversity issues **10** agricultural sectors supported in the agro-ecological and climatic transition **100** business advisors and **500** farmer advisors trained to take biodiversity into account **300** Guyanese fishermen trained in sustainable fishing issues.



Design and monitoring of a **barometer** of citizen involvement; Training of **100** relay territories capable of organizing and hosting nature volunteer actions; Raising awareness of **600,000** outdoor sports enthusiasts to the challenges of preserving biodiversity.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



Structuring and promoting

- Jobs and training portal
- Information campaigns
- Job Observatory
- Certification of initial training courses
- Identification and certification of blocks of skills



New routes

- Ecological engineering schools
- Leading a network of expert trainers
- Experimenting with new training methods

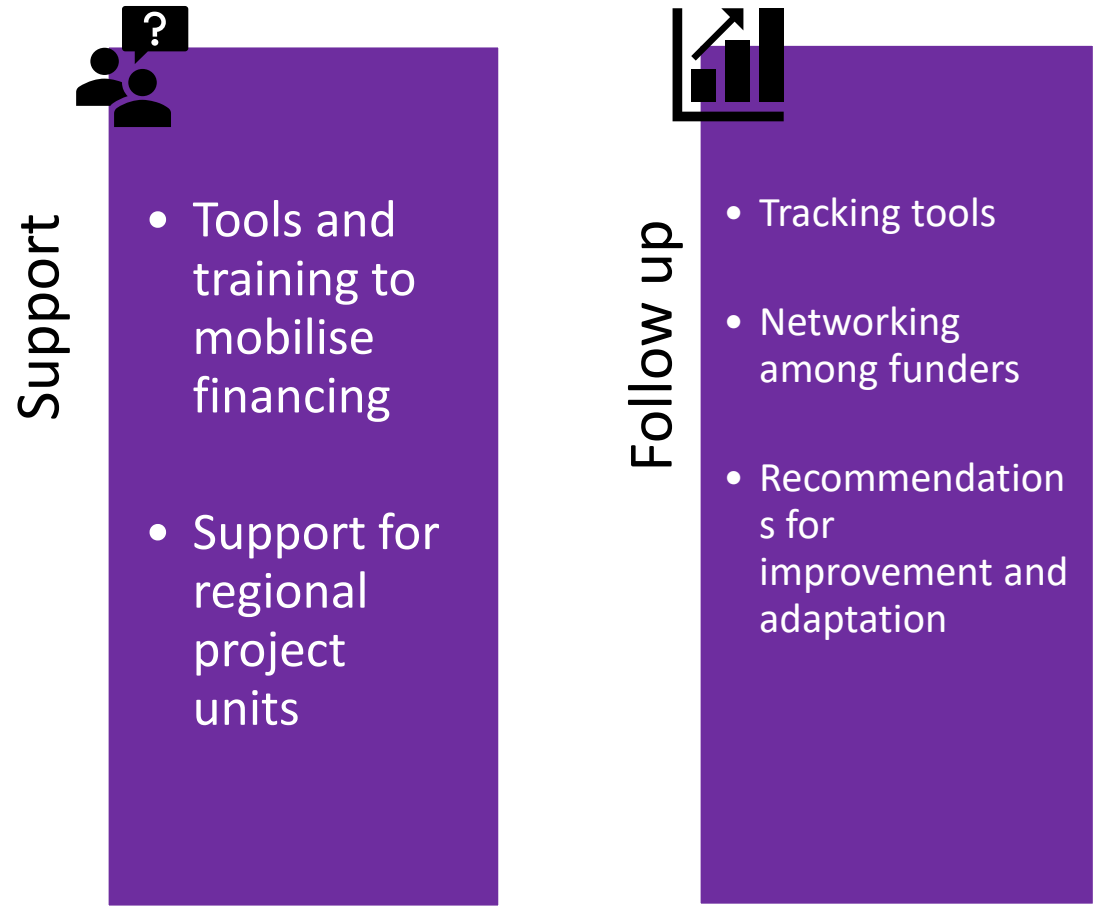


Biodiversity content

- Business and agronomics schools
- Urban planning and development
- Agriculture
- Sea fishing
- Outdoor sports
- Local decision-makers

70 ecological engineering training courses created; creation of training modules on biodiversity issues for **5** sectors

MOBILIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS



2 conferences to network managing authorities in charge of national and European biodiversity funding. Dissemination of recommendations for improving biodiversity funding

DISSEMINATION AND REPLICABILITY OF RESULTS

Networking and dissemination



- Participation in national and European events
- Networking with other European projects

Advocacy



- Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
- Biodiversity in industries (renewable energy, fishing, wood, landscaping)

Replicability



- Transfer via thematic networks
- Transfer of operational solutions to regional territories
- Specific action in Corsica on 3 priority themes

Conferences



- 1 national conference per theme
- 2 inter-LIFE meetings (bringing together French LIFE projects)
- Platform Meeting: a Europe-wide event

"After LIFE"



- Plan to continue and extend project results in line with National Biodiversity Strategy results
- Analysis of consortium members' needs for new skills



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