

ACTIVITY REPORT 2022



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A WORD FROM THE 2022 CHAIRWOMAN

2022 could have been a pivotal year for ecology in France: the combination of political deadlines and the countdown set by the administrative judge on the 31st of December provided a rare opportunity for France to finally follow an ambitious trajectory on climate change.

As always, Notre Affaire A Tous has worked hard to highlight the scale of the challenges we are currently facing, and the importance of collectively creating institutions that understand the urgency of taking action.

That's why, with the partners of l'Affaire du Siècle, we organised "Le Débat du Siècle" with the main candidates in the presidential election. Climate had to have its debate, and it did, thanks to NGOs and Twitch, with over a million people able to follow it online.

During the legislative elections, NAAT also provided citizens with tools to alert the candidates in their constituencies about the polluting and unfair projects that must be abandoned.

However, as we now know, this was unfortunately not enough to ensure the appointment of a government up to the challenges of climate change and social justice.

As a result, NAAT has continued to advance climate justice through legal action, maintaining constant pressure on the State all throughout the year. This was done through the *Affaire du siècle* and the *Grande Synthe* cases, but also through legal action on multinational companies such as Total by welcoming new cities (Poitiers, Paris, New York) and a historic NGO (Amnesty International) to our Duty of Vigilance coalition. If we want to respond to the climate emergency, and in the face of government inaction, we must not only hold the government accountable, but also multinational companies. Consequently, we have initiated new lawsuits: one regarding Total's greenwashing practices, one against FIFA on the occasion of the World Cup in Qatar, or another against the irresponsible financing of ecocidal fossil fuel projects (BNP Paribas). In addition to climate change, as part of our ground-breaking legal action against the French state, NAAT has also taken action against the collapse of biodiversity as part of the "Justice for Life" coalition, which aims to put an end to the poisoning of ecosystems and humans by notoriously harmful pesticides.

To succeed in these new battles, we have had to strengthen and professionalise ourselves, and our new funders have enabled us to welcome new members on the team. This strengthened team, both in terms of legal skills (duty of care) and cross-functional skills, has spared no effort in carrying out numerous projects throughout the year. It enabled NAAT to keep alive the hopes born of the historic victories we have won and, alongside our volunteers, the team has also helped develop the association for years to come.

Today, we can safely assume that NAAT is recognised within the climate movement as well as civil society and the institutions, as the legal arm of climate justice and social justice in France. The Conseil d'Etat itself devoted several pages to the *Affaire du Siècle* in its activity report, and NAAT receives requests for conferences, speeches, forums and even litigation every day. This credibility has now become a hallmark of the association, and is the crowning achievement of the commitment of those who believed in it against all the odds before success was achieved. This historic determination must comfort us in our ability to fight to establish new legal boundaries, whether it be through the recognition of the crime of ecocide or the rights of nature, for which we have published a reference work this year.

At the time of writing, 2023 is well underway, and unfortunately under the worst possible auspices. The institutions' inaction in fighting climate change and the irresponsibility of multinational

economic players are undermining the hopes of a large number of citizens who are aware of the urgency of the situation, which is leading to a radicalisation of words and deeds. This scorched-earth strategy on the part of systemic players is undermining the momentum created in 2015 by the Paris Agreement, and is now expressing itself openly by criminalising whistleblowers and citizens fighting to defend life on earth.

Overwhelmed and abused, the law now has no choice but to begin its transition, welcoming climate issues as it has welcomed issues of equality and freedom in the past. As always, Notre Affaire À Tous will continue to work with citizens' groups and the movement's partners to accelerate this change, by being present everywhere, before judges, parliamentarians and academics.

*Clotilde Bato,
President of Notre Affaire À Tous*



HIGHLIGHTS 2022

JANUARY 10, 2022

JUSTICE FOR THE LIVING - THE STATE TAKEN TO COURT FOR INACTION IN THE FACE OF BIODIVERSITY COLLAPSE

In September 2021, at the IUCN Congress, Notre Affaire à Tous and POLLINIS, an association that defends pollinators, initiated the first stage of the legal action by filing injunctions. As the government failed to respond within the allotted timeframe, the organizations decided to take legal action, filing a summary request with the Paris Administrative Court on January 10, 2022. This action has now been joined by three new associations with complementary expertise: the Association pour la protection des animaux sauvages et du patrimoine naturel (ASPAS), the Association nationale pour la protection des eaux & rivières (ANPER-TOS) and Biodiversité sous nos pieds.



FEBRUARY 10, 2022

GUIDE TO PROMOTE BIOCLIMATIC LOCAL URBANISM PLANS (LUP) PUBLISHED

The "local action" working group has published a guide to bioclimatic LUPs, updated to take account of the French climate and resilience law, entitled "Quel Plan Local d'Urbanisme pour demain" ("Which Local Urbanism Plan for Tomorrow"). This guide makes urban planning law more accessible while making recommendations for better preservation of the environment within LUPs. This guide was an opportunity to expose the first developments in the fight against soil artificialisation, and to take into account the retreat of the coastline.

QUEL PLAN LOCAL D'URBANISME POUR DEMAIN ?



GUIDE À L'ATTENTION DES COLLECTIVITÉS POUR UN PLU(i) BIOCLIMATIQUE

Mis à jour de la loi climat et résilience

MARCH 2, 2022

PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK "THE RIGHTS OF NATURE"

A major event for the association and the "rights of nature" working group: the publication of *Les droits de la nature - Vers un nouveau paradigme de protection du vivant* (Rights of Nature - Towards a new paradigm for the protection of living things), published by Le Pommier. It is the fruit of the collective labour of 14 contributors, volunteer members of Notre Affaire à Tous, under the direction of Marine Yzquierdo.



MARCH 13, 2022

DEBATE OF THE CENTURY WITH L'AFFAIRE DU SIÈCLE

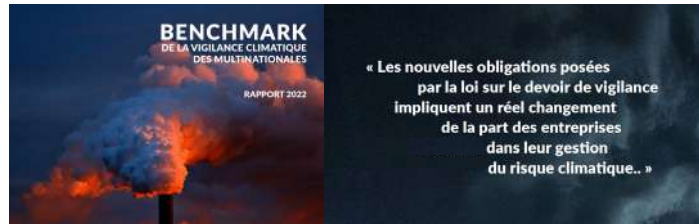
The first 100% climate oriented presidential debate on Twitch, produced in partnership with Jean Massiet and Paloma Moritz, was an opportunity to question the main presidential candidates, with the exception of Emmanuel Macron. In order to give as many people as possible access to the candidates' responses, and in the face of the major TV networks' refusal to organize a debate devoted to ecological issues, l'Affaire du Siècle organized this "[Debate of the Century](#)" itself.



JULY 13, 2022

RELEASE OF REPORT N°3 ON THE DUTY OF CARE OF 27 FRENCH MULTINATIONALS

On July 13, 2022, we published our [3rd Benchmark report on the duty of care](#), which scrutinizes the compliance of 27 French multinationals with their legal obligations on climate matters. The report aims to strengthen the existence and practice of duty of care within companies. In particular, it relies on the law relating to the duty of care of multinationals in order to remedy the fact that the Paris Agreement does not directly apply to these multinational companies. The Benchmark's findings are alarming: five years after the law was passed, companies are still not adapting their business models in the face of the climate crisis. None of the companies surveyed fully complies with the law's requirements on the duty of care and climate transition objectives. Failure to comply with these criteria exposes companies to the risk of litigation.



OCTOBER 13, 2022

AFFAIR OF THE CENTURY - THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS STILL NOT DOING ENOUGH

With less than three months to go before the deadline set by the administrative court (December 31, 2022), l'Affaire du Siècle visited a forest consumed by fire near Landiras (Gironde), to challenge the government. The organizations listed urgent measures to be taken to get through the winter, while preparing for the future. Yann Robiou du Pont, doctor in climatology, and Jacques Hazera, forest owner, came to testify to the dramatic impacts already caused by climate disruption.



OCTOBER 26, 2022

FORMAL NOTICE SERVED ON BNP PARIBAS

On the eve of Climate Finance Day, an international finance event held every year in Paris, Notre Affaire à Tous, Oxfam France and Friends of the Earth France sent a letter of formal notice to BNP Paribas - Europe's leading financier and the world's 5th largest developer of fossil fuels - to halt its support for new fossil fuel projects. This step is the preamble to an unprecedented legal action, the first in the world to target a commercial bank for its high-risk climate activities in the oil and gas sector.



NOVEMBER 2, 2022

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST FIFA'S GREENWASHING PRACTICES

Notre Affaire à Tous has lodged a complaint with the Jury of Ethical Advertising against FIFA for greenwashing practices. Similar complaints for misleading advertising have been lodged in the UK, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands to challenge claims of carbon neutrality relating to the organization of the Qatar World Cup.



GENERAL PRESENTATION



WHO WE ARE

Notre Affaire à Tous is an association created under the law of 1901 in the summer of 2015 that uses the law as a means to protect living beings, natural commons and the climate. Stemming from the movement for recognition of the crime of ecocide in international law in order to punish the most serious crimes against the environment, Notre Affaire à Tous seeks to establish, through legal means, advocacy and citizen mobilization, human responsibility towards the environment.

In particular, Notre Affaire à Tous has initiated emblematic climate litigation against systemic players : both against the State, through the Case of the Century, which led to a conviction for climate inaction in 2021, and against multinational companies such as TotalEnergies, Casino and BNP Paribas.

● A CITIZENS' MOVEMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

At December 31, 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous had 458 members, including around 100 active members organized into working groups. Most of these volunteers are legal professionals, lawyers, students and researchers, the majority of whom are young women. They support and even manage a large part of the association's legal work, in direct connection with the employees and the members of the Board of Directors, and with the help of pro bono law firms for the association's most important projects. Pro bono work and skills sponsorship represent an extraordinary asset for the association, enabling it to carry out its projects and achieve its objectives. In 2023, we hope to initiate an initial accounting assessment of volunteer contributions.

● OUR WORKING GROUPS

As of December 31, 2022, there are 8 working groups: Multinationals, Local Action, Climate Inequalities, Education Awareness, Rights of Nature, Ecocide, International - Climate Affairs Watch and Translation. In 2022, four local groups are also active in Lyon, Strasbourg, Lille and Paris.

Co-coordinators of the working groups, together with the members of the Board of Directors and the employees, make up the «coordination» team, which monitors the working groups and applies the association's strategy as approved by the Board of Directors. The working groups are ever-evolving, as indicated in the rules of procedure. The list of these groups is regularly updated on the website.



« A CITIZENS' MOVEMENT
FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE »

OUR MISSIONS



This century's challenge is to envision, invent and build an economic, societal and governance model that respects and protects life on Earth, in order to preserve human dignity and the planet we live on, by using all the legal means at our disposal. Global warming, massive loss of biodiversity... The impact of human activity on the general degradation of the environment, the earth's ecosystem and the planet is no longer questioned.



Unite to defend the general interest from those who are destroying our planet. We have entered the era of the Anthropocene, when "humanity has become a geological force on the scale of the planet" (Will Steffen). Today, no one is held legally responsible for the degradation of our environment: neither polluting companies, nor public authorities whose mission it is to protect us. Notre Affaire à Tous is taking legal action to establish new legal responsibilities in environmental matters: against both public authorities and private players.



Human responsibility towards nature. Notre Affaire à Tous is working to establish a genuine environmental and nature-oriented legal system. By transforming the law and rallying citizens, we want to establish a new, balanced relationship between humans and nature, through the recognition of the rights of nature and the criminalization of ecocide.



Economic, social, climate and environmental justice. Our social rights are now being challenged by the environmental and climate crises. Notre Affaire à Tous works to accompany and protect climate change victims to ensure recognition of their rights and the obligation of public authorities to protect them. Climate justice is necessary to secure the rule of law and the social contract. States must equip themselves with new legal instruments to guarantee individual and collective rights of their citizens, and protect the rights of nature and the living. We know about the legacy of the civil rights movement in the United States, which proclaimed the 12 principles of environmental justice in 1992. We know that environmental violence adds to social violence, that they are one and the same, and that protecting the rights of nature is a condition of equality and respect for human rights.



A worldwide movement. Notre Affaire à Tous is part of a worldwide movement to legally enshrine environmental crimes, recognize the rights of nature and take legal action for climate protection. Citizens and associations are turning to the courts to ensure that their rights and those of nature are respected. They are calling on governments to do more and better for the climate, by raising their ambitions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, by regulating private sector activities, by guaranteeing energy transition...

NOTRE AFFAIRE À TOUS ACTIONS



STRENGTHENING CLIMATE JUSTICE THROUGH THE LAW



Notre Affaire à Tous is working to establish new legal responsibilities in environmental matters, so that polluting companies and public authorities, whose mission it is to protect us, are held accountable for the degradation of our environment.



ACTING AGAINST GOVERNMENT INACTION

L'AFFAIRE DU SIÈCLE



After twice convicting the French state of climate inaction in 2021, the Affaire du Siècle associations (Notre Affaire à Tous, FNH, Greenpeace France and Oxfam France) have decided to call on presidential candidates and the media to force the climate issue into the public debate, in the run-up to the presidential elections.

● GET ANSWERS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES : LE DÉBAT DU SIÈCLE

We asked the presidential candidates how they intended to get France back on track. The answers were collected in a questionnaire submitted to the candidates and their campaign teams. The result: only two candidates laid out measures strong enough to change the situation.

In order to give as many people as possible access to the candidates' answers, and in the face of the refusal of the major TV channels to organize a debate devoted to ecological issues, l'Affaire du Siècle took it upon itself to organize this "Debate of the Century". The first 100% climate debate to be broadcast on Twitch in partnership with Jean Massiet and Paloma Moritz, it was an opportunity to question the main candidates, with the exception of Emmanuel Macron: Valérie Pécresse, Yannick Jadot, Anne Hidalgo, Philippe Poutou and later Jean-Luc Mélenchon in the form of a catch-up session, answered the questions put by l'Affaire du Siècle.

With over a million views of the Debate of the Century, millions of people were informed about the programs of the main presidential candidates.



● MORE CLIMATE IN THE MEDIA: CALLING OUT THE MEDIA ON THEIR RESPONSABILITIES

In order to give ecological issues a fair share of the debate surrounding the presidential election, it was also important for Affaire du Siècle [to challenge the media directly](#). What's more, the launch of its climate barometer in partnership with the Onclusive institute made it possible to objectivize the low weight of climate issues in media coverage of the presidential election: it represented less than [5% on average](#) of the time devoted to the presidential debate, since the start of the campaign. This barometer was widely echoed during the marches co-organized by the Affaire du Siècle associations: on March 12 (Look Up march) and April 9, 2022 (March for the Future). In response to these calls from civil society and the barometer's clear findings, many media outlets have made commitments to better integrate climate issues into their news coverage.

● THE CASE OF THE CENTURY - 1 YEAR AFTER SENTENCING PRESSURE GROWING ON THE GOVERNMENT...

On October 14, 2021, the French government was recognised liable by the Paris Administrative Court for climate inaction, thanks to the Affaire du Siècle coalition. With less than three months to go before the deadline set by the administrative court (December 31, 2022), l'Affaire du Siècle visited a forest consumed by fire near Landiras (Gironde), to call out the government: one year after it was recognised liable, the State is still not doing enough. The organizations listed urgent measures to be taken to get through the winter, while preparing for the future. Yann Robiou du Pont, a doctor in climatology, and Jacques Hazera, a forest owner, came alongside us to attest to the dramatic impacts already caused by climate disruption.

In response, a number of MPs published an opinion piece in support of the Affaire du Siècle action, reminding the government of its climate responsibilities, and a parliamentary fact-finding mission was launched on the government's implementation of its climate commitments.



L'Affaire du Siècle press conference
Landiras (Gironde)

... AS WE ARE NEARING DEADLINE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

Finally, on December 31, 2022, the deadline set by the Paris Administrative Court for the French government to take action to limit its greenhouse gas emissions expired. [The Affaire du Siècle associations, noting that the State has not acted sufficiently](#) since the ruling on October 14, 2021, sent an official letter to the Government on December 20 requesting a list of the measures taken to comply with the court ruling, and will ask for a financial penalty in 2023 to force the State to act.

In the run-up to COP 27, Notre Affaire à Tous has joined forces with the coalitions filing lawsuits against their states for climate inaction to publish [an open letter](#) alerting states to the urgent need to be more ambitious and radical in the measures they take - and reaffirming our shared determination before courts around the world.

Our partners: Fondation pour la Nature et l'Homme, Greenpeace France, Oxfam France



JUSTICE POUR LE VIVANT (JUSTICE FOR THE LIVING)



IN 2022, THE APPEAL AGAINST THE STATE'S PESTICIDE APPROVAL SYSTEM, JUSTICE POUR LE VIVANT, MADE GREAT PROGRESS:

In September 2021, at the IUCN Congress, Notre Affaire à Tous and POLLINIS, which defends pollinators, initiated the first stage of the appeal by filing injunctions. As the government failed to respond within the allotted timeframe, the organizations decided to take legal action, filing a summary petition with the Paris Administrative Court on January 10, 2022. This action has now been

joined by three new associations with complementary expertise: the Association pour la protection des animaux sauvages et du patrimoine naturel (ASPAS), the Association nationale pour la protection des eaux & rivières (ANPER-TOS) and Biodiversité sous nos pieds.

On February 17, 2022, the five organizations submitted the supplementary brief to the Paris Administrative Court as part of their groundbreaking appeal against the French state for failing to meet its obligations to protect biodiversity. The coalition of NGOs involved in the «Justice for the Living» lawsuit against the French state has submitted a list of its legal and scientific arguments, demonstrating point by point the state's failure to meet its obligations to protect biodiversity and its responsibility in the sixth mass extinction. This supplementary brief also lists the measures required of the State to put an end to all the shortcomings responsible for the failure of pesticide approval and marketing procedures, a major cause of the massive decline in biodiversity.



In parallel, on October 5, 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous, 23 organizations and 23 MPs warned the Prime Minister, Elisabeth Borne, in the form of a preliminary request, against the lack of scientific procedures to ensure the safety of pesticides marketed in France, in particular for the study of the chronic toxicity of mixtures of molecules within the same pesticide - also known as the "cocktail effect". This request is part of the Secrets Toxiques (Toxic secrets) campaign, supported by over 40 organizations. In the absence of a satisfactory response from the government within two months, the signatories of the preliminary request will appeal to the Conseil d'État.

This legal action, which targets pesticide approval processes through their impact on human health, is a complementary initiative to the one previously initiated by Notre Affaire à Tous and its 4 partners as part of the Justice pour le Vivant litigation against the impact of pesticides on biodiversity.

Our partners: Pollinis, ASPAS, Biodiversité sous nos pieds et ANPER-TOS

POLLINIS



ANPER

THE GRANDE-SYNTHE CASE

In June 2022, in the Grande-Synthe case before the Conseil d'Etat, the Affaire du Siècle associations filed a [new brief to demonstrate that the measures taken by the French government were not sufficient](#) to guarantee citizens that we would achieve our objectives by 2030 - and that the deadline of March 31, 2022 in this case had not been met by the government.

Our partners: Fondation pour la Nature et l'Homme, Greenpeace France, Oxfam France



GREENPEACE



AIR POLLUTION

In collaboration with Friends of the Earth, Notre Affaire à Tous and a number of other associations, the French Conseil d'Etat has issued a third ruling against the French government concerning air pollution. Having failed to meet its obligations in terms of air pollution, the French government must pay 10 million euros in penalty payments for the last six months of 2021 and the first six months of 2022 (20 million euros in total).

Our partner: Friends of the Earth France





ACTION AT A EUROPEAN LEVEL

In 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous became a member of the Forum Citoyen pour la RSE (FCRSE), an association made up of a collation of associations (including Sherpa, CCFD-Terre Solidaire, Friends of the Earth, Amnesty International, Oxfam). The FCRSE brings together the associations and trade unions that worked for the adoption of the French law on the duty of vigilance, and which are lobbying hard at European level, where a directive on the duty of vigilance will shortly be adopted.



In February, Notre Affaire à Tous took part in workshops bringing together dozens of institutional players and NGOs in Europe, and contributed to the drafting of the collective press release following publication of the Duty of Vigilance directive draft, as well as to the detailed analysis of the text. These various actions give us visibility and legitimacy with other national players, and open doors for us on a European scale through the European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ), of which the FCRSE is a member. Indeed, it is the ECCJ and its members who take our recommendations to Brussels. On this basis, in March, the European coalition drew up a summary document serving as a basis for advocacy and consolidating all the comments made by the national coalitions. From April onwards, Notre Affaire à Tous was invited to participate on a regular basis (fortnightly meetings) in the working group. This enabled us to take part in defining ECCJ's advocacy strategy on climate vigilance at European level.



On October 17 and 18, Notre Affaire à Tous, along with Sherpa, represented the Forum citoyen pour la RSE (FCRSE) at the strategic meeting organized in Brussels by ECCJ. Most of the representatives of the national coalitions were present on both days. It was an opportunity to get a proper overview of the discussions underway in the Council and Parliament, and to review the advocacy strategy deployed at national level.

Notre Affaire À Tous mobilized right up to the Council vote on December 1 to denounce French diplomatic manoeuvres in Brussels aimed at limiting the scope and reach of the European duty of vigilance.



REPORT - BENCHMARK OF CLIMATE VIGILANCE BY MULTINATIONALS, 3RD EDITION

On July 13, Notre Affaire à Tous published [the 2022 Benchmark of climate vigilance by multinationals](#). Thanks to the invaluable work of volunteers, we have analyzed the 2020 vigilance plans of 27 of the most polluting companies. This 3rd edition of the Benchmark takes the form of company-by-company sheets only - a way of making faster progress on the 2023 Benchmark, which will analyze the new 2021 due diligence plans of these companies, and of being as close as possible to current commitments and reporting.

The Benchmark shows that none of the companies analyzed appear to be complying with all the obligations arising from the duty of care and climate transition objectives.



While the cumulative carbon footprint of the 27 multinationals evaluated amounts to 1,651.60 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent, i.e. almost 4 times France's total territorial emissions in 2020 (396 Mt CO2 eq), we mainly observe:

- a number of persistent shortcomings in terms of identifying indirect emissions, particularly "scope 3" emissions (criterion 1-A of the methodology);
- a general lack of recognition of their respective responsibility, despite the fact that it is indisputable that everyone must do their part on climate issues (criterion 1-B);
- many commitments are not aligned with the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C target and/or do not cover all corporate emissions (criterion 2-A);
- serious shortcomings in the implementation of these commitments (criterion 2-B);
- some due diligence plans still do not sufficiently address climate issues (criterion 3);

Notre Affaire à Tous recommends that the future directive on due diligence should incorporate at least all the Benchmark criteria, in order to adequately regulate multinationals on climate issues.

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST TOTALENERGIES

● FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ITS DUTY OF CARE WITH REGARD TO CLIMATE CHANGE

On September 21, 2022, at a press conference, the cities of Paris and New York officially joined the coalition of associations and local authorities that have taken TotalEnergies to court for breach of its duty of care on climate issues. The city of Poitiers and Amnesty International France are also supporting this historic legal action.

Our partners: the 15 local authorities with Sherpa, FNE, Eco Maires, ZEA, Amnesty International France



● FOR MISLEADING COMMERCIAL PRACTICES

On March 2, 2022, Greenpeace France, Les Amis de la Terre France and Notre Affaire à Tous, supported by the ClientEarth association, took TotalEnergies to court for misleading commercial practices. We denounce the multinational oil and gas company's extensive greenwashing campaign in connection with its name change from Total to TotalEnergies. In this advertising campaign broadcast to millions of French consumers, TotalEnergies claims to be on the right track in the fight against climate change, and distills misleading claims about the alleged environmental virtues of fossil gas and biomass.

Our partners: Friends of the Earth France, ClientEarth, Greenpeace



LEGAL ACTION AGAINST CASINO



In March 2022, the Tribunal Judiciaire de Saint-Etienne referred the entire case to the Tribunal Judiciaire de Paris, which now has sole jurisdiction over cases concerning corporate duty of care.

As a reminder, the coalition accuses the supermarket chain of having failed to take the necessary measures to exclude beef linked to deforestation and the encroachment of indigenous territories from its supply chain in Brazil and Colombia.



On May 31, on the occasion of the visit of representatives of the Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau indigenous people to Paris, and a meeting organized with French NGOs and civil society, the CCCA (Centre pour l'Analyse des Crimes Climatiques) [unveiled the results of a new field survey conducted in the Brazilian Amazon](#), which describes the illegal deforestation of a protected indigenous territory in the state of Rondônia for cattle ranching, and

provides new evidence in the case against Casino in France for breach of its duty of care. [It was also an opportunity to organize a round-table discussion and launch the coalition's new website.](#)

On June 9, 2022, the first hearing in the legal action against Casino took place at the Paris Court of Justice. Several representatives of Brazil's indigenous peoples (Articulation des Peuples Indigènes du Brésil, APIB) made a special visit to Paris and mobilized on the forecourt of the judicial court alongside other members of the coalition, reiterating the urgent need for action.

On Monday, October 11, 2022, members of the international coalition organized a screening of "The Territory", a documentary produced by National Geographic about the Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau people of Brazil and their fight against illegal deforestation. The screening was followed by a discussion with representatives of Brazil's indigenous peoples and the "[Nourrir un monde déforesté](#)" coalition.

On December 1, the eleven organizations taking legal action against Casino refused the mediation suggested by the judge at the hearing last June. According to the organizations, [this dispute does not lend itself to a negotiated solution with the company, without public debate on its responsibility.](#)

Our partners:

Envol Vert, Sherpa, Seattle Avocats, Mighty Earth, Canopée, Coordination des Organisations Autochtones de l'Amazonie Brésilienne (COIAB), Commission Pastorale de la Terre (CPT), Fédération des Peuples Autochtones du Pará (FEPIPA), Fédération des Peuples Autochtones du Mato Grosso (FEPOIMT), France Nature Environnement, Organisation Nationale des Peuples Autochtones de l'Amazonie Colombienne (OPIAC)



*Sherpa

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST BNP PARIBAS

● FOR ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF NEW FOSSIL FUEL PROJECTS: THE BNP PARIBAS CASE

On October 26, 2022, on the eve of Climate Finance Day, an international finance event held every year in Paris, Notre Affaire à Tous, Oxfam France, and Friends of the Earth France served formal notice on BNP Paribas - Europe's leading financier and the world's 5th largest developer of fossil fuels - to stop supporting companies developing new fossil fuel projects. This step is the preamble to an unprecedented legal action, the first in the world to target a commercial bank for its high-risk climate activities, particularly in the oil and gas sector.



Ours Partners:
Les Amis de la Terre France, Oxfam France



● FOR ITS SUPPORT OF PLAYERS LINKED TO DEFORESTATION

On October 17, 2022, the Brazilian associations Comissão Pastoral da Terra (CPT) and Notre Affaire à Tous, supported by the North American NGO Rainforest Action Network, sent a formal notice to the French bank BNP Paribas for its financial support to Marfrig, Brazil's second largest meatpacking company.

In a letter to BNP Paribas, lawyers from Notre Affaire A Tous and CPT claim that Marfrig is liable for serious violations due to insufficient regulation of its supply chain, contributing to deforestation, land grabs from indigenous peoples and slavery-like practices on the cattle farms that supply Marfrig. By turning a blind eye to these abuses and continuing to help Marfrig obtain billions of dollars in financing, the letter states that BNP Paribas is contributing to these illegal practices and could be held liable.

Our partner :
Comissão Pastoral da Terra (CPT)



LEGAL ACTION AGAINST LA FIFA

On November 15, 2022, Notre Affaire À Tous filed a complaint with the Jury de déontologie publicitaire for greenwashing against FIFA. Similar complaints for misleading advertising have been filed in the UK, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands to challenge carbon neutrality claims relating to Qatar's hosting of the World Cup.

Our partners :

Climate Alliance Switzerland, Carbon Market Watch (Belgium), New Weather Institute (UK), Fossil Free Football and Reclame Fossielvrij (Netherlands)



"We sense new weather.
We are on our marks.
We are all in this together."
Carol Ann Duffy





LEGAL SUPPORT FOR GROUPS AND LEGAL ACTION



Carte des luttes locales. Reporterre

Throughout 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous continued to monitor and provide legal support to collectives, and filed new appeals, in support of citizens and collectives fighting against the implementation of imposed, polluting projects close to home.

Notre Affaire à Tous has been involved in a number of local litigation cases in support of local collectives:

- **FIGHT AGAINST THE PROJECT TO SET UP A HEALTH CENTER RAZING A FOREST ON THE EDGE OF LAC LACANAU (33680)**

Notre Affaire à Tous supported the Vive la forêt association in its fight against the anarchic urbanization of the coastline through a luxury Ehpad project on the edge of Lacanau lake (Aquitaine). Following an initial victory concerning the clearing permit, which was annulled in 2021, the year 2022 was marked by a succession of exchanges of briefs, culminating in two decisive victories in January 2023 concerning the protected species exemption and the building permit, both of which were annulled.



Etude d'impact du projet-Figure 05

- **FIGHT AGAINST THE WESTFIELD ROSNY 2 SHOPPING CENTER EXTENSION (93064)**

Alternatiba Rosny and MNLE 93 (Mouvement National de Lutte pour l'Environnement 93) have brought an action against the mayor of Rosny-Sous-Bois for issuing building permits to extend the Rosny 2 (Westfield) shopping center. Following an initial victory in December 2021, when the administrative court issued a stay of proceedings giving the project owners 12 months to regularize the permits, 2022 was an opportunity for the associations to rally the public around the main criticisms levelled at the project.

The second public inquiry, organized in the summer, received much more public participation than the first, thanks to the appeal and the popularization work carried out by the associations. In particular, our communication focused on the project developers' lack of seriousness regarding the judge's requests to regularize the permits. In fact, these had more or less the same shortcomings as those found by the administrative court.

- **FIGHTING A ROAD PROJECT: THE SAINT PERAY BYPASS (07130)**

Support for the Alternative à la déviation Saint-Peray collective. Notre Affaire à Tous provided legal assistance in drafting an appeal challenging the declaration of public utility of the Saint Peray (Ardèche) road project. This project would lead to the destruction of natural areas, without any environmental assessment commensurate with the project's stakes, thanks to the splitting of the overall project into several road sub-projects, which prevents the public from being informed and participating in the overall project, and which lighten the burden of environmental protection procedures.



- **FIGHT AGAINST THE SITING OF A STONE WOOL FACTORY ON FARMLAND (02200)**

Notre Affaire à Tous provided legal assistance in the drafting of briefs by a member of the Stop Rockwool collective in support of the «Sauvons Soissons» appeal against the Rockwool plant in Courmelles.

- **FIGHT AGAINST ANARCHIC URBANIZATION ON A COASTAL ZONE (33980)**

Support for the Audenge Citoyenne association in its action against the commune of Audenge. The commune has issued hundreds of building permits, ignoring the restrictions imposed by the coastal law. This constitutes a development decision that weakens the coastline, and destroys biodiversity over dozens of hectares.



- **PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR GROUPS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Notre Affaire à Tous is also working on tools for collectives and local authorities to help them build their skills in environmental and climate-related legal issues, particularly in relation to urban planning and pollution. For example, the local action working group has published a guide on LUP, updated to take account of the climate and resilience law, entitled «Quel Plan Local d'Urbanisme pour demain» ("Tomorrow's Local Urban Plans"). This guide popularizes urban planning law, while making recommendations for better preservation of the environment within LUPs. This guide was an opportunity to publicize the first developments in the fight against soil artificialisation, and to take into account the retreat of the coastline. Other thematic sheets on climate litigation are currently being drafted, notably on the Territorial Climate Air Energy Plan (PCAET), and we will be writing a forthcoming sheet on mobility.

Notre Affaire à Tous is also involved in national appeals concerning environmental law, or when these have a direct impact on the fight against polluting projects at local level.

This year, the association fought against the unravelling of environmental law, which has intensified in recent years. We are witnessing a steady decline in the level of protection afforded by environmental law, which is seen as a hindrance to regional development rather than a guarantee of the quality of projects.



- **FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

Notre Affaire à Tous had lodged a complaint with the European Commission against the decree implementing the ASAP law of July 30, 2021. In our view, this decree represents a step backwards for environmental protection, by generalizing public participation in electronic form, which also has less legal effect for environmental protection. The decree also abolishes the consultation of administrative authorities required to ensure the quality of files, and reduces the time limit for the environmental authority to issue opinions, at a time when administrations are already overburdened with dealing with all the cases.

We received a negative response on February 18, 2022. According to the European Commission, European Union law does not prescribe obligations that go beyond what the decree institutes in terms of public participation.

- **COMBATING TURNKEY INDUSTRIAL SITES**

Notre Affaire à Tous had lodged an appeal against the press release of July 20, 2020 announcing the rebound pack and the opening of 66 turnkey industrial sites . After a year and a half of waiting, we were finally summoned to a hearing at the Conseil d'Etat on February 17, 2022. In a decision dated March 3, 2022, the Conseil d'Etat rejected the request, considering that the press release had no legal effect, whereas according to Notre Affaire à Tous, the anticipation of administrative procedures (including environmental procedures) without providing for sufficient supervision derogates from national and European environmental law.

- **COMBATING THE PREFECT'S POWER TO DEROGATE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

Notre Affaire à Tous, Les Amis de la Terre, Wild Legal, as well as Maiouri Nature Guyane had filed an appeal against the decree of April 8, 2020 relating to the right of derogation granted to the departmental prefects. Our associations consider that the decree allows environmental requirements to be disregarded without sufficiently precise justification. In a decision dated March 21, 2022, the Conseil d'Etat rejected our request. It considered that the decree in question had no direct impact on the environment, and that the conditions for derogation were well defined.

- **FIGHTING AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN COMMITMENT CONTRACT**

Notre Affaire à Tous has joined forces with Greenpeace and 24 other environmental protection associations to lodge an appeal against the Decree of December 31, 2021, approving the Republican Commitment Contract. The latter contravenes associative freedoms by severely restricting the actions of accredited associations or those receiving public subsidies, under penalty of administrative sanctions which we consider disproportionate.

The case of Alternatiba Poitiers, an association threatened with the withdrawal of its subsidy for having organized a civil disobedience workshop during a festival, very well illustrates this point.

RAISING AWARENESS OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL COLLECTIVES

● **THE LOCAL ACTION WORKING GROUP IS INVOLVED IN THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS**

The local action group contributed to the Notre Affaire à Tous campaign for the legislative elections by highlighting the work carried out with collectives to fight polluting projects. These projects are the result of public policies that encourage people to ignore climate issues. A press kit describes all the struggles of the collectives that joined the Notre Affaire à Tous campaign.

The campaign also saw the creation of a tool enabling over 3,000 citizens to question MPs via e-mail, on the subject of local struggles.

As part of the same initiative, the group also produced a document outlining how environmental law has been unravelled in recent years by the State and the National Assembly in particular, with recommendations for MPs for the next legislature.

● **A FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL DEMOCRACY**

In line with denouncing the unravelling of the environment in our appeals and pleas, we are raising awareness on the means available to the public to participate in the elaboration of collective decisions, particularly when projects are being implemented on the territory.

The local action group organized a round table on public participation with Zero Waste France on September 28, 2022 at the Maison du Zéro Déchet.

We also wrote an article on the restrictions on access to justice affecting environmental defenders: "Towards a censure of the interest to act of environmental protection associations in administrative litigation?"



NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR THE LOCAL ACTION GROUP

In 2022, the work of the working group focused on two major themes that had been agreed in December 2021, namely:

- Combating land artificialisation
- Reflection on local climate litigation

• COMBATING SOIL ARTIFICIALISATION

The Climate and Resilience Act of 2021 ushered in a new era in regional planning policy, as it was the first law to concretely enshrine planetary limits restricting the logic of regional economic development pursued until then.

Aware that the primary cause of collective struggle is in fact the artificialization of land, which causes agricultural, natural and forest land to disappear, the local action group has focused all of its attention on the evolution of the legislative framework in this respect.

The work carried out by the Climate Action Network on this theme has contributed to Notre Affaire à Tous' understanding of the issues at stake, through contributions to the network's position papers and other work.

Firstly, the local action group has published a guide on LUPs updated to take account of the climate and resilience law, «Tomorrow's Local Urban Plans». This guide popularizes urban planning law while making recommendations for better environmental preservation within LUPs. The guide was an opportunity to disseminate the first developments in the fight against soil artificialisation, and to take into account the retreat of the coastline.



The workshop on climate justice organized by Sciences Po Toulouse also focused on the fight against land artificialisation, and the local action group supervised students on a field study of the Toulouse metropolis and its catchment area, which was published on the association's blog.

To deepen our expertise, the local action group has begun work on writing a legal guide on the fight against soil artificialisation, which will help local collectives and elected representatives to understand the legislative developments to follow.

● THOUGHTS ON LOCAL CLIMATE LITIGATION

Every year, a large number of collectives turn to Notre Affaire à Tous for help, and we are seeing a growing number of requests concerning local climate litigation. Thanks to the victories of the Affaire du Siècle and the Affaire Grande Synthe, collectives are increasingly keen to challenge the climate inaction of local public authorities.

This presupposes the development of sufficient expertise to be able to position themselves on future litigation strategies at local level.

To this end, the local action group studied a number of local documents, such as the Territorial Climate Air Energy Plan and the Urban Transport Plan, in order to raise awareness of the obligations incumbent on local public authorities and the potential appeals available.



To this end, the local recourse group has begun work on legal fact sheets on local climate litigation, and has taken part in training courses and symposia:

- December 8, 2022: Participation in a training session on the Territorial Climate, Air and Energy Plan (TCAEP) (Plan Climat, Air, Energie territoriale (PCAET)), in partnership with FNE Ile de France.
- October 17, 2022: Participation in the symposium “Law, climate and mountains - Perspectives for local environmental responsibility” (“Droit, climat, et montagne - Perspectives pour une responsabilité environnementale du territoire”) at the Université de Côte d’Azur in Nice.

Our partners :

Friends of the Earth France, Greenpeace, Climate Action Network France, ZeroWaste France, France Nature Environnement IDF, Stop RockWool, GreenLex, Alternatiba Rosny



RAISE AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS AND CLIMATE INEQUALITIES



In order to work towards a more ambitious environmental law, we need to convince legislators, judges and public opinion, by mobilizing citizens and enlisting the support of the general public. This requires documentation and information on the impacts of climate change and the inequalities it aggravates or generates.



CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL INEQUALITIES

The link between inequality, social vulnerability and climate change is obvious. However, there are still many steps to be taken to raise awareness among the general public and public authorities of the impacts of failing to take these issues into account for populations and regions. In 2022, the "climate inequalities" working group continued its monitoring, research and data collection work, while taking new action to protect the most vulnerable from climate change. Thus, the year 2022 was marked by strong activity in the three major projects carried out by volunteers.

IMPACTS : THE PRESS REVIEW OF CLIMATE INEQUALITIES

In 2022, the group published several issues of IMPACTS magazine, aimed at highlighting climate inequalities and their various related issues (social, economic, gender).

IMPACTS magazine has evolved into a new, more comprehensive format - beyond the simple press review - including in-depth analyses, interviews, testimonies, etc. Throughout the year, IMPACTS addressed a number of themes:

- **Taxation and climate justice (January 2022)**
- **Energy insecurity (June 2022)**
- **Mobility (November 2022)**
- **Summer 2022 review**, looking back at the consequences of the heatwave of summer 2022 and the drought episodes (December 2022 special issue)



IMPACTS
LA REVUE DE PRESSE DES
INÉGALITÉS CLIMATIQUES

"PRISONS AND CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS" PROJECT

The working group has launched a major new project entitled "Prisons and climatic and environmental risks". This is the first project in France to analyze climate and environmental risks for each of France's 188 prisons. Through this project, the group's volunteers work to highlight climate inequalities and the need to construct all public policies through the prism of the consequences of climate change and environmental issues - including those that do not seem to be linked to the environment at first glance. In addition to identifying and analyzing risks, the group has produced several legal briefs on the links between penal policy, deprivation of liberty, prisoners' rights and the environment/climate. The group has also started working with students at Sciences Po Paris to do research on these issues.

"HUMAN RIGHTS, CLIMATE AND INEQUALITIES" PROJECT

Lastly, the "Human rights, climate and inequalities" project continued in 2022 with the distribution of the [educational kit on human rights and climate change](#) (published in December 2021), as well as various events to raise awareness of these issues, such as the November 10, 2022 event on the theme of "Human rights and climate: a matter of inequalities?" ("Droits humains et climat: une question d'inégalités?") at a symposium organized by Amnesty international in Evreux. The working group is also working on a public information campaign on these issues, to be launched in 2023. The year 2022 was devoted to creating content (posts for social networks, articles, quizzes, etc.) and preparing the campaign.



LEGAL MONITORING OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

In 2022, the "international watch" working group continued its newsletter activity. Three newsletters were published, covering a wide range of topics:

- Newsletter n°13 focused on the written notes of the webinar the group organized a few days before the UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution recognizing the universal right to a healthy environment.
- Newsletter n°14 with a focus on corporate duty of care;
- Newsletter n°15 on human rights, as an addition to the book of the same name.



In 2022, the International Watch group diversified its formats by using podcasts. Three podcasts were recorded, covering 3 different themes:

- [L’Affaire du siècle \(The Case of the Century\)](#)
- [FNE’s priority preliminary ruling on constitutionality \(Question prioritaire de constitutionnalité\)](#)
- The [environmental criterion in immigration law](#)

In March 2022, Sandy Cassan-Barnel, the group’s referent, spoke to a group of middle and high school students from Toulon about the global climate justice movement, and in October 2022 to a group of Master 1 students in public environmental law about climate litigation around the world.

On Oct. 28, 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous took part in a study day organized in Brussels by Progress Lawyers Network, CNCD-11.11.11, Fian, Youth for Climate and the Ligue des droits humains. The event, entitled “The law as a weapon to face climate emergency” (“L’arme du droit face à l’urgence climatique”), enabled Notre Affaire à Tous to present its current cases against multinational companies and strengthen its ties with Belgian NGOs.

IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS AND THE CRIME OF ECOCIDE



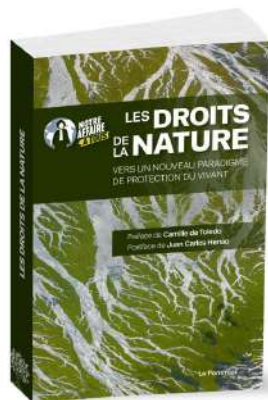
Notre Affaire à Tous is working to establish a truly effective environmental law, in particular by recognizing the rights of nature and the crime of ecocide. Our aim is to use jurisprudence to mobilize citizens and transform our law and the relationship between Humans and Nature.



PLEADING FOR RECOGNITION THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

RELEASE OF THE BOOK "THE RIGHTS OF NATURE - TOWARDS A NEW PARADIGM TOWARDS A NEW PARADIGM FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIVING THINGS"

The book Rights of nature - Towards a paradigm shift in favour of protecting the living was published by Le Pommier on March 2. It is the fruit of the collective work of 14 contributors, volunteer members of Notre Affaire à Tous, under the direction of Marine Yzquierdo. A launch party organized by the publisher took place at the PUF bookshop on March 3, and the official launch party of Notre Affaire à Tous took place at the Académie du Climat on March 11, 2022. It was an opportunity to present the book in the company of Marine Yzquierdo (coordinator of the book, Notre Affaire à Tous), Camille de Toledo (legal expert and writer, author of *Le fleuve qui voulait écrire*, and who prefaced our book), Marie-Angèle Hermitte (doctor of law, pioneer in the law of the living, honorary director of research at CNRS, honorary director of studies at EHESS), Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde (professor of law and economics, author of *Etre la rivière sur le fleuve Whanganui*) and Pascale Bona (member of the Tavignanu Vivu collective).



REPRESENTING THE RIGHTS OF NATURE IN THE WORKPLACE

We launched an initiative to represent Nature on corporate boards of directors. Notre Affaire à Tous has joined forces with the Earth Law Center (USA), which has already helped Scottish company Faith in Nature to appoint Nature as a non-executive director on its board. See our joint [press release](#) of November 17.



RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT NATURE'S RIGHTS

The exhibition Nature in itself, Nature in law, (Nature en soi, nature en droit), on view at the Musée de la Résistance et de la Déportation de l'Isère in Grenoble, ran from February 11 to September 28, 2022. The exhibition was created by Corto Fajal, author-director, and Valérie Cabanes, legal expert, essayist and former Honorary President of Notre Affaire à Tous. The exhibition highlights various initiatives for the rights of nature around the world, including those that Notre Affaire à Tous has supported, such as those for the Loire and the Tavignanu rivers.

We also ran a debate workshop on "Nature's candidacy" (Candidature du vivant) for the presidential election, in partnership with the agency Partie Prenante, at La Base, with the aim of drawing from the public proposals for measures to be presented in a presidential program in the name of the living, and introducing the rights of nature into societal considerations.

Several members of the Rights of Nature group took part in meetings and conferences:

September 16 : Discussions in Blois with the Parlement de Loire teams to consider Act II of the project, following the hearings that constituted Act I.

September 29 : Meetings of the French Philosophy of Law Society (FPLS) (SFPJ (Société Française de Philosophie Juridique)) in Toulouse: presentation of our book Rights of Nature at the workshop "Anthropocene viewed from a legal perspective" ("l'Anthropocène du point de vue du droit").

October 7 and 8 : Conference-debates in Aleria and Corte: Marine Yzquierdo travelled to Corsica alongside Marie-Angèle Hermitte, doctor of law and pioneer of the concept of the rights of the living, to discuss with the Tavignanu Vivu collective and meet with local elected representatives and citizens to explain the value of the Declaration of the Rights of the Tavignanu River.



End of October : Presentation at Lieu Unique in Nantes, alongside Camille de Toledo and Marie Toussaint.

November 3rd : Volunteers from the working group presented the book Rights of Nature at an event at the Mollat bookshop in Bordeaux.

November 4 : Presentation at the Night of law (Nuit du Droit) in Lille on the theme "Environmental law or rights to an environment?" ("Droit de l'environnement ou droit à l'environnement?")

November 19 : Speech in Perpignan at a day of mobilization organized in conjunction with COP27 by En Commun 66, with whom we launched the Declaration of the Rights of the Têt River, to explain the importance of this approach and the rights of nature.

November 22nd : Presentation of the book Rights of Nature at the Mardis du Droit event at the Bordeaux Law School.

November 25 : Speech at the Judiciary Union (Syndicat de la Magistrature) conference in Paris to talk about NAAT's advocacy work, in particular the case for recognition of the rights of nature.

EDUCATE AND TRAIN ALL PUBLICS TO CLIMATE JUSTICE



Notre Affaire à Tous offers a program to educate and raise awareness of climate justice and the impact of climate change on our fundamental rights/ It aims to educate citizens, and young people in particular, on a variety of themes: climate change, planetary limits, climate and environmental inequalities, the rights of nature, ecocide...because we're fighting for climate and social justice for all generations !



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The group's volunteers are working on developing and perfecting educational tools to help young citizens sharpen their critical thinking skills and equip them better to understand the issues at stake in the climate crisis. The law as a lever and a mode of action remains at the heart of the themes addressed, and workshops focus on introducing students to the workings of justice and litigation. In this way, the «mock trial» has become the group's preferred tool, and a great favorite of students and teachers alike.

These public workshops also contribute to the association's reputation.

The first half of 2022 has been particularly fruitful. The first few months of the year were devoted to preparing work materials (presentations, files to be sent to students, etc.) for the various interventions and projects:

In April, volunteers accompanied a senior class from Epinay-sur-Seine (Seine-Saint-Denis) in a mock trial on the Affaire du Siècle. After being introduced to the basic concepts and issues involved (climate justice, administrative litigation, etc.), the students worked on a closing argument based on the role they had been assigned. The mock trial was presented in the form of a hearing presided over by the volunteers.

Another mock trial began under the supervision of a volunteer in a 4th grade class in Biot (Alpes-Maritimes). Students had to deal with the pollution of a local river (the Brague) in the context of a criminal trial.

These two projects came to fruition in 2021 and were renewed at the request of the teachers.

A third mock trial also took place with final-year students in Rosny-sous-Bois (Seine-Saint-Denis), who also worked on a local case as they had to deal with the extension of the Rosny 2 shopping center. The workshop was made possible thanks to volunteers from Notre Affaire à Tous and Alternatiba, one of the plaintiff associations in the appeal against the building permits for the mall extension.

The launch of the workshops is always preceded by a 2-hour introductory session including a presentation of the scientific foundations, climate inequalities, the impacts of climate change on fundamental rights, and an introduction to climate and environmental litigation in France and around the world.





Numerous other interventions were carried out by local groups, particularly in Lyon and Strasbourg

Also in April, several awareness-raising sessions were held at a high school in Angers (Maine-et-Loire) as part of a day dedicated to ecology.

Volunteers were also invited to take part in a training course for sustainable development educators at the Créteil Academy (Val-de-Marne). These are middle and high school teachers of all subjects.

In May, two volunteers took part in the “Let’s talk youth, let’s talk climate justice” (“Parlons jeunes, parlons justice climatique”) program organized by the Humans Rights Defender (Défenseur des Droits). The association was invited to participate as an expert on the theme of “climate action” during a week organized for young people aged 12 to 17, in Saint-Ouen-sur-Seine (Seine-Saint-Denis).

A working session was held by videoconference with the Biot students. Each group benefited from a time of exchange with the volunteer (answering basic questions about the project and clarifying their respective roles).

A volunteer also had the opportunity to intervene, remotely, with the ESD of the Académie d’Amiens (Hauts-de-France) to raise awareness on climate justice among teachers and to present the educational tools made available by Notre Affaire à Tous, as well as the content of the interventions proposed by the association.

During the month, a volunteer raised public awareness of nature’s rights in Fontainebleau (Seine-et-Marne). Volunteers also worked with two senior high school classes on the Affaire du Siècle and the corporate duty of care.

Volunteers from Paris and Strasbourg discussed with a group of students the legal levers available under EU law to take action in favor of climate and environmental justice at the “European Student Council”, held in Strasbourg.

In June, volunteers supervised the restitution of mock trials in Rosny-sous-Bois and Biot.

A volunteer led workshops with 5 classes of secondary school students in Cholet (Maine-et-Loire), focusing on “imposed and polluting” projects destined to be built in their region (industrial henhouse and e-commerce warehouse). Students were given roles and asked to defend a group of interests as a team.

In September, volunteers again worked with two classes of senior high school students in Fontainebleau.



INTERVENTION IN UNIVERSITIES

In 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous further strengthened its ties with universities by taking part in seminars and colloquia organized by law faculties and grandes écoles (Sciences Po Toulouse, for example).



PARTNERSHIPS WITH CLINICS

Notre Affaire à Tous' partnerships with students continued in 2022.

In Paris, students from Sciences Po's Clinique de droit worked on air pollution with Notre Affaire à Tous Lyon, in particular on the weakness of the plans de protection de l'atmosphère (PPA), the main regulatory tool available to the State. Their research helped structure a collective legal action in Lyon, an appeal for annulment of the 3rd PPA for the conurbation, and the "Pour un droit à respirer" campaign. By taking part in the legal research, the follow-up of the writings, and the construction of the plea, the students were thus fully integrated into this campaign aiming to denounce the systemic and persistent weakness of the State and its services in the matter.

Since 2019, Notre Affaire à Tous has been supporting a TERS (Transition écologique, risques et santé) master's class at Sciences Po Toulouse. By becoming more professional, the students were able to support the association's advocacy work this year by joining the various Notre Affaire à Tous working groups. Some of the deliverables (podcasts, blog articles, reports, etc.) were posted on the Notre Affaire à Tous website. A game on environmental justice inspired by the "Climate Fresco" is currently being finalized.

BUILDING A COMMITTED NETWORK FOR SOCIAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE



On a local, national and international scale, Notre Affaire à Tous has grown and gained notoriety thanks to the involvement of numerous volunteer jurists committed to climate and social justice. Their expertise and commitment have enabled the association to bring its legal actions and campaigns to the attention of a wide audience.



A TERRITORIAL NETWORK

The territorial network of Notre Affaire à Tous has developed its activities within its four local groups in Lyon, Strasbourg, Paris and Lille. Everywhere in the region, citizens have taken up the issue of climate justice and used the law as a lever for action. Through the creation of local Notre Affaire à Tous groups, our aim is to extend the law and expertise to the local level, as close as possible to the territories. The aim of this territorial network is to raise awareness of the importance of legal tools in the fight against climate change, to meet local associative players, to lobby local elected representatives and to combat imposed and polluting projects.

2022 saw the launch of the first legal action brought by a local group, with two summary environmental proceedings against two companies in the "Chemical Valley" (Arkema and Elkem) in the Lyon region. These companies are guilty of numerous breaches of industrial pollution regulations, and in particular of causing record levels of local "eternal pollutants" (PFCE).





AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

Notre Affaire à Tous is part of a global movement for climate justice. Since its creation, the association has been committed to forging links with organizations and citizens working for climate justice around the world. This approach is reflected in joint actions with international partners, as well as in doctrinal contributions, collective events and academic exchanges.

For example, we were involved in the case against FIFA for greenwashing during the World Cup in Qatar, as part of a European coalition bringing together partners from Switzerland (Swiss Climate Alliance), Belgium (Carbon Market Watch), the UK (New Weather Institute) and the Netherlands (Fossil Free Football & Reclame Fossietvrij). This complaint was lodged with the national advertising regulators and then consolidated with the Swiss body (Commission for Loyalty).

We also have strong links with several European coalitions, such as ECCJ (European Coalition for Corporate Justice) on duty of care, the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, and a number of key climate justice partners around the world, including Milieudefensie.

See also section 3.5 "Our associative partners".



A COMMITTED NETWORK

Notre Affaire à Tous also continues to forge rich partnerships, which in 2022 enabled us to forge links with the French Lawyers Union (Syndicat des Avocats de France) and the Judiciary Union (Syndicat de la Magistrature). In this context, Brice Laniyan and Marine Yzquierdo took part in the Judiciary Union's annual congress, where they discussed environmental and climate issues, and the role that the judiciary can play in meeting these crucial challenges. Avenues of cooperation are being explored to help raise awareness of environmental and climate issues among judges.



OUR COMMUNITY LIFE



LOCAL GROUPS

Since 2019, Notre Affaire à Tous has been extending its fields of action to several cities in France. These groups are seizing on the dynamics of their territories to protect the rights of living beings and bring about climate justice.



LYON

For three years now, Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon (NAAT - Lyon) has been setting up partnerships in the Lyon region with associations, lawyers, higher education establishments, public figures and local authorities. Our work is interdependent: environmental and climate degradation and the responsibility of public players, vulnerabilities and access to the law (environmental information - environmental health), awareness-raising.

Group life

In 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon operated for the first time as an independent association for a full year. The board was made up of a president (Hilème Kombila), a treasurer (Marine Denis) and a general secretary (Camille Panisset). The Board of Directors comprised seven members: Marie Pochon, Emma Feyeux, Marine Denis, Camille Panisset, Antoine Clerc, Jean Plewinski and Hilème Kombila.

The association was supported by the energy of some twenty volunteers, four interns and 98 members. The group also maintains close links with the national branch: monthly meetings are organized, the national branch provides strategic and financial support for the group's activities, and NAAT - Lyon is fully involved in national coordination and thematic projects (notably on environmental discrimination and the Affaire du Siècle campaign).

Local group projects

The local group has been built around four poles: the project “So that polluters respect the law!” (“Pour que les pollueurs respectent la loi!”) (Chemical valley), the project “For a right to breathe” (“Pour un droit à respirer”) (air pollution), the education - awareness-raising workgroup, and the environmental health advocacy workgroup.

- **Vallée de la Chimie - So that polluters respect the law!**

After two years of legal research, the Vallée de la Chimie project took its first concrete step in June 2022, with the filing of two environmental injunctions against Arkema France and Elkem Silicones, denouncing these companies' failure to meet their obligations under ICPE (Installation Classée pour la Protection de l'Environnement) law (infringements and non-compliances), and - for Arkema - its responsibility for PFAS pollution. Since then, the Group has been developing support tools, with the aim of structuring an industrial risk vigilance network. In particular, it has published two guides: “Risques quotidiens des pollutions industrielles & moyens d'actions: ça dirait vous d'en savoir plus?” aimed at the general public, and “L'Élu local, acteur négligé de la gouvernance des risques industriels” aimed at local councillors. The group organized a debate in the run-up to the parliamentary elections, to encourage politicians to take a stand on these issues. In addition, NAAT - Lyon has developed a strategy for receiving feedback from citizens on



these risk governance issues, and is organizing workshops to get them to think collectively and synthesize their feedback. The first workshop was held in Lyon in October 2022. Finally, the group ensures media representation of the subject (press conference, press responses). NAAT - Lyon volunteers are supported by lawyer Louise Tschanz, students from the Clinique de droit at Sciences Po Paris, and occasionally work with other players (associations, citizens, institutions).

- **Air pollution - For the right to breathe**

In September 2022, NAAT - Lyon embarked on a new appeal project, to be launched in 2023, to call for the cancellation of the new Atmosphere Protection Plan for the Lyon conurbation, adopted in November 2022. The aim of this action is to demand truly protective local air quality plans, and to denounce the systemic weakness of these local air quality plans. To carry out this legal and advocacy work, NAAT - Lyon volunteers are accompanied by Me Hélène Leleu, two students from the Sciences Po Paris Law Clinic, La Rue est à Nous - Lyon, FNE - Rhône, Notre Affaire à Tous national, Générations Futures and Respire, as well as six individual plaintiffs.





- **Environmental health advocacy.**

In parallel with these projects, the Lyon-based group is working on tools to feed its reflections and ensure the infusion of its advocacy with various players. While the OEIL project has come to an end, the group has been working on a draft white paper on environmental health litigation, to be published in 2023. This work benefited from the support of two interns, supervised with the firm Kaizen avocats and the Réseau Environnement Santé, and was the subject of a first presentation at the Syndicat des Avocats de France congress in October 2022 in Strasbourg.

- **Education and awareness.**

In 2022, the Education-Awareness group carried out several interventions in schools: in Villeurbanne and Annecy. The group also finalized the production of a fictitious trial - "L'affaire PetrolX" - in collaboration with Conscience and Impact Écologique, which will be shown in secondary school classes in 2023, in the Lyon area and beyond.

Integration into the Lyon ecosystem

In 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon is involved in two local groups.

Lyon Climat brings together dozens of climate associations in the Lyon area and organizes joint actions and gatherings. The collective also provides a forum for sharing news from the various associations and for collective reflection on local climate strategy. In 2022, NAAT - Lyon participated in the co-organization of two socio-climate marches: March 12 (Look Up March) and April 9, 2022 (March for the Future).

Never again! Rhône, now the Alliance Écologique et Sociale (AES), brings together workers' unions and climate associations in the Rhône region. The aim of this coalition is to reflect and exchange ideas on the links to be made between climate justice and social justice. NAAT - Lyon joined the coalition in May 2022, and has since participated in its monthly meetings and communications. This coalition enables NAAT - Lyon to envisage easier links with employees, particularly in the context of its actions in the Chemical Valley.

To strengthen its integration into the local fabric, NAAT - Lyon has also taken part in over a dozen events organized by other local associations or institutions, created privileged partnerships (formally with the Conscience et Impact Écologique association and with the Ecologica resilient transition college project; but also by dialoguing with numerous players involved in its working subjects), and dialogued with various local institutional players.

In 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon will continue its integration into Lyon's political and activist landscape, and develop a genuine network to give lasting structure to the local group and its actions. The group aims to become a legal benchmark for climate justice and environmental health in the Lyon area and on a regional scale.

STRASBOURG

The Strasbourg group, run by law students and volunteers committed to the defense of climate justice, is structured around five major areas:

Awareness-raising : the year 2022 began with a series of events for secondary school students. These interventions, in the form of moving debates, are a way for volunteers to lead discussion and information sessions on climate justice. In the future, this group would like to work more on longer formats or mock trials. It is also exploring the possibility of partnerships with other associations to enhance the content and quality of its interventions.

Conferences and debates: the group began 2022 by organizing its first conference in February, with the participation of Marie Toussaint, on the subject of climate justice, aimed at a student audience. It also took part in the screening of Cyril Dion's film *Animal*, followed by a debate, in collaboration with the Société Française pour le Droit de l'Environnement and Alsace Nature. The cluster then organized a conference on the Justice pour le Vivant case. This digital conference attracted some thirty participants. Finally, the cluster has scheduled a series of conferences for 2022-2023, the first of which featured Jérémie Suissa and Marie Toussaint in December, to discuss current issues in climate and environmental justice.



The inter-asso pole: this pole took part in the organization of the Look Up national mobilization, where one of our members was able to speak on the subject of the recognition of ecocide in French law. We then proudly marched with the other Strasbourg collectives.

Communications: this department's missions revolve around the publication of informative posts on social networks on current environmental and climate issues, as well as presentations of the local group's volunteers. The department also produces the graphics required for the other departments.

Legal department: this department's nascent activity consists of a legal analysis of problematic environmental situations in and around Strasbourg, in order to assess their potential for litigation. It is also an opportunity for the association's volunteer law students to put their knowledge to good use.

All in all, the Strasbourg hub is very dynamic, with motivated and ambitious volunteers and a number of exciting projects in the pipeline. It looks forward to presenting itself at the village des associations in September, to spread its energy and projects.

LILLE

In 2022, the Lille group grew to 6 active members (3 students and 3 professionals). Notre Affaire à Tous - Lille is now organized around several poles:

Awareness-raising: the members of this group are getting organized and would like to be trained to intervene in middle and high schools. We hope to be able to make our first presentations in 2023.

Communications: this department is being structured to produce content for the Lille-based group's social networks.

Legal support: this is an emerging activity stemming from the desire of some members to support local collectives. To date, we are monitoring a dispute concerning the protection of two trees in the Avesnois region.

Generally speaking, the Lille local group is making progress and is completing its configuration around the 3 poles specified with a view to intensifying their actions in the Lille metropolis by 2023...

PARIS

The Paris-Île de France local group (Paris IDF) was created in September 2022 following a volunteer recruitment campaign. While Notre Affaire à Tous's head office is located in Paris, the Paris local group aims to bring the association to life at a local level. The original idea was to emerge from the period of the pandemic by reviving face-to-face meetings in the capital and centralizing actions requiring the presence of volunteers in Paris (pictured below is an example with the promotion of Stop Ecocide France's European campaign for the

recognition of ecocide in the run-up to the European dialogue on the Environmental Crime Directive).

Given the potential of volunteers and experts in the region, and the need to grasp environmental and climate issues, it seemed essential to create this local synergy to target actions and issues in the area.

With around ten active volunteers (Masters students, a doctoral student, professionals), the group is currently structuring itself around two projects: one on waste and the other on air pollution, both of which are still at the research and implementation stage.

The launch of a volunteer meeting once a month, starting in January, is a further step towards structuring and supervising the group.



ASSOCIATIVE LIFE

Working groups and coordination

In 2022, the working groups continued to grow, with an ever-increasing number of volunteers: using the law to combat climate change and protect citizens' fundamental rights remains our main tool. Many law and other students, jurists and lawyers joined the existing working groups.

The working groups have become even more structured, and the most active members of Notre Affaire à Tous have grown in strength. Today, the majority of these groups are led by volunteer referents, who welcome new members, organize meetings and participate in the association's general strategy. These volunteers are the driving force behind the many projects and events run by Notre Affaire à Tous. The salaried staff then act as a link between the various working groups, supporting the groups' strategy, their projects and the association's overall strategy.

The most active members of the association form the Notre Affaire à Tous «coordination» committee, which brings together working group coordinators, employees and members of the Board of Directors. They meet regularly and exchange ideas on a daily basis. The coordination team monitors the work groups and implements the association's strategy, which has been approved by the Board of Directors. The Board is the guarantor of this strategy and oversees its application.



Change of premises

2022 saw an important event in the life of Notre Affaire à Tous: the closure of La Base, which had been the association's Paris premises for several years, and the move to the La Pension offices in May. Notre Affaire à Tous is now well established in its new premises in the Cité des Fleurs, which are gradually being taken over by more and more volunteers for working group meetings or when visiting Paris.

A return to conviviality

2022 has seen the gradual re-establishment of face-to-face get-togethers, after the painful period of COVID, which damaged links by limiting contact to video meetings. Several «apéros» were held in the last months of La Base, and in the new premises, and the conferences and events organized were also an opportunity to get together to share in a convivial way. The year ended with the organization of an internal event bringing together Notre Affaire à Tous volunteers at Christmas, where everyone was able to share a convivial moment and exchange second-hand or hand-made gifts.

The year 2022 reaffirmed the importance of organizing informal get-togethers that go beyond work meetings, and the salaried team therefore decided to offer a «monthly aperitif» from January 2023 onwards, to guarantee regular get-togethers for volunteers, salaried team members and members of the Board of Directors.

« 2022 MARKS THE RETURN
OF CONVIVIALITY
AND COLLECTIVE TIME »



HUMAN RESOURCES

The salaried team is responsible for the day-to-day progress and management of the various Notre Affaire à Tous projects and for monitoring partnership coalitions, as well as interfacing with volunteers, working groups and local groups. The Managing Director also maintains regular contact with the Board of Directors, some of whom are in direct contact with employees and volunteers to ensure specific follow-up of certain projects.

In 2022, the association has undergone a number of changes within the salaried team.

- In late 2021 - early 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous saw the departure of two key employees (Cécilia Rinaudo, coordinator, and Clothilde Baudouin), followed by the arrival of Abdoulaye Diarra as communications officer and Jérémie Suissa as general delegate.
- September also saw the opening of a new position for a lawyer specializing in the «climate responsibility of multinationals», and the arrival of a 5th employee, Brice Laniyan, PhD in comparative public law, who joins the team to strengthen the «multinationals» department.



**« A SIGNIFICANTLY
RENEWED SALARIED TEAM »**

**«...» CREATION OF A 5TH SALARIED POSITION,
DEDICATED TO THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF MULTINATIONALS »**

COMMUNICATION

Internal communications

The association uses various internal communication tools to coordinate the different working groups: specific email lists for each group, coordination by email and on WhatsApp, shared Google Drive, Slack space...

Our newsletters provide an opportunity to raise awareness among as many people as possible, and to forge links with our supporters, members and volunteers.





- IMPACTS magazine raises awareness of climate inequality issues by highlighting the link between the climate crisis and social inequalities.
- The Climate Affairs newsletter highlights legal battles around the world to make climate justice and social justice a reality.
- The internal newsletter summarizes internal and external news from working groups and our associative life.



External communication

The Notre Affaire à Tous community on social networks has also grown. In 2022, we created a LinkedIn account, enabling us to develop and expand our community.

TOP social networks:

-  Facebook : **23 248 (+1 085*)**
-  Twitter : **20 055 (+1 248*)**
-  Instagram : **16 360 (+2 086*)**
-  LinkedIn : **5 892**

*change in number of subscribers compared with 2021

On December 31, 2022, the association had **458 members**.

Notre Affaire à Tous conferences and publications

In 2022, Notre Affaire à Tous continued its "research-action", maintaining numerous links with academic networks to enrich legal research on climate issues. Several members of Notre Affaire à Tous contributed to a special issue of the European Journal of Human Rights on "Human rights in the service of the climate emergency", edited by academics Christel Cournil and Camila Perruso (Paul Mougeolle, La "diligence raisonnable en matière des droits de l'homme", un catalyseur de la responsabilité climatique des multinationales?).

The association is involved in the financing of a forthcoming book entitled «La société écologique: normes et relations» in the Petits manuels de la transition collection run by the FORTES Campus de la transition collective.

Christel Cournil, Paul Mougeolle and lawyers Maria Dziurak and Ugo Birchen produced an Amicus curiae submitted to the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of Cláudia Duarte Agostinho and others v. Portugal. The latter was published in La Revue des droits de l'homme. The Total and Greenwashing litigations initiated by Notre Affaire à Tous were commented on by academic and association administrator Christel Cournil in the Revue de droit de l'environnement .

As part of the Universal Periodic Review of France carried out by the United Nations Human Rights Committee, Notre Affaire à Tous contributed by proposing a series of measures to be adopted in French legislation on climate and environmental issues.



THE ASSOCIATION'S PARTNERS

Convinced of the power of collective action to bring about change, Notre Affaire à Tous has systematically pursued its actions for climate justice since its creation with a wide range of partners, most of whom are drawn from the French environmental and climate movement, and taking care to bring along with us citizen movements mobilized for the climate.

Associative partners. As a member of the Climate Action Network (RAC), Notre Affaire à Tous is involved in the network's work, via its working groups, and on the Board of Directors on strategic issues.

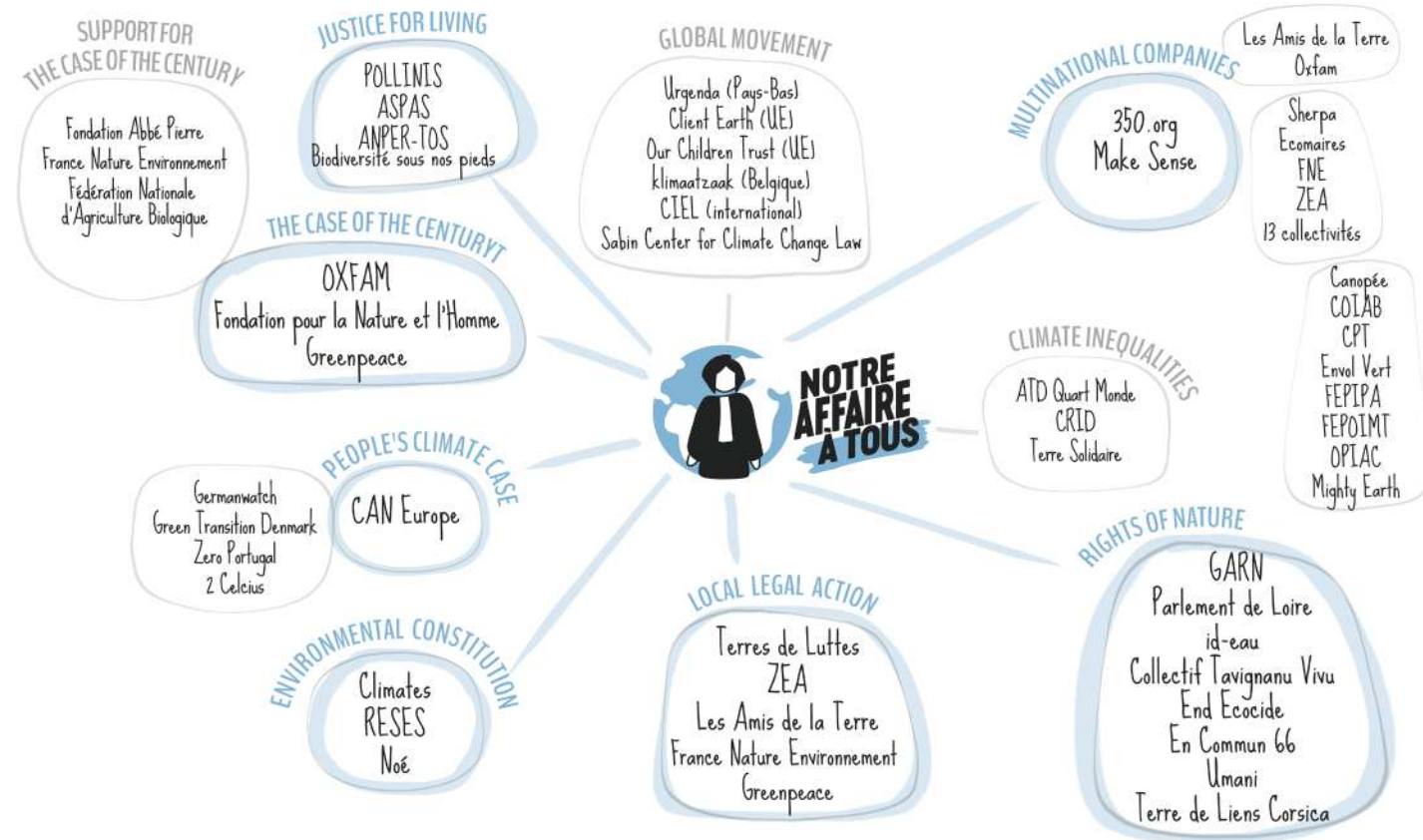
More broadly, the association is involved in the «climate movement», notably in organizing citizens' marches and various advocacy actions as part of inter-orga climate meetings. The spring 2022 marches and the various mobilizations linked to the role of the climate in the presidential election were all opportunities to coordinate Notre Affaire à Tous' actions with those of our partners, and to carry out joint projects.

The association maintains close links with the global movement for climate justice, in regular exchanges with Climate Action Network Europe, Urgenda (Netherlands), ClientEarth (European Union), Global Legal Action Network (UK/international), Our Children's Trust (USA), Klimaatzaak (Belgium), CIEL (International), Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN, international), ASUD (Italy) and the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law.

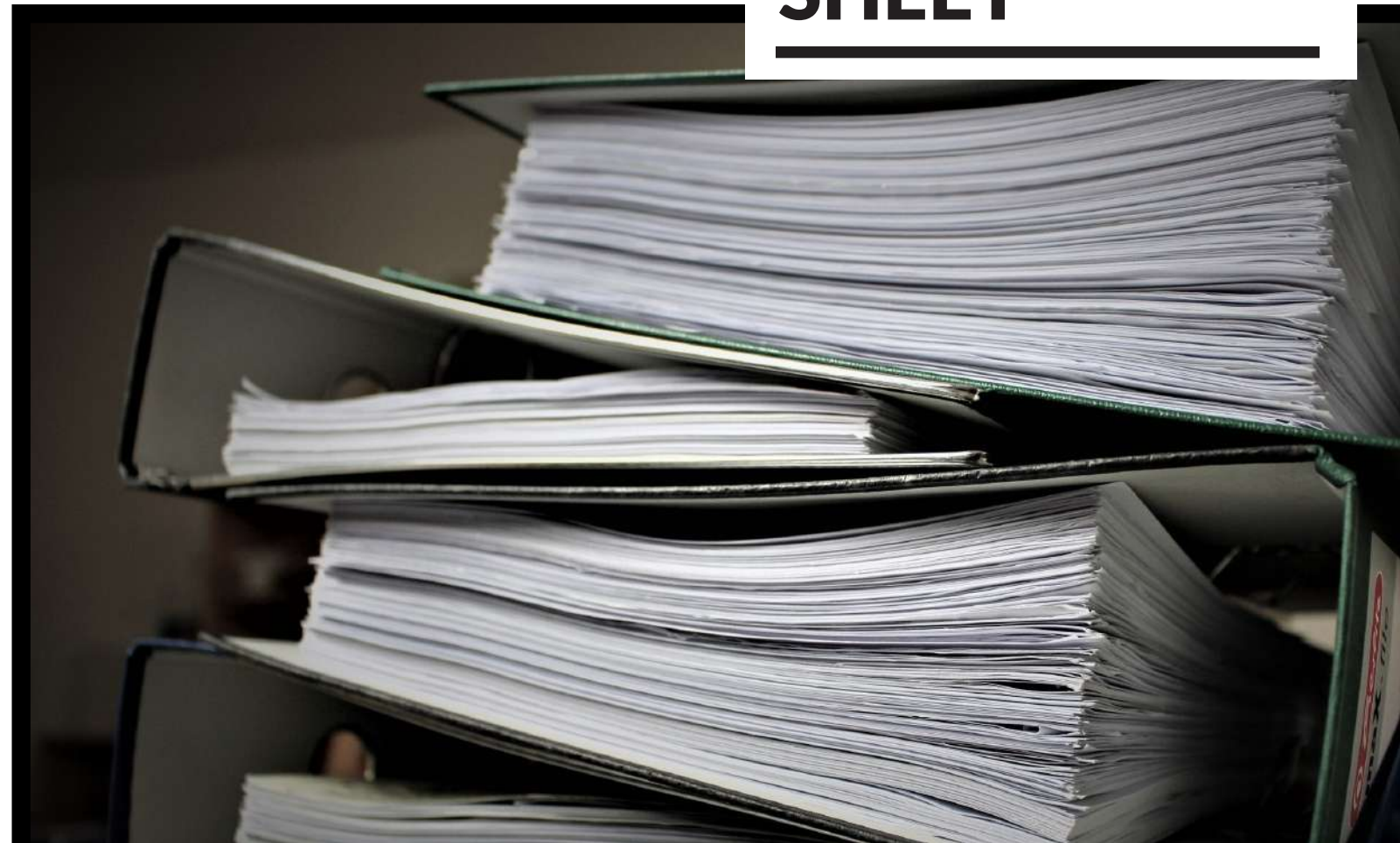
Notre Affaire à Tous has joined the European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ) to lobby for the adoption of a European directive on corporate duty of care. The association is involved in defining the European coalition's strategy on climate and environmental issues.

University partners. Partnerships with universities and higher education establishments were also strengthened in 2022: with the Clinique de Droit at Sciences Po Paris on several projects, notably in Lyon, but also with some thirty Masters students at Sciences Po Toulouse as part of the Clinique de Droit.

THE ASSOCIATION MAINTAINED ITS ASSOCIATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND CREATED NEW ONES ON VARIOUS PROJECTS



BALANCE SHEET

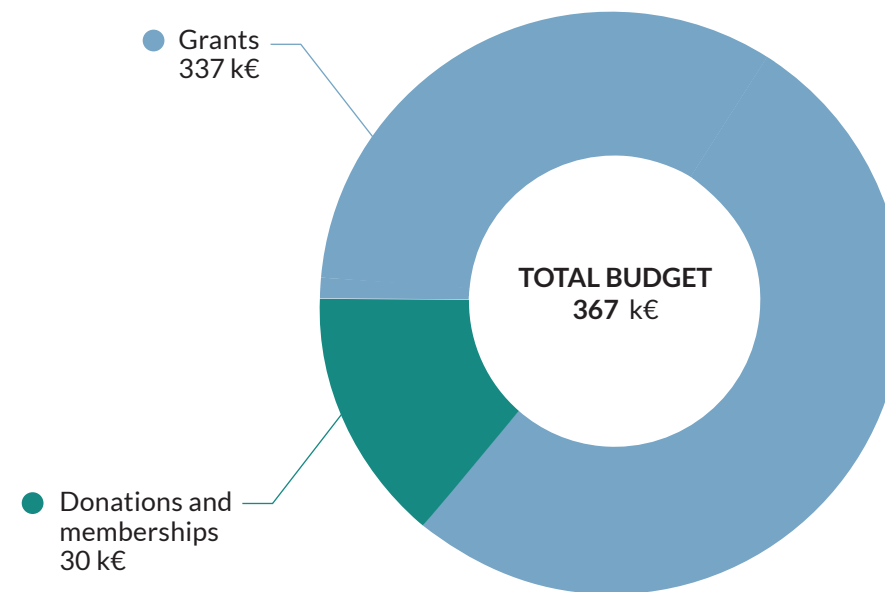
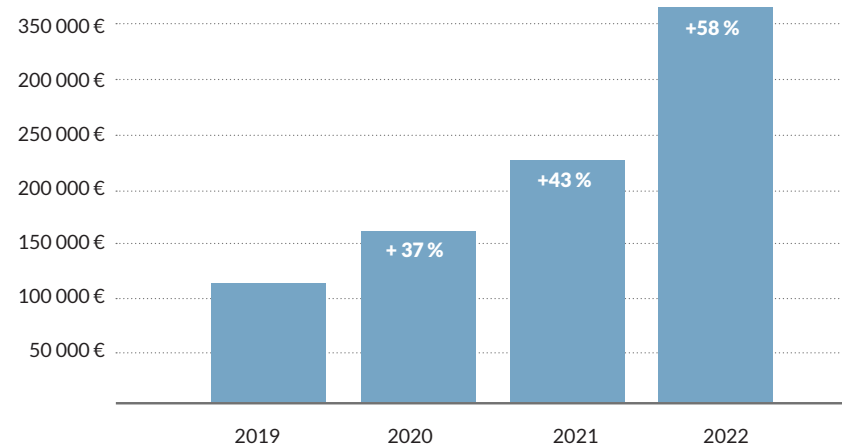


RESOURCES

As in 2021, Notre Affaire à Tous's 2022 funding came mainly from grants from private foundations. Proportional to the growth in expenditure, the association has sought to secure new revenue, maintaining partnerships from previous years and creating new ones. As in previous years, several private foundations (the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation, Terre Solidaire and Un Monde par Tous) have enabled us to finance current and operating expenses within the framework of global partnerships. These global partnerships also enable us to finance projects and activities that receive little or no specific funding. Other foundations (Léa Nature, European Climate Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Foundation) have also supported the association's specific projects.

In 2022 we also finalized a decisive support from a new funder, FILE (Foundation for International Law for Environment), to the tune of almost 330 k€ per year for two years. Overall, the 2022 budget was 58% higher than in 2021, reaching 367 k€, including over 30 k€ in donations and memberships.

EVOLUTION OF OPERATING INCOME

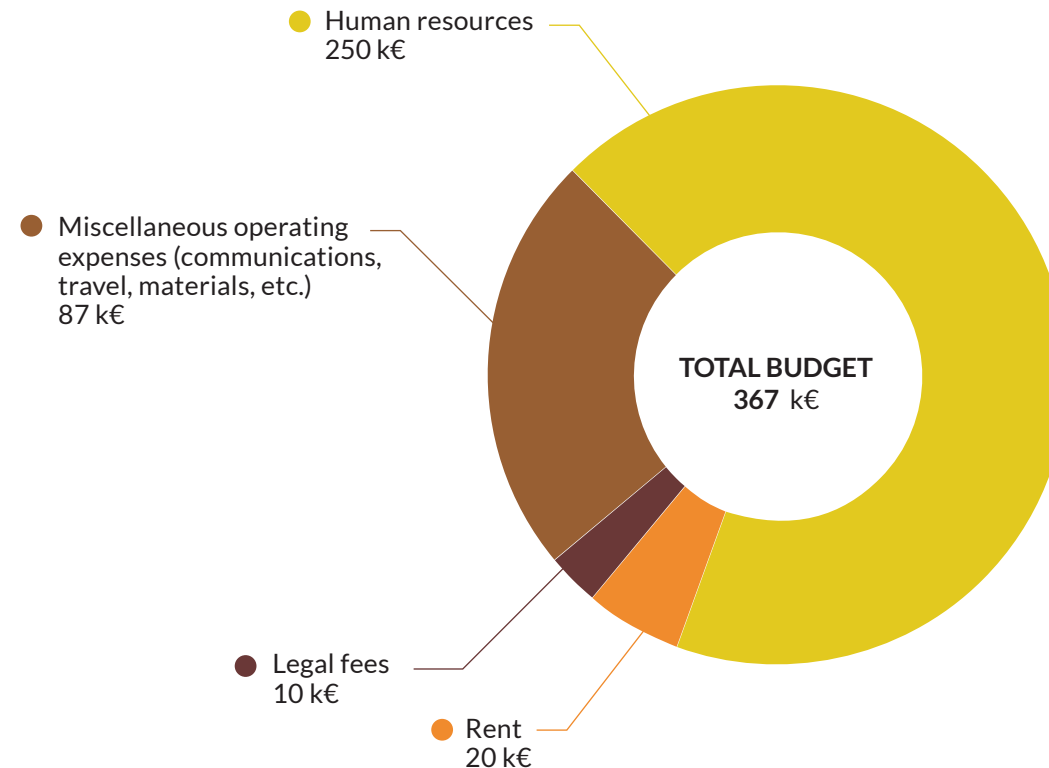
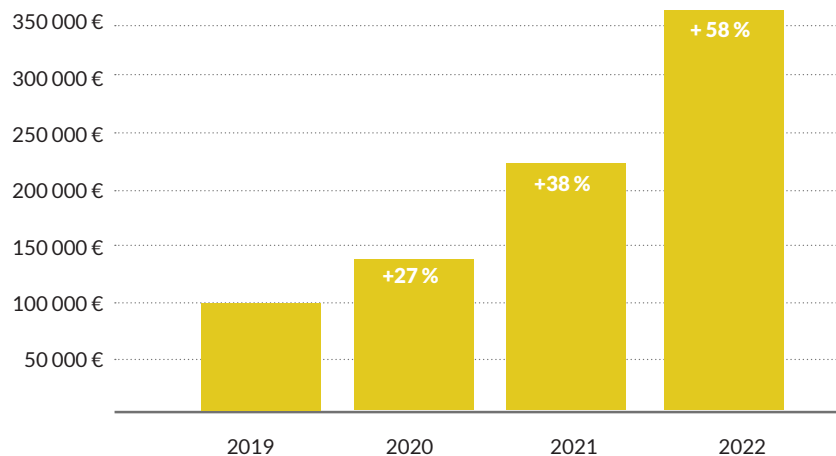


EXPENSES

In 2022, the Notre Affaire à Tous permanent team has grown to 5 employees, which has led to a sharp increase in the association's human resources expenditure compared with 2021 (nearly 250 k€, or +42%). And while other expenses may also have increased, due to the growing number of projects and campaigns carried out by Notre Affaire à Tous, a large proportion of the association's expenses remain dedicated to human resources. In 2022, almost 70% of expenses were linked to human resources (salaried team + consultants/freelancers).

The other main expense items were rent, communication and events.

EVOLUTION OF OPERATING EXPENSES



THANK YOU!

This activity report would not be complete without paying tribute to thanking all those who bring the association life every day !

Thank you to all our volunteers, and in particular to our theme group and local group coordinators, who we urge more than ever to resist all guilt: you work miracles!

Thanks to the salaried team, whose partners need to be regularly reminded that it's not made up of a hundred people, but less than a dozen!

Thank you to the Board of Directors for their daily commitment. And, of course, thanks to all our members, donors, partners and funders for their continued confidence.





Notre Affaire à Tous is an association that works to protect life, the natural commons and the climate through the use of law.

Originating from the movement for recognition of the crime of ecocide in international law to punish the most serious crimes against the environment, the members of Notre Affaire à Tous position themselves as "lawyers for the planet", seeking to establish through jurisprudence, legal advocacy and citizen mobilization, to establish responsibility towards the environment.

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