

# *Webinar – protected area twinning projects (08/09/25 – 16:00)*

## Conservancies of natural areas

### « TO ACT FOR NATURE IN LANDS »

- **Second manager** of protected areas in France, after the State
- An **associative** status
- 24 Conservancies **in each region of metropolitan France** (including Corsica) + Guiana + Guadeloupe
- Strategy: **land acquisition & management agreement**

4 500  
sites  
managed

300 000 ha  
protected



## The Federation

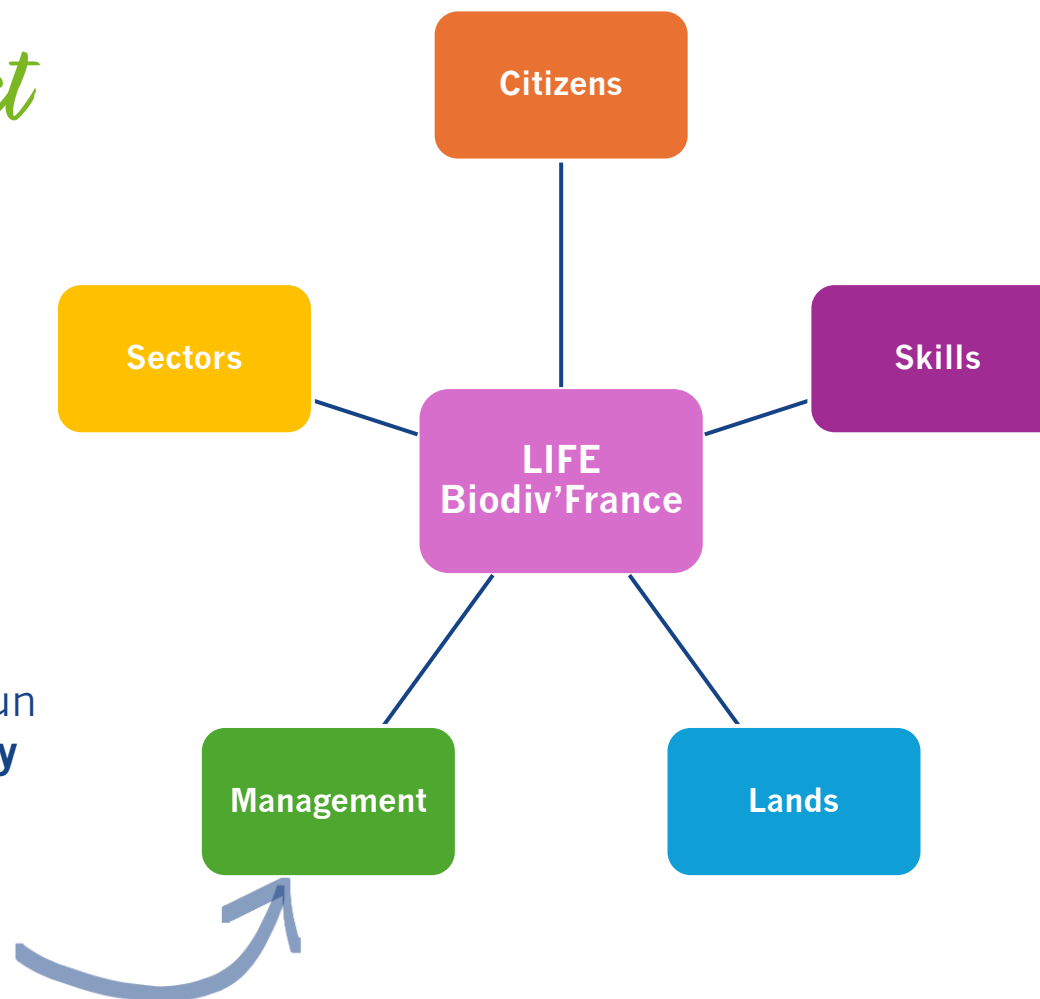
### « TO ACT FOR NATURE IN LANDS »

- National programmes:
  - **Loire** plan
  - **Rhone/Saone** plan
  - **Chiroptera** national action programme
  - **Peatland** national centre
  - **Natur'Army**
  - **Carbon** & biodiversity strategies
- National operations: **Frog Frequency** & **Autumn Yard**



## The LIFE Biodiv'France project

- A project funded by the **European Union** and the French **ministry of ecology**, coordinated by the **French Office for Biodiversity**
- 9 years **from 2024 to 2032**, with a total of **50M€**
- **30 national and regional organisations** involved, with distinct targets yet a common goal: executing the **2030 National Strategy for Biodiversity**
- A specific axis on **protected area management**



## Twinning projects

- To respond to **(a) specific issue(s)** related to protected area management
- To appoint **a person in charge** in each organisation and to agree on **a commun tongue** (French, English, or Spanish)
- **To exchange remotly** and bilaterally, and **to schedule three-party meetings** with FCEN
- **To organise fieldwork trips:**
  - one year to the French site, and one year to your site
  - with at least two people per trip + someone from FCEN
  - involving local stakeholders (officials, farmers, etc.)
- **To write a small report** each year to evaluate the relevance of the joint actions
- **To seek for means** to sustain the twinning project

## Call for proposals – key features

- 2-year long programme: **2026-2027**
- From €5.000 to €19.000 per organisation = **from €10.000 to €38.000 per common twinning project**
- Staff costs, mission expenses, specific expenditures + general fees
- Protected area? Each area **officially recognised as protected** by national laws and/or belonging to a wider network: **Natura 2000**, **Ramsar**, or **UNESCO** (MAB reserves & World Heritage Sites)
- Deadline: **30 October 2025, at 6:00pm (CET)**

## Selection criteria

| Criterion                                                                            | Mark |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Identified benefits in terms of protected area management                            | /5   |
| Relevance of joint actions                                                           | /5   |
| Study field trip programme                                                           | /5   |
| Means of transport                                                                   | /2   |
| Minimal risks for the twinning project implementation and their right identification | /2   |
| Qualitative and quantitative indicators of the twinning project                      | /3   |
| Reliability of the perennation plan                                                  | /3   |
| Global proposal                                                                      | /25  |

*Any questions?*



Do not hesitate if you have any interrogation about the CEN network and/or the LIFE Biodiv'France action programme

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## *French protected area networks*



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*Thanks a lot!  
Merci beaucoup!*