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Helping Protected Areas Adapt to Climate Change

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Good morning

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Who am I?

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Role in the project:

- Participation to the steering of the project
- Interface with the European network of Protected Areas





Who is Europarc?

Members
representation



Invest in
youth



Sustainable tourism



Transboundary
cooperation



More info on www.europarc.org



LIFE
NATUR'
ADAPT

... in a nutshell

LIFE NaturAdapt is a 5-year project developed with the enthusiastic support of...



**MINISTÈRE
DE LA TRANSITION
ÉCOLOGIQUE**

*Liberté
Égalité
Fraternité*

LIFE Natur'Adapt is ...



- An **experiment** that aims at **integrating climate change** into protected area management practices
- is the foundation of **a dynamic collective learning process.**

Concretely, we talk about...



Methodology

vulnerability assessments

adaptation measures

collaborative community & platform

online courses

Who's doing it? 10 partners



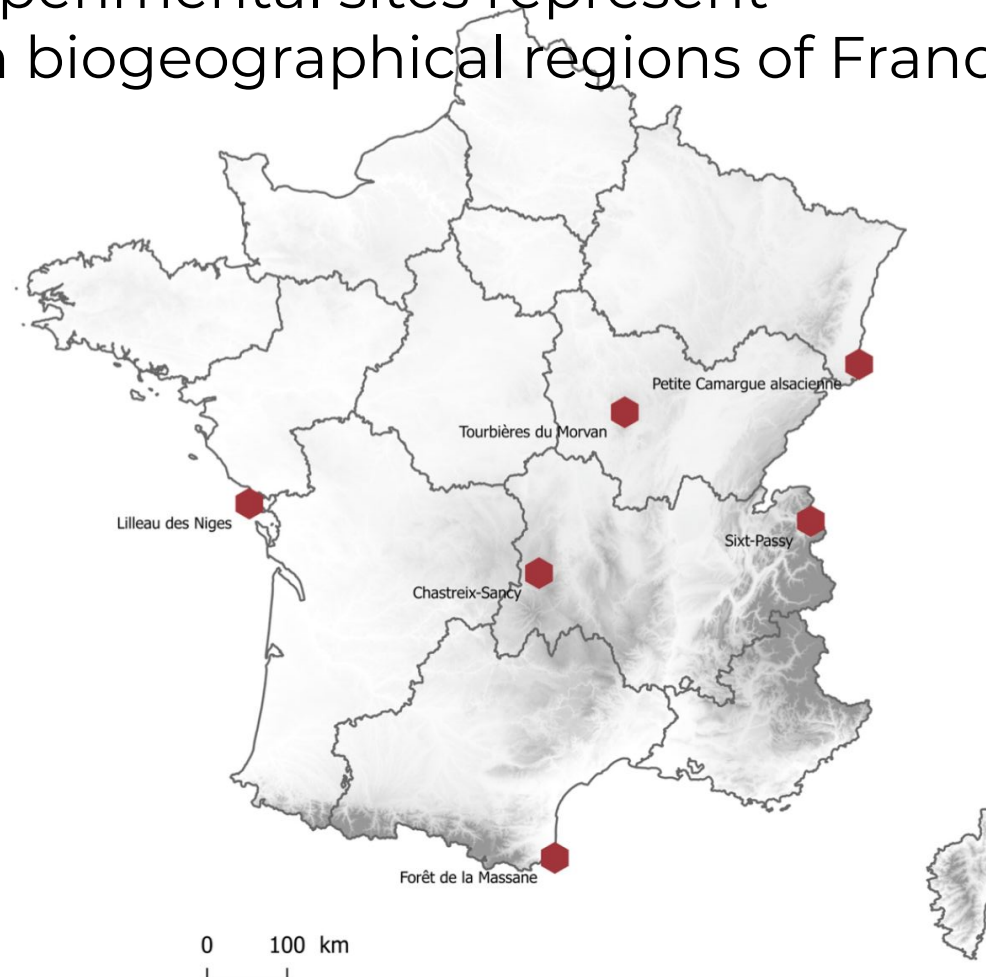
Lead partner



Who's doing it? 10 partners

6 protected areas

These experimental sites represent the main biogeographical regions of France





Who's doing it? 10 partners

- *2 independent experts*
 1. Tela Botanica - Participative Community Management and online training
 2. Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle - Scientific Literature Review

- 1 fantastic European Network of Protected Areas
EUROPARC and its Task Force on Climate Change

Next steps

- Involve 12 protected areas to test the prototype methodology and online course
- Release a final methodology and online courses for Climate change adaptation in protected areas
- Publish articles, a policy paper and organise workshops to bridge the gap between biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation
- Organise a European conference on climate change adaptation in Protected Areas in 2022



Key learnings

so far

Recommendation



Do not fall into the “paralysis of uncertainty” trap.

“Just go for it, it is very interesting, and simpler than it appears.”

Cathy Hopley, Forest of Bowland AONB

Key steps to integrate climate change in your practice



Try, learn, adapt, try again

Towards a methodology



1. **The spark**
2. **The preparatory phase:**
Bibliographical research, meet experienced people.
3. Imagine the **future climate**
4. **Vulnerability assessment**
5. Planning and implementation of **adaptation measures**
6. Monitor, learn

.... and try again :)

Opportunity



To adopt a creative, dynamic and inclusive posture

Opportunity



**To improve collaboration with
local stakeholders**

share common interests

Opportunity



To **position nature protected areas at the heart of local strategies for adaptation and mitigation.**

Be part of the solution and develop the perceived value of natural areas

More resources



In English:

https://www.europarc.org/nature/climate-change/selected_cc_resources/

In French:

<https://naturadapt.com/groups/communautaire/pages/ressources>

Message from the task force...

**“By protecting what nature is left,
restoring what is degraded
and connecting what is fragmented,
Protected Areas will actively contribute to
bringing back the adaptive capacity of
communities and territories
in the face of climate change.”**

A photograph of a dense forest. The ground is covered with fallen branches and tree trunks, all heavily covered in bright green moss. The background shows tall, thin trees with green foliage, creating a sense of depth and a vibrant, natural environment.

Would you like to get involved?

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* Names of the 6 Protected Areas

1. Association Petite Camargue Alsacienne
2. Asters, Conservatoire des espaces naturels de Haute-Savoie
3. Fédération des réserves naturelles catalanes
4. Ligue pour la protection des oiseaux
5. Syndicat mixte du Parc naturel régional du Morvan
6. Syndicat mixte du Parc naturel régional des Volcans d'Auvergne