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# Blue and Green Infrastructure for Sustainable Cities « Blue Green City »

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# Partnership

- **Lead Partner:** Euromed Cities Network, represented by Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis, in close collaboration with the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region

- **Partners :**

- City of Ingolstadt (Germany),
- Rijeka Development Agency (Croatia),
- Southern Regional Assembly (Ireland),
- Piedmont Region (Italy),
- Bucarest - Ilfov Regional Development Agency (Romania),
- City of Växjö (Sweden).

- **Advisory Partner :** University of Greenwich (United Kingdom).

## **Project duration:**

- 42 months (August 2019 – January 2023)

## **Total budget of the project: 1 345 000 €**

- European co-financing: 85%

# Project implementation

## **Phase 1 : August 2019 - January 2022**

Dedicated to interregional exchanges of experiences and good practices between partners, and design of corresponding action plans.

## **Phase 2 : February 2022 – January 2023**

Implementation of action plans.

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# Blue and Green Infrastructure as key elements of urban planning

## Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis' action plan

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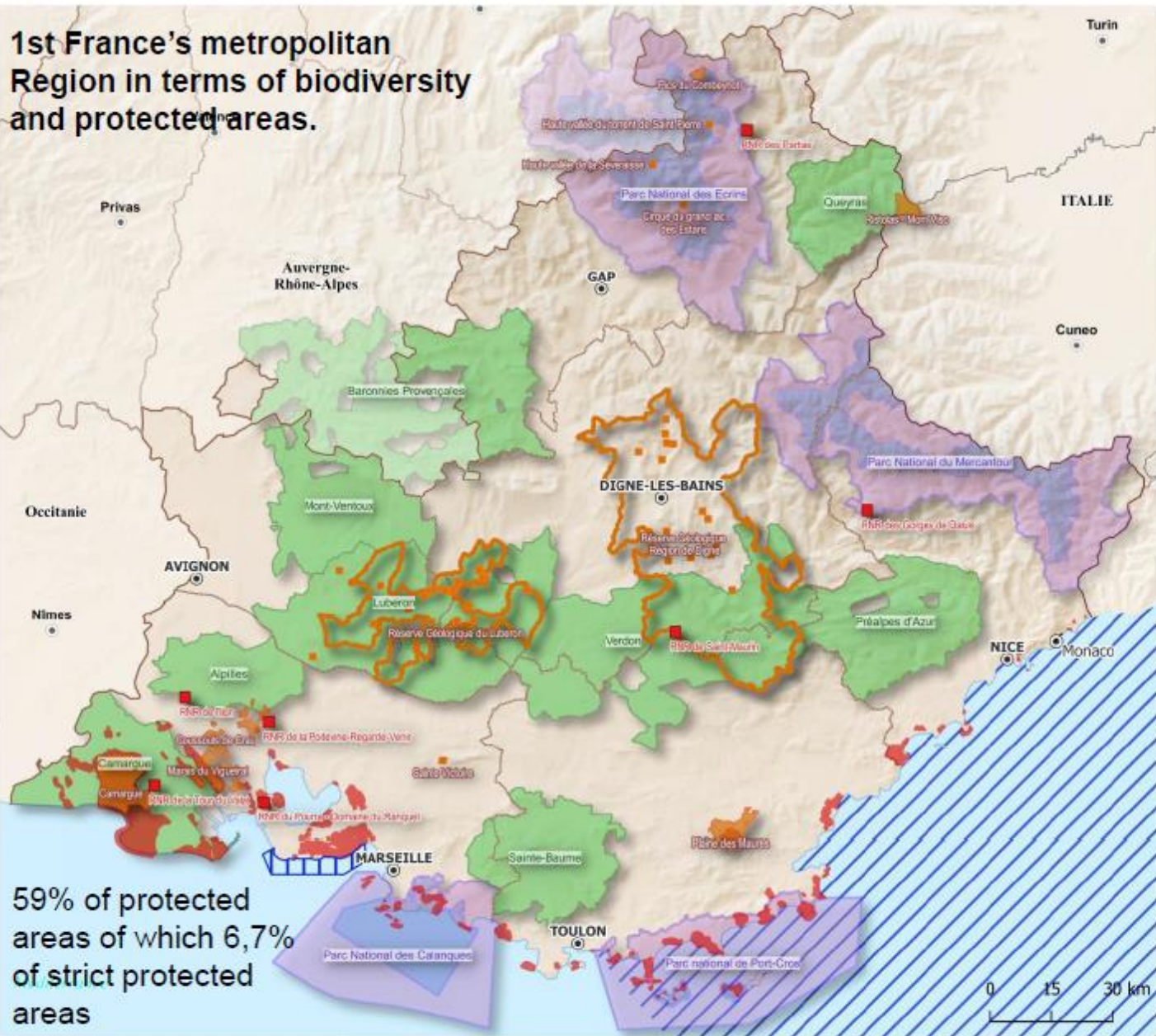
# South Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur Region



- 31 700 km<sup>2</sup> of which 18 700 km<sup>2</sup> of protected areas (59%).
- 5 081 101 inhabitants.
- 3 major metropolitan areas : Aix-Marseille Provence, Toulon, Nice.
- + 0,40%/year demographic growth 2030.
- France 3rd economic region.
- 2,316 Billion € : Regional council annual budget.



# 1st France's metropolitan Region in terms of biodiversity and protected areas.



## Protected areas

- 9 Natural regional parks
- 4 National parks
- 17 natural reserves

■ Parc naturel régional  
■ Réserve naturelle nationale  
 Réserve géologique  
■ Réserve naturelle régionale  
**Parc national :**  
■ Coeur de parc  
■ Zone périphérique  
■ Site Conservatoire du Littoral  
 Parc Marin de la Côte Bleue  
 Sanctuaire Pelagos

**Limites administratives :**  
 Limite de région  
 Limite de département

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59% of protected areas of which 6,7% of strict protected areas



# Diagnosis / State of play

- Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) is considered “only” in terms of ecological functionalities.
- GBI are not yet mainstreamed into urban planning and development, as part of the climate change mitigation strategy.
- The specific situation of GBI in urban and peri/suburban areas is not considered.
- Implementation methodologies are missing.



# Two key objectives

- Influence the new 21-27 ERDF instrument, to better take into account climate and biodiversity objectives as applied to urban areas, by benefiting from the experience of other partners.
  - Piedmont Region (Italy), sustainable territorial planning.
  - City of Växjö (Sweden), integration of ecosystem services into each step of the urban planning process.
  - City of Ingolstadt (Germany), taking into account of the presence of local animals in the design of public spaces.
- Link urban planning with GBI, nature-based solutions and ecosystem services, to tackle biodiversity collapse and climate change, in order to reduce the vulnerability and improve the resilience of urban and periurban areas.

# Overview of the action plan

Integration of :

- a new “Priority Axis 2: supporting a sustainable use of regional resources and ensuring an environmental and energy transition”, and
- a “Specific Objective 2.4: supporting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and resilience in the face of nature catastrophes”,

through a coordinated approach with the stakeholder group.

# Overview of the action plan

The focus on climate change adaptation and preservation of biodiversity, through the implementation of the policy instrument, will be done notably via Calls for Applications which will prioritise proposals using NBS and ES in urban planning, to tackle both the adaptation to climate change and the preservation of biodiversity.

Thank you for your attention!