

# Newsletter n°2

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# 2024

- A call for projects to combat global warming.
- <u>16 projects monitored</u> over the 3 axes, including 1 led by an employee in France.
- A LinkedIn page for the Foundation.
- (\*) Moments of solidarity in the branch and with associations.

# PROJECTS IN THE 3 AXES OF THE FONDATION GÉOTEC



# Helping people in West Africa



# **TEENS**

#### #water #sanitation

Since 2020, ADOS has been working alongside the Department of Dagana in Senegal to implement its Departmental Water and Sanitation Plan (Plan Départemental d'Hydraulique et d'Assainissement-PDHA). The project supported combines the partial renewal of the equipment of the drinking water treatment unit and the installation of solar devices as well as the connection to water of two schools in Bokhol.

# **Chain of Hope**

# #water #health

The Chaine de l'Espoir school health programme in Togo encompasses a range of crucial actions aimed at improving hygiene and sanitation conditions in Lomé's schools, as well as preventing the risks of spreading disease. Fondation Géotec's funding has been allocated to the construction of a latrine block with 6 secure cubicles in a school.







# Integration in France



# Lille Rugby Club

# #disability #sport

The only wheelchair rugby section north of Paris, the Lille Rugby Club - Iris 1924 association is keen to offer a range of sporting activities at least equivalent to those available to able-bodied players. The funding obtained will be used to purchase wheelchairs adapted for wheelchair rugby and to cover the team's travel expenses for the French Wheelchair Rugby Championship.

# Elisabeth's House

#### #insertion

This association is dedicated to helping people in precarious situations in Bordeaux. It operates on two levels: a day centre since 2019, which provides long-term accommodation for around 15 beneficiaries until they are reintegrated, and activities in squats.



# **Help for Young Diabetics**

# #inclusion #disability

This association helps young adults (aged 18-25) with type 1 diabetes to manage the transition to adulthood as effectively as possible by offering them dedicated therapeutic educational stays and by creating an active community run by young people to support each other and share their experiences. In 2024, Fondation Géotec is helping to organise an educational trip.

Project presented by Arnaud Lafourcade (Géotec Bordeaux)

# <u>Café</u> Joyeux

## #handicap #inclusionprofessionnelle

This association, which is already receiving support in 2021 for the opening of a Café Joyeux in Versailles, is committed to the professional inclusion of people with mental and cognitive disabilities. In 2024, the aim is to extend the scheme to the city of Dijon, enabling around ten people with disabilities to receive training and gain access to mainstream employment.









# Clubhouse

# #water #hygiene #sanitation

The aim of this association is to restore, maintain and improve the quality of life of people with mental health problems (bipolarity, depression, schizophrenia, burn-out, etc.). The Clubhouse model is based on the management of a place that enables its members to come out of isolation and reactivate their skills with the support of their peers and employees. The project supported in 2024 involves the opening of a Clubhouse in Dijon.





# Combating global warming



# Apri

# #wetlands #responsiblemanagement

This association promotes the preservation of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems for all publics through education, information and awareness-raising. The theme for 2024 is water, and the project supported by the Géotec Foundation focuses more specifically on the management, conservation and maintenance of wetlands, with 6 test sites in the communities of Granville and Coutances (Manche).

# Sylv'ACCTES

# #forestmanagement

A non-political, non-activist association, it offers funding and technical support to private and public landowners wishing to commit to the virtuous management of their forests. The partnership with Fondation Géotec has led to the roll-out of the Sylv'ACCTES scheme in Burgundy Franche Comté, covering the Morvan and Haut-Jura regional nature parks and the National Forest Park.



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# Lil'Ô Halage

# #biodiversity #urban farming

**LIL'Ô** is a demonstrator for the recovery of biodiversity on a 3.6-hectare polluted former industrial wasteland in the heart of a Natura 2000 area on the Ile Saint-Denis (93). This project is part of a participative and collective dynamic, as the eco-innovative activities are carried out by vulnerable people who are a long way from employment. The funding from Fondation Géotec is for the design of a rainwater collection pond, the planting of a belvedere and the recreation of a green belt.

# Au Fil de l'Eau

# #biodiversity #integration

One of the islands in the loop of the Marne (94), **Île des Loups is a biodiversity niche and a refuge for wildlife**. The main aim of the project supported by Fondation Géotec is to reinstate a functional riparian zone, maintain a pond, plant native species and create combs and fascines. In addition to the fauna and flora, the main beneficiaries of this project are the schoolchildren, who will be able to visit the island and learn about the importance of wetlands, and the employees of the **Au Fil de l'Eau** association, who will be trained in plant engineering techniques and reintegrated into employment.



# From Shores to Dreams

# #combatingclimateheating #biodiversity



The project supported aims to set up a laboratory to raise awareness and conduct technical experiments to promote practical alternatives to water shortages and excesses in a large part of the Pas de Calais region. It is implementing a system of regenerative agriculture and hydrology on the association's plots. It also seeks to slow down, distribute, infiltrate and store rainwater and run-off, to increase the density of multifunctional vegetation and to preserve the environment from excesses linked to an overabundance or deficiency of rainfall.



# **NaturDive**

# #aquaticlife #restauration

This association has been working for over 6 years to preserve and protect the marine environment. In particular, the project supported concerns the active restoration of the Posidonia meadow in the area around the Cannes Ecomuseum (Lérins Islands).





# **8Lives for the Planet**

# # aquaticlife#restoration

Supported in 2022 by the Fondation Géotec in its "L'étang de s'y mettre" project, this association for technical innovation in the service of the environment is continuing its ZoRRO (Zostère, le Retour Rapide comme Objectif) project, which involves transplanting seagrass beds and developing marine biodiversity in the Etang de Berre (13).

# **CFPMFR Vercors**

#### #environment #soil restoration

The project supported by Fondation Géotec involves deploying and testing the experimental, environmentally-friendly Bokaworm process for recycling organic waste in two communities of communes in the Massif du Vercors (26). One of the aims is to restore agricultural soils by spreading the vermicompost obtained, while drastically limiting greenhouse gas emissions.





# <u>Les Ami.e.s de la Serre du Ruisseau</u>

# #urban environment#vegetation

Fondation Géotec is supporting the creation of a greenhouse, a social ecology laboratory at Porte de Clignancourt (Paris). The greenhouse will produce plant resources for future urban plantings proposed by the Les Jardins du Ruisseau association. Thanks to a long-term commitment to urban greening and the transmission of horticultural and market-gardening knowledge, the association has been able to raise awareness of biodiversity from an early age and provide access to a green and peaceful space for a wide public.



# MOMENTS OF SOLIDARITY IN THE BRANCH



# Cielo in Bordeaux

# #Togo #constructioninfrastructure

Fondation Géotec has supported several of the association's projects in Togo, providing financial assistance for the construction of a canteen and several classrooms.

At the beginning of 2024, employees in the Sud-Ouest region were able to talk to Mr Bernard, the association's director, and see for themselves the impact of this type of action on local communities.

# **Chain of Hope**

## #Togo

In June, more than 60 Plaisir employees were able to meet with members of this association. They were able to get an idea of the realities on the ground and understand the issues involved in building latrine blocks for secondary school pupils.



# **Institute of Commitment**

#### #insertion #education

The Lyon, Bordeaux, Dijon and head office branches will be busy in October examining applications from young people looking for support with their career plans.



# **ACTIONS WITH GEOTEC, BEYOND THE FOUNDATION**

The purchasing department has been able to forge interesting links with certain associations in terms of solidarity purchasing at Group level.

Individual employees are involved in certain associations supported by the Foundation.



# Where can I find the latest news from the Foundation?

- On the "Fondation Géotec" page in the Com area (Sharepoint)
- By subscribing to the "Fondation Géotec" LinkedIn page