



# Thematic Seminar for Exchange of Experiences Marathon of Biodiversity Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France

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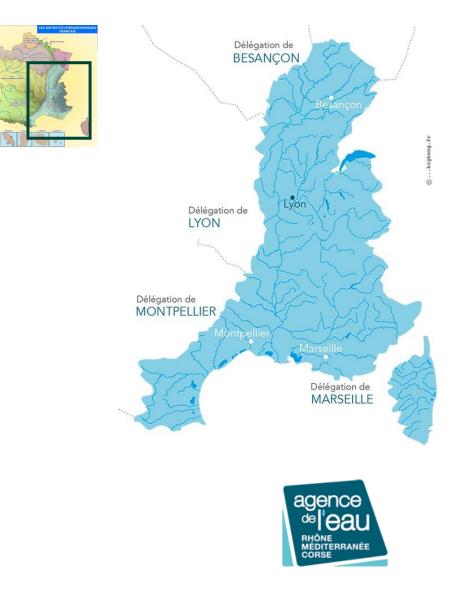
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### The Rhone-Mediterrannean-Corsica Water Agency

- 400 M€ budget per year collected through water taxes
- A shared governance between the stakeholders of the watershed
- A call for project around water and biodiversity granting 70% of the budget to the territories



### The creation of the challenge

- A call for projects linking water and biodiversity by the Water Agency in 2016
- A special territory, Communauté de Communes Saône Beaujolais with:
  - A proactive elected official
  - 42 municipalities and 42 000 inhabitants



Communauté de communes Saône-Beaujolais



### The creation of the challenge

### Two goals

- Identify the existing hedges and ponds over the territory and put the priority on specific places
- Restore ecological continuity by creating or restoring **42 km of hedges** and **42 ponds**
- → "Marathon of biodiversity"



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### A new call for projects

A call for projects "Marathon of biodiversity" is now held every year and funded by the water agency.

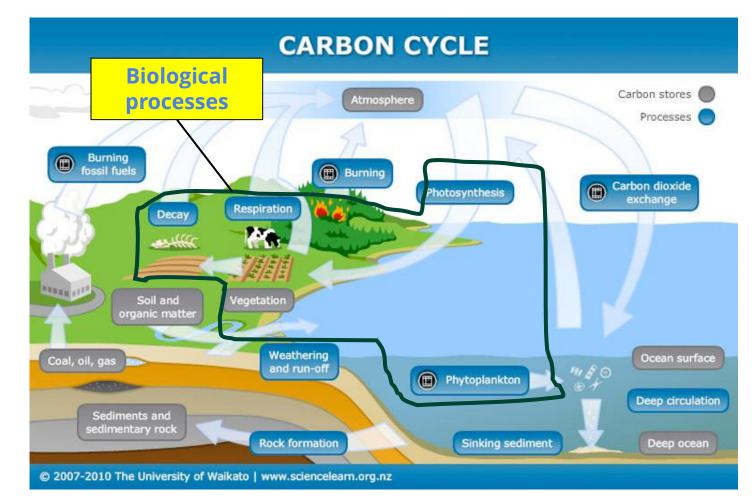


### Why is this Good Practice interesting for NACAO?

Complex biological processes are the heart of carbon storage mechanisms : the ecosystem functionality is necessary to store CO2.



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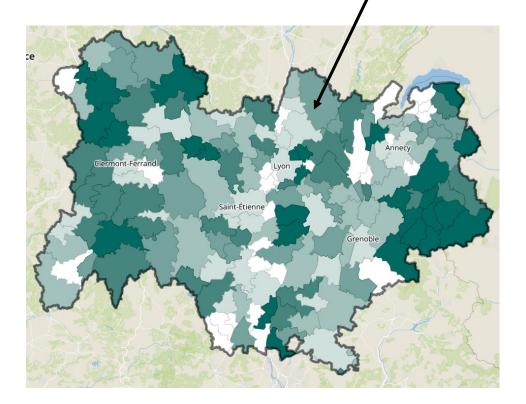
### **Background : Grand Bourg Agglomération**

- 135 000 inhabitants
- The territory is involved in many climate related programs : Natura 2000, PCAET...



Sources : Grand Bourg Agglomération ; TerriSTORY® website





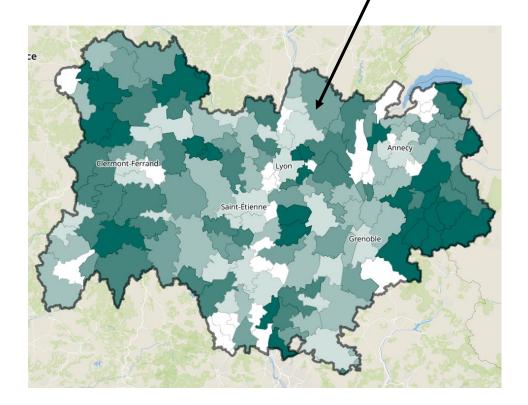
### **Objectives**

Marathon of biodiversity between 2022 and 2025 : - challenge of the 42 km of hedges and 42 ponds - include biodiversity in the scope of the local administration and implement it



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#### Legal framework : elaborating a local governance

- **14 stakeholders** involved in the project: local administration, water agency, technical experts, NGOs...
- A common convention linking all the partners
- Specific conventions for the supply of plants and accessories, the installation of protections and the planting of plants
- Conventions between the project leaders and Grand Bourg Agglomération

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Les haies assurent aux cultures une protection efficace et naturelle contre les vents froids, les fortes chaleurs et l'érosion des sols. Elles permettent aux animaux d'élevage de s'abriter du soleil et des intempéries et peuvent leur fournir des réserves de nourriture en période de sécheresse. Elles peuvent également, en broyage, assurer un paillage pour l'élevage en complément de la paille classique. Enfin, les haies abritent des auxiliaires de culture, agissent sur la qualité de l'eau en la filtrant et constituent une source de bois de chauffage et de bois d'œuvre.

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Implementation : defining the priority intervention sectors

- Identifying the existing **blue grid** : wetlands and watercourses
- Identifying the existing **green grid** : biodiversity reservoirs, places where wildlife can move around
- → The turquoise grid binds those two grids





### Implementation : working with each project

- Agreement between a project leader and Grand Bourg Agglomération
- Technical support is granted by the stakeholders of the project
- Plantation can be organized by the project leader (farmers), participative worksites, school workshops ...
- *The follow-up phase is granted by the agreement*





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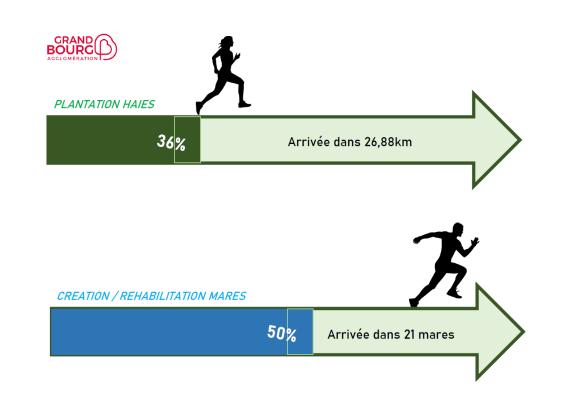
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### **Grand Bourg Agglomération**

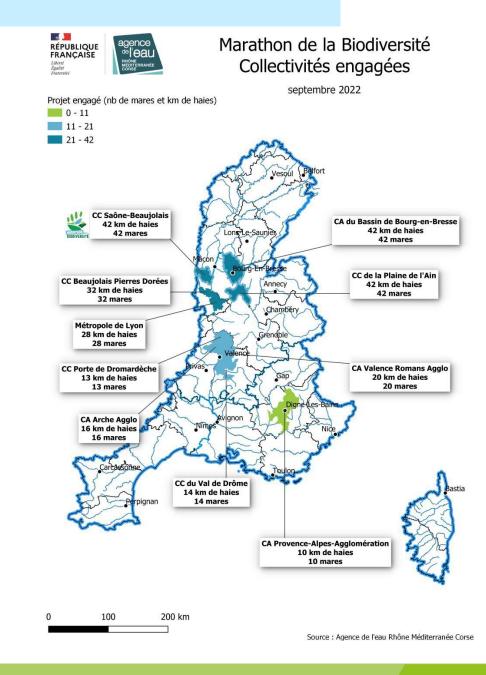
- An opportunity to connect people around biodiversity and to pave the ground for future projects
- Shared benefits for farmers, inhabitants and local administrations
- A challenge on his way to cross the finish line!



### **Results achieved**

### At a global scale

- 10 marathons started in the territory covered by the Water Agency
- One marathon finished : Communauté de Communes Saône-Beaujolais
- A concept that is kept for the following call for projects of the water agency



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### **Challenges and lessons learned**

### **Success factors**

- The involvement of elected officials in the project
- *The strong partnership covering different experts*
- A clever communication and a big challenge







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