

Session B - Biodiversity protection

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Unesco Chair in Biodiversity Safeguard for Sustainable Development;

Mission Board member: Adaptation to climate change including societal transformation.

Speakers:

- **Dr. Peter Verlič**, Mayor of Grosuplje, Slovenia
- **Dr. Jacek Koźma**, President of the Management Board of the Muskau Arch Geopark Association, Poland
- **Ms. Chimène Leroy**, Environmental project and research officer, France

Video testimonials:

- **Ms. Ana Berliner**, Vice president and co-founder of ATNatureza, Centro Portugal
- **Ms. Ana Ramos Barbosa**, Fundación Galicia Europa, Spain

Dr. Peter Verlič
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Slovenia

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PROJECT PRESENTATION

TIES OF NATURE

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Period: 2018/09/01–2021/02/28

Total budget/expenditure: 2.553.908,00 EUR

Countries: Slovenia, Croatia
Partners: Municipality of Grosuplje, Municipality of Rogaška Slatina, Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation, Hyla Association, Public Institution National Park Risnjak, Public Institution for Management of Protected Areas of Nature of Krapina-Zagorje Country, Town of Vrbovsko

Project objectives: the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, the protection and the restoration of biological diversity, the introduction of modern natural resources management methods, cross-border cooperation.



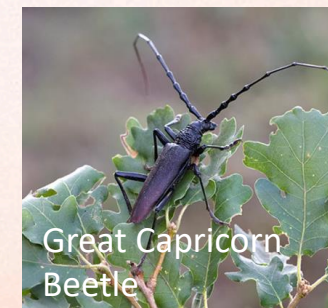
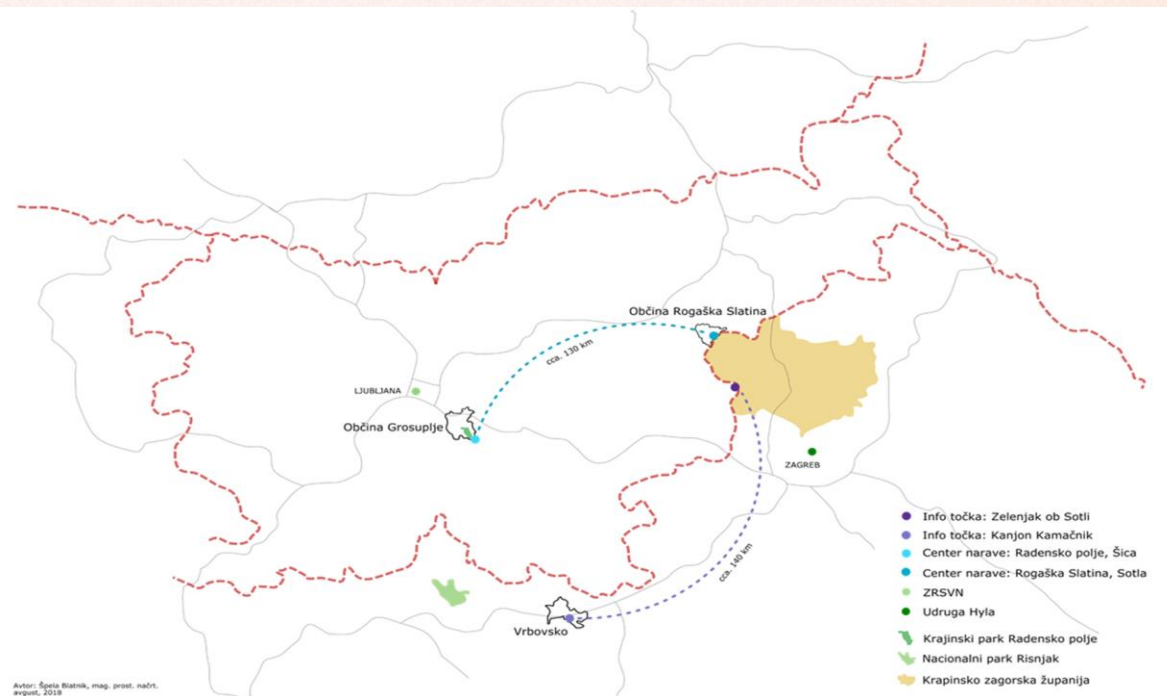
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AIM OF THE PROJECT

- preserving the Natura 2000 ecological network
- territories: Sotla river, Kolpa river, NP Risnjak, Radensko field, Kamačnik canyon
- target species: Otter, Stag Beetle, Great Capricorn Beetle, Marsh Fritillary, Large Copper and amphibians



Measures for otter

regulation of bays, structures, building of underpasses and planting of gaps on the banks



cleaning of the source of the Kolpa river



Measures for amphibians

placement of fences for amphibians



underpass for amphibians



Measures for beetles

removal of invasive plants



removal of overgrowth and restoration of meadows



Measures for revitalization of Kamačnik canyon



FOCUSED APPROACH TO EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING OF TARGET GROUPS

- farmers and landowners
- primary and secondary school teachers
- local population

SETUP OF THE NETWORK OF TIES OF NATURE POINTS

- Nature conservation centre Frog's House -> 1st nature conservation centre in Slovenia (Radensko polje)
- Nature conservation centre Sotla – „Bobrov center“ (Rogaška Slatina)
- educational trails Zelenjak near Sotla, Kamačnik canyon and NP Risnjak



Nature conservation
centre Sotla



Nature conservation
centre Frog's House



Educational trail
Kamačnik

Dr. Jacek Koźma

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What is a GEOPARK?

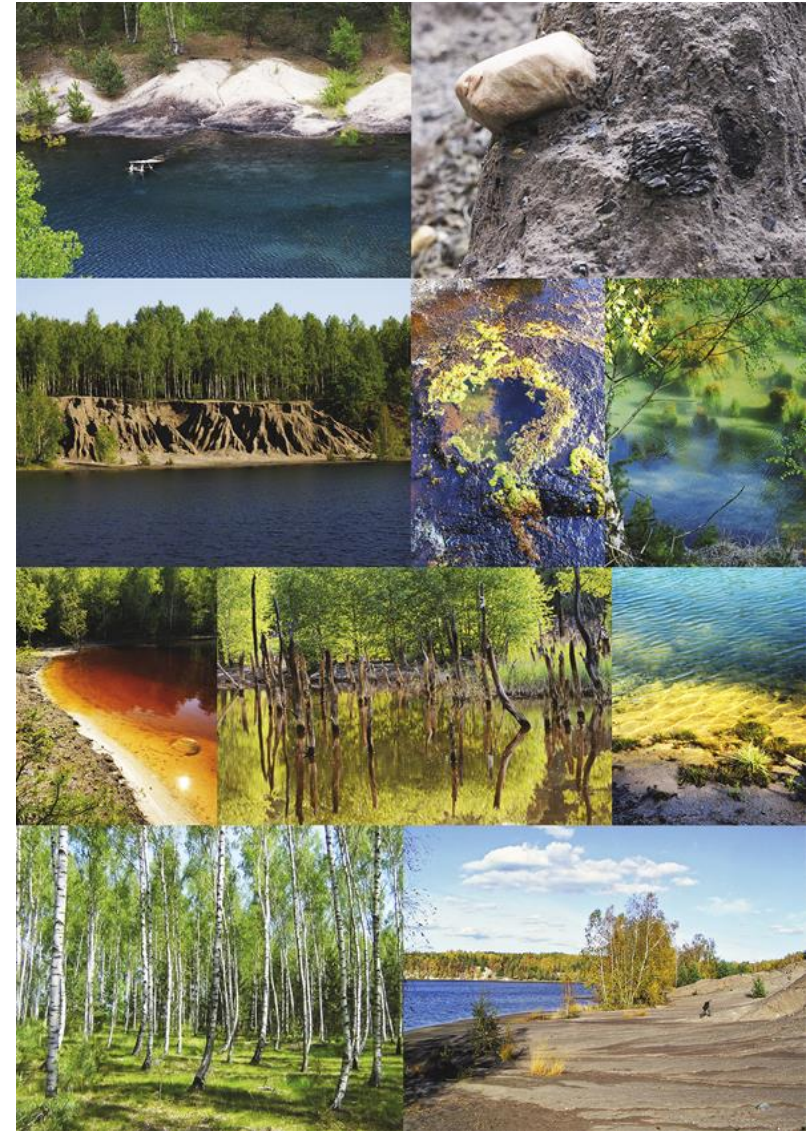
UNESCO Global Geoparks: are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a **holistic concept** of protection, education and sustainable development.

UNESCO Global Geoparks: utilizing and promoting territorial identity including geological, ecological and cultural resources as a new tool for sustainable local development mainly through **geotourism**.

UNESCO Global Geoparks: actively involve **local communities** and indigenous peoples as key stakeholders in the Geopark.

It is recommended that **all relevant local and regional actors and authorities** be represented in the management of a UNESCO Global Geopark.

GEO PARK: transboundary location



Geology comes before administration

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GEOPARK: corporate identity

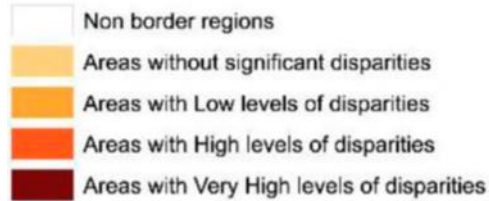
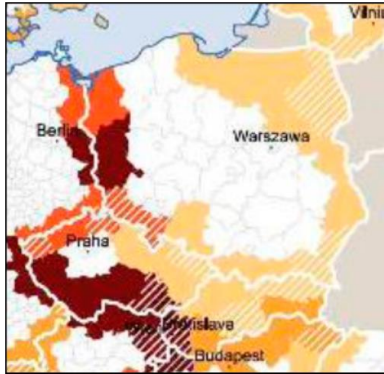


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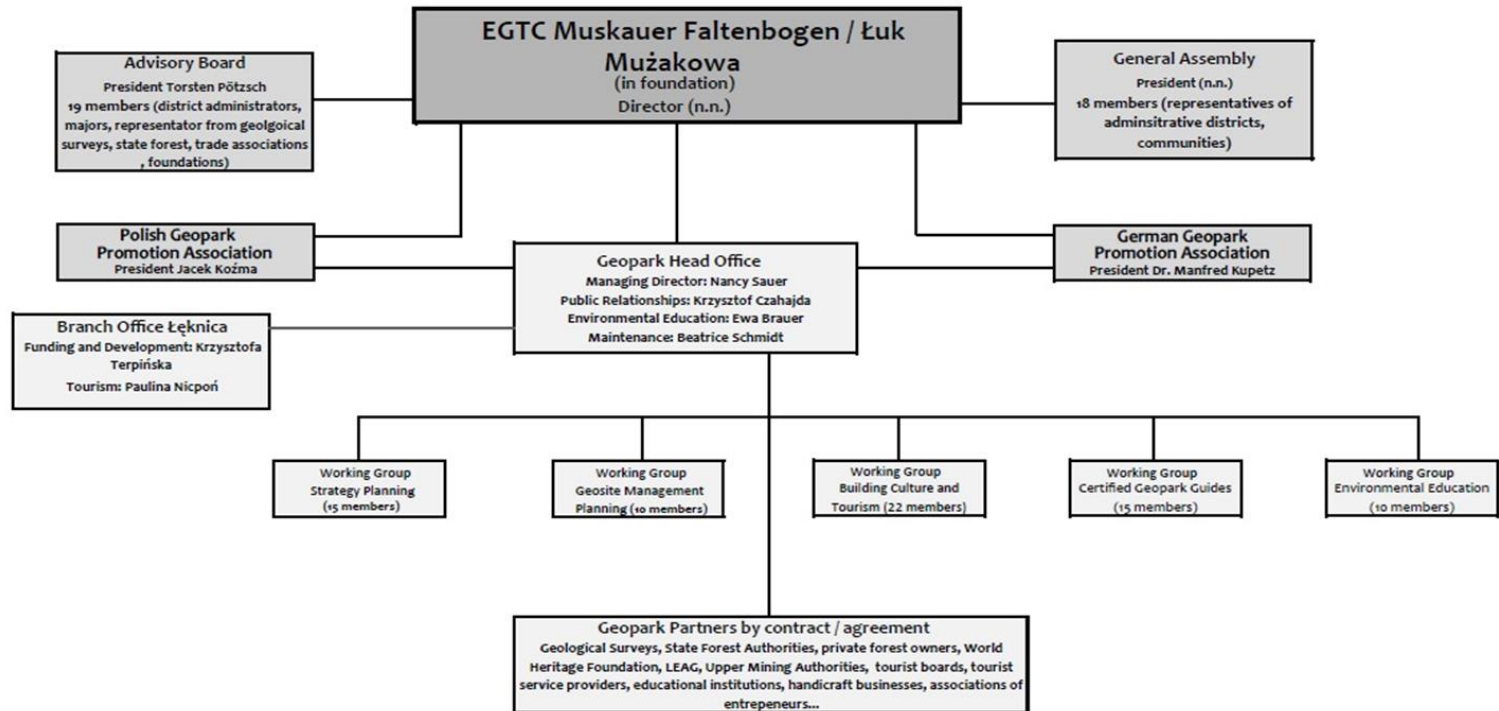
International cooperation thanks to natural resources – Muskau Arch Geopark



European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation: our chance



Muskauer Faltenbogen / Łuk Mużakowa
UNESCO Global Geopark
management structure and staff



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We hope to be able to continue our efforts in the years to come in order to manage, protect and preserve our geological, nature, historical and cultural heritage for the next generations

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Ms. Chimène Leroy

Environmental project and research officer
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WORKSHOP

**Sustainability beyond
national boundaries :
cross-border cooperation
as a driver for change in
biodiversity protection
and sustainable mobility
patterns**



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Example of an Interreg V project :

TEC ! – Tous Éco-Citoyens !

We are all eco-citizens !

Iedereen Eco-Burger !



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France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen UNION EUROPÉENNE
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TEC!

Avec le soutien du Fonds européen de développement régional
Met steun van het Europees Fonds voor Regionale Ontwikkeling



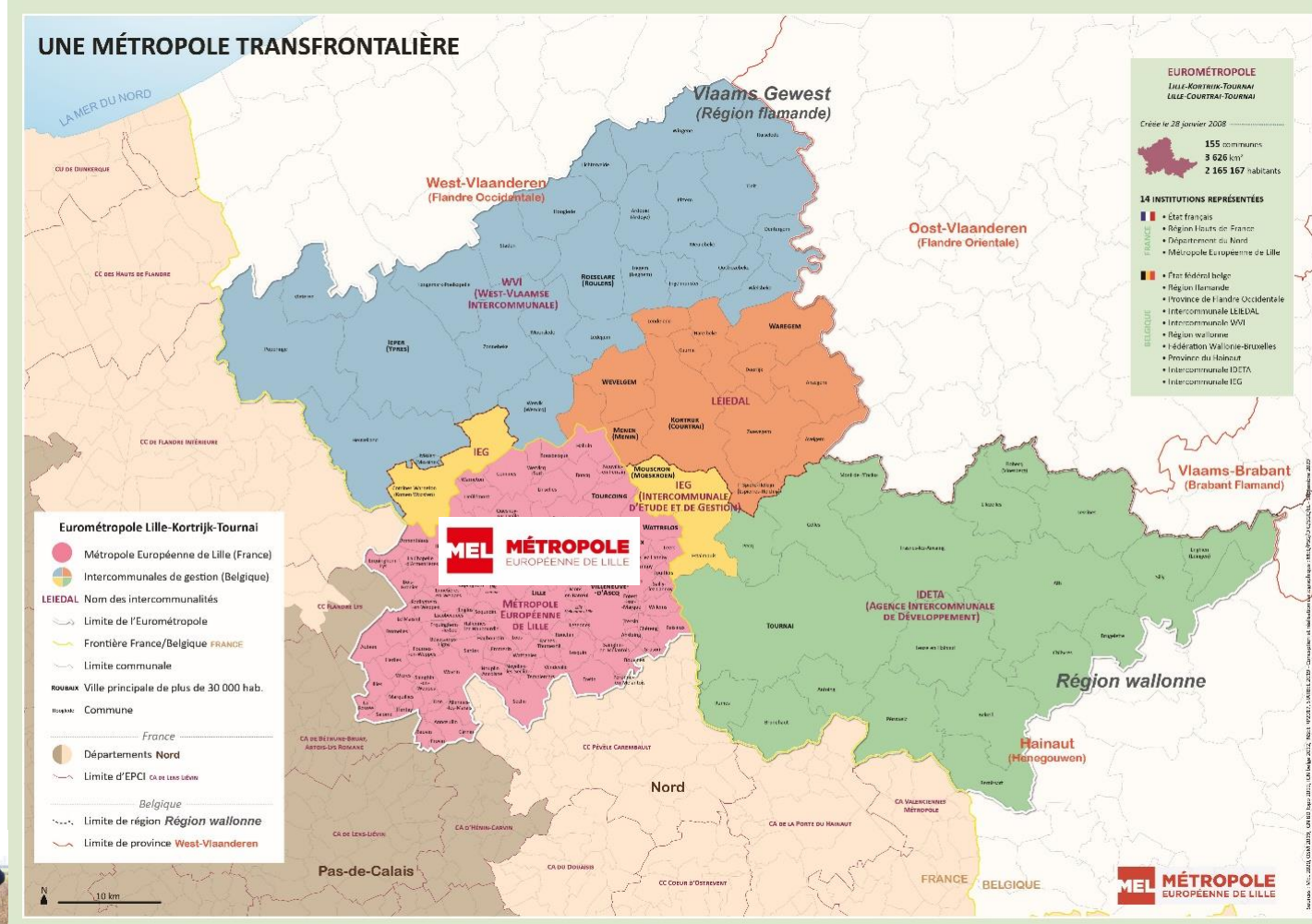
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EUROPÉENNE DE LILLE

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Lille Metropole :

- French local authority.
- **Domains** : protect the environment and natural heritage, sustainable development, transport and mobility, urban planning, culture, ...
- **Territory** : both urban and rural.
- **Municipalities** : 95.
- **Inhabitants** : 1,2 million.
- Cross-border with Belgium.

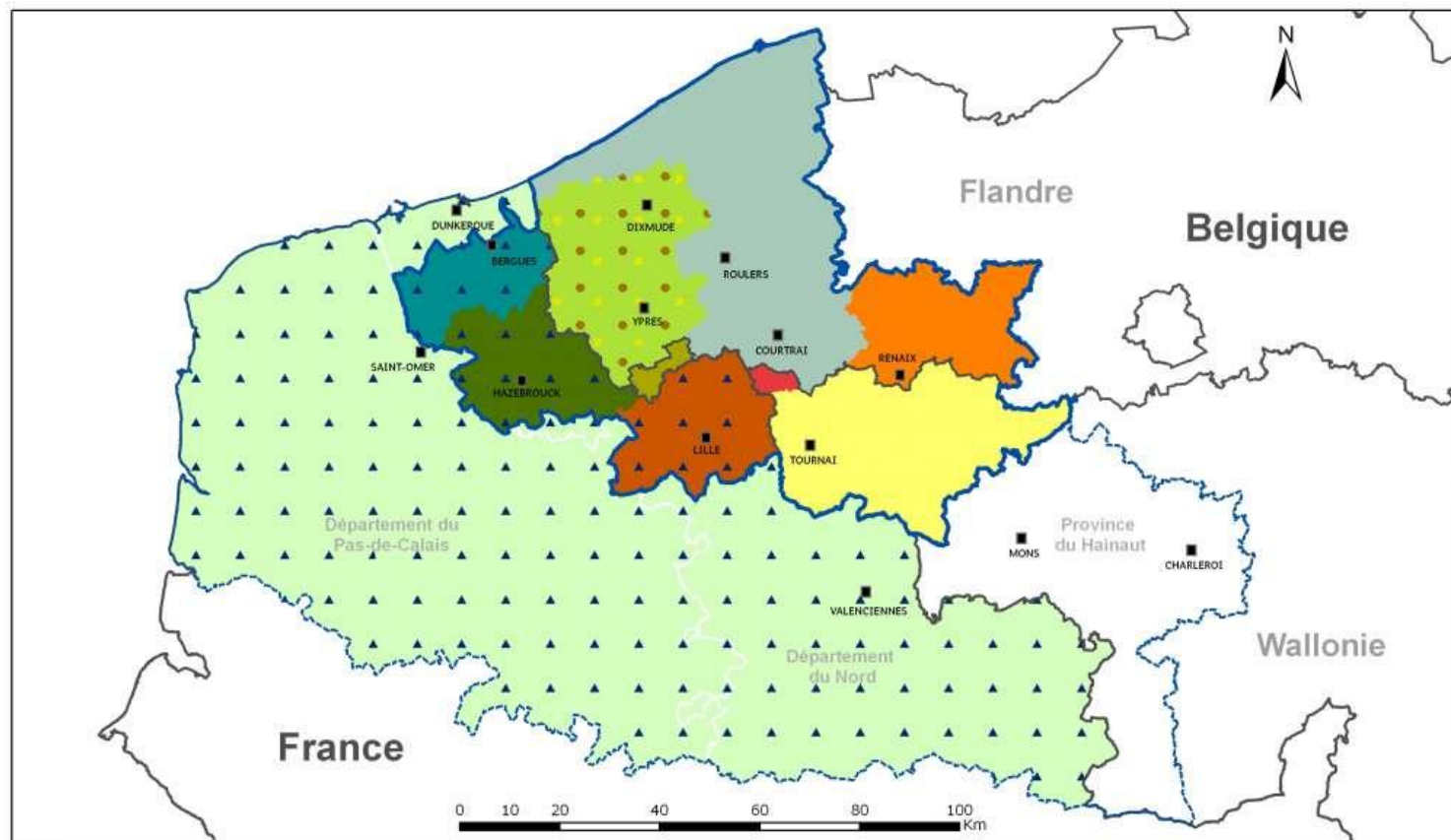


TEC ! Project – « We are all eco-citizens » :

- **Context** : common issues, BiPS project (Interreg IV).
- **Interreg V** France – Wallonie – Vlaanderen.
- **Partners** : 12 french, flemish and walloons partners.



- **Period** : october 2016 – march 2020.
- **FEDER's funding** : 999 855,68 €.
- **Global budget** : 1 999 771,41 €.



France		Belgique	
Territoire TEC!	Groupe ornithologique et naturaliste du Nord - Pas-de-Calais (GON)	Paysage Naturel d'Ardennes flamandes	Province de Flandre occidentale
Communauté de Communes des Hauts de Flandre (CCHF)	Communauté de Communes de Flandre Intérieure (CCFI)	Société flamande terrienne	Ville de Mouscron
Métropole Européenne de Lille		Inagro	Ville de Comines-Warneton
		Paysage Naturel du Westhoek (RLW)	Wallonie picarde (hors Comines-Warneton et Mouscron) Hainaut Développement (partenaire)

Focus on three main topics :

- ❖ Improvement and dissemination of biodiversity's knowledge.
- ❖ Development of cross-border action plans in favor of 10 species and habitats :
the little owl, the crested newt, the blue throat, the harriers, the yellow sparrow, the Garden dormouse, the tree sparrow ; bocage and hedged, orchards, and edges of fields.
- ❖ Raise awareness and involve citizens and local actors in biodiversity's preservation.



Concrete actions to raise awareness and involve the population :

❖ Many activities :

- Presentation of action plans
- Training
- Birdshouses and insects hotels building
- Animations
- Games
- Photobooth
- Communication media
- ...

❖ 29 events

❖ 7 000 participants

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Thanks for your attention.

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Video testimonial

VALE DO CÔA AND FAIA BRAVA

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