

ACTIVITY REPORT 2023



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

Notre Affaire à Tous has chosen to fight within the framework of the rule of law and believes fundamentally in the power of law to transform the world - 2023 has shown us that our mission is more relevant than ever.

In our presentation of the 2022 report, we wrote that 2023 had begun with very bad omens for climate justice activists. In the end, it turned out to be an annus horribilis for the climate and environmental causes: this year will undoubtedly go down in history as the one in which the French government chose to openly declare war on environmental activists, and more broadly on environmental law.

In 2023, the French government revealed itself to be the most “disobedient” player with regard to the rule of law in France, as recognized by the Conseil d’État (French Supreme Administrative Court), for example, when it overturned the plan to dissolve the environmental collective “Les Soulèvements de la Terre”. These various

episodes have brought us to a new era, in which environmentalists can no longer simply defend Living Beings, but must also defend themselves against targeted and disproportionate repression.

The use of a repressive arsenal highly prejudicial to fundamental freedoms, initially designed to respond to terrorism, has no legitimacy for subjugating activists, and raises questions about the limits of the current system for defending the integrity of Living Beings.

It was also a year of high tension in the courts. We were unable to convince the Tribunal Administratif de Paris (Paris Administrative Court) of the need to enforce its decision in the Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) by imposing what we hoped would be a historic penalty, but the administrative judge nevertheless recognized that compensation for ecological damage had been achieved primarily “thanks” to COVID, the mild winter and the rise in energy prices due to the war in Ukraine. This is a far cry from the proactive policy needed to achieve the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement.

The same disappointment was felt before the judicial court, which refused in the first instance to open up the possibility of a debate on the merits of the “Total Climat” case. The overcautious Tribunal Judiciaire de Paris (Paris Court of First Instance) took refuge behind a highly questionable interpretation of the law’s criteria on the duty of vigilance, and observers are impatiently awaiting the forthcoming decision of the Court of Appeal, which everyone hopes will be more up to the challenge. This decision will also be closely watched by BNP Paribas, which we took to court at the start of the year following our formal notice under the duty of vigilance and because of the financing the bank provides to new fossil fuel projects.

In terms of greenwashing, however, Total has not succeeded in evading the trial judge. The confirmation on appeal of the admissibility of Notre Affaire à Tous to this dispute will very soon enable us to discuss the company’s misleading commercial practices with regard to climate change. And it is also in this field that, with our European partners, we have obtained a warning from a Swiss authority towards FIFA for “greenwashing” around the Football World Cup in Qatar. **Climate allegations promise to become a central issue in the monitoring of economic players in the years to come.**

2023 will also be remembered as the year in which we won a second conviction against the French state, this time for its inaction on biodiversity. In the “Justice pour le Vivant” (Justice for Living Beings) case, the Tribunal Administratif de Paris (Paris Administrative Court) recognized the State’s responsibility for the collapse of biodiversity and water pollution due to its inadequate pesticide policy. This is an important victory, which sheds a welcome light on the government’s attempts at the end of the year to scale back its pesticide reduction targets. This victory is also accompanied by other important victories in several local appeals throughout France (Rosny, Lacanau...) and by growing mobilisation in the territories for the Rights of Nature (Les Salines, the Durance, the Lez, the Sambre...).

Although France displayed a very poor environmental record in 2023, decisions at the European level gave us grounds for hope in our historical fields, as several important directives emerged from the dynamics of the “Green Deal”: the path was cleared for the definitive adoption in 2024 of a directive on environmental

crime, which will enshrine a first form of recognition of ecocide, and a directive introducing a duty of vigilance for European multinationals.

We must savour these achievements and victories, because at the time of writing, the European electoral outlook remains particularly worrying for the future.

Generally speaking, it is quite clear that 2023 marks a turning point in terms of austerity on climate, the environment and, more broadly, freedoms. What has seemed insufficient up to now will probably have to be fought for with determination tomorrow, and hopes of progress in the struggles we hold dear will essentially rest on the courts as the political climate hardens. **Invigorated as never before, I know we are collectively ready to fight this battle on the front line.**

Clotilde Bato,
Chairwoman of
Notre Affaire à Tous
june 22nd 2024



HIGHLIGHTS 2023

OUR ACTIONS AGAINST THE STATE'S FAILURE TO ACT



MAI 10, 2023

GRANDE SYNTHÉ

The courts place the State under reinforced surveillance and reject the government's track record, deeming it to be inconsistent with the climate objectives it has adopted.

[Grande Synthe](#)



JUNE 14, 2023

L'AFFAIRE DU SIÈCLE

(THE CASE OF THE CENTURY)

We have requested a penalty payment of one billion euros to force the French government to act and repair the ecological damage caused by its climate inaction.

[L'Affaire du Siècle](#)

JUNE 1, 2023

JUSTICE FOR LIVING BEINGS

In June 2023, the courts recognized for the first time the responsibility of the State in the collapse of Living Beings due to damage from pesticides.

[Justice for Living Beings](#)



NOVEMBER 16, 2023

SOIF DE JUSTICE DANS LES OUTRE-MER

(THIRST FOR JUSTICE IN FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES)

We denounce the State's discriminatory disengagement, which deprives the French Overseas Territories of drinking water and seriously undermines the fundamental rights of their inhabitants. The crisis in Mayotte has given rise to the first emergency litigation.

[Soif de justice](#)



OUR ACTIONS AGAINST CLIMATE-CHANGE AND POLLUTING PROJECTS

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

THE BNP PARIBAS CASE

Two subpoenas against BNP Paribas: against its financing of fossil fuel expansion, in the world's first climate litigation against a bank. And against its financing of South American actors colluding with the deforestation industry in Amazonia.



JANUARY 30, 2023

COASTLINE OF LACANAU

Two decisive victories contre le projet de pôle de santé qui menaçait de détruire une zone littorale de Lacanau, et de mettre en danger un écosystème essentiel.



APRIL 14, 2023

WESTFIELD ROSNY 2

Abandonment of the Westfield Rosny 2 shopping centre extension: The court definitively shelves the extension project in view of the impact it would have on air quality and heat islands in the department



JUNE 7, 2023

FIFA'S GREENWASHING

Victory against FIFA's greenwashing: Recognized by the Swiss advertising regulator, targeting carbon neutrality claims surrounding the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.



JUNE 5, 2023

NOTRE AFFAIRE À TOUS - LYON

PFAS in the Vallée de la Chimie. Notre Affaire à Tous Lyon has launched an environmental criminal injunction procedure to obtain a first decision for the victims of these forever pollutants in France.



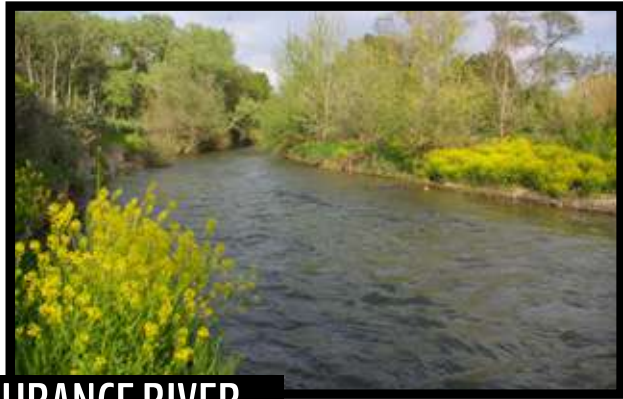
OUR SUPPORT
FOR THE RIGHTS
OF LIVING BEINGS

The collective ‘Sové Lavi Salines’, and the associations ‘Arc Fleuve Vivant’ and ‘SOS Durance Vivante’, assisted by Notre Affaire à Tous, have respectively proclaimed the Declarations of Rights for the [Salines in Martinique](#), the [Arc coastal river](#) and the [Durance river](#).



SALINES IN MARTINIQUE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023



DURANCE RIVER

NOVEMBER 9, 2023



ARC COASTAL RIVER

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

GENERAL PRESENTATION



WHO WE ARE ?

Launched in 2015, Notre Affaire à Tous is an association that uses the law as a strategic lever in the fight against the triple environmental crises - climate, biodiversity, pollution. It defends a vision of law in favour of social justice and the primary communities concerned.

After securing a conviction against the French government in the *Affaire du Siècle* (The Case of the Century), the association continues to take legal action at local, national and European level. In this way, it has initiated systemic appeals against the inaction of public authorities (*Justice pour le Vivant*, *Soif de justice...*) and the impunity of multinationals (Total, BNP, Arkema...).

Through a network of mobilised citizens, Notre Affaire à Tous works to push back the frontiers of the law in favour of a democratic system that protects life and fundamental rights.

● A CITIZENS' MOVEMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Notre Affaire à Tous had **376 members** on December 31, 2023, including around 100 active members organised into working groups. Most of these volunteers are legal professionals, lawyers, students and researchers, the majority of whom are young women. They support or even manage a large part of the association's legal work, in liaison with the salaried team and members of the Board of Directors, and with the help of law firms (mostly pro bono or low bono) on the association's most important projects. Pro bono work and skills patronage represent an extraordinary asset for the association, enabling it to carry out its projects and achieve its objectives. In 2023, we decided to initiate an initial accounting assessment of volunteer contributions, which you will find in part 4 of this report.

● OUR WORKING GROUPS

As of December 31, 2023, there were 7 working groups: “Multinationals”, “Local Action”, “Climate Inequalities”, “Education Awareness”, “Rights of Nature”, “International - Climate Affairs Watch” and “Translation”. In 2023, four local groups are also active in Lyon, Strasbourg, Lille and Paris, and a “Mediterranean” group was initiated in December 2023.

The co-referents of the working groups, together with the members of the Board of Directors and the salaried team, form the “coordination” which monitors the working groups and applies the association’s strategy previously approved by the Board of Directors. The working groups are of an evolving nature, as indicated in the internal regulations. The list of these groups is regularly updated on [the website](#).



OUR MISSIONS



Our challenge for this century 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, 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 public interest against 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). Currently, 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 actors.



Human responsibility towards Nature. Notre Affaire à Tous travaille is working to establish a genuine environmental and nature-oriented legal system. By transforming our 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 accompanies and protects climate change victims to ensure recognition of their rights and the obligation of public authorities to protect them. Climate justice is necessary to ensure the rule of law and the social contract. States must equip themselves with new legal instruments to guarantee the individual and collective rights of their citizens, and to protect the Rights of Nature and Living Beings. We know 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 criminalise environmental damages, 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 activity, by guaranteeing the energy transition...

ACTIONS OF NOTRE AFFAIRE À TOUS



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 (THE CASE OF THE CENTURY)



On December 31, 2022, the deadline set by the Tribunal Administratif de Paris (Paris Administrative Court) for the French government to take action to limit its greenhouse gas emissions expired. The Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) organisations note that the French government has not acted sufficiently since the ruling of October 14, 2021 condemning it. On December 20, they sent an official letter to the government requesting a list of measures taken to comply with the court ruling.

Faced with the government's refusal to provide us with this detailed list, L'Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) referred the matter to the Commission d'Accès aux Documents Administratifs (Commission for Access to Administrative Documents - CADA) at the end of March, which issued a positive opinion: the government must provide these documents of public interest.

On March 21, the Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) organisations and the Réseau Action Climat (Climate Action Network) were heard by members of parliament as part of a flash information mission on the monitoring of France's COP commitments. This was an opportunity to point out that France is not meeting its commitments, despite having been condemned twice for climate inaction. The previous day, in its summary report, the IPCC recognized the role of legal action in exerting pressure and accelerating climate action by governments. The report resulting from the parliamentary fact-finding mission was published on April 12, and highlights many of our organisations' demands for improved climate governance, and in particular for oversight of government action by the National Assembly.

On June 14, the Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) organisations submitted a new brief with the Tribunal Administratif de Paris (Paris Administrative Court), in the presence of numerous climate movement activists and associations. They noted that the State had not taken all the necessary measures to repair the ecological damage, and even refused to publish the list of measures supposedly taken to extricate France from climate illegality. They therefore asked the court to impose **a financial penalty of 1.1 billion euros to force the State to act**. A few days later, thanks to public mobilisation and judicial pressure, the government finally provided the requested documents - documents which we analysed to demonstrate to the court that the recent reductions in emissions are not due to government action, but to cyclical factors which in no way guarantee that France has taken the necessary measures to catch up.

On november 3, the associations submitted a new brief and an expert report by the 'éclaircies' collective confirming that 74% of recent emissions reductions are due to cyclical factors. In the absence of structural government policies, emissions would have risen between 2021 and 2022, excluding cyclical reductions over 2022.

After a hearing on December 8, the Tribunal Administratif de Paris (Paris Administrative Court) handed down sits ruling on December 22. **Although the judges acknowledged that the 2021 ruling had not been enforced, and that the recent falls in emissions were partly due to factors outside the State's control, they rejected the requests for enforcement** enforcement made by the Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) organisations, which had appealed to the Court of Cassation.



THE GRANDE-SYNTHÉ CASE

On January 3, 2023, together with the two other Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) organisations, Greenpeace and Oxfam France, we filed [a new brief with the Conseil d'État \(French Supreme Administrative Court\)](#), in connection with the Grande-Synthe case. This document once again points to the weakness of the government's climate measures, which fail to meet the targets set by law. It also supports our request for a financial penalty to ensure that France's 2030 climate trajectory is respected.

On March 10, the Conseil d'État (French Supreme Administrative Court) summoned the Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) organisations, along with the Grande-Synthe commune, the Haut Conseil pour le Climat (High Council on Climate) and government representatives, to an unprecedented hearing to assess whether the ministries had put in place sufficient climate measures to enable France to meet its 2030 climate targets.

On May 10, [the Conseil d'État \(French Supreme Administrative Court\)](#) once again condemned the French government for climate inaction, following the conclusions of the public rapporteur presented at the hearing on April 12. The Conseil d'État (French Supreme Administrative Court) once again noted the inadequacy of the climate policies adopted by the State since its condemnation in 2021. As the Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century) organisations have demonstrated, the French government is persisting in its inaction, and France will not be able to meet its 2030 targets with current measures. **The Conseil d'État (French Supreme Administrative Court) has given the French government until June 30, 2024 to take all necessary measures to achieve the -40% emissions reduction target by 2030.**



JUSTICE FOR LIVING BEINGS

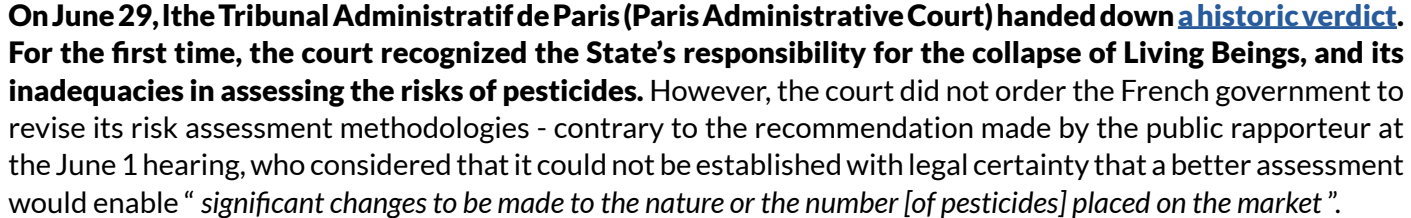


Attacked in court in January 2022 by five environmental protection organisations (Notre Affaire à Tous, POLLINIS, Biodiversité sous nos pieds, Anper-Tos and ASPAS) for failing to implement pesticide evaluation and marketing procedures that truly protect biodiversity, [the French State chose a line of defence that ignores both law and science](#), in its statement of defence filed on December 19, 2022.

In response, on January 24, 2023, we and our partners filed [a reply brief with the Tribunal Administratif de Paris \(Paris Administrative Court\)](#) to respond to the State's defence arguments and demonstrate that it does indeed have the capacity to act to halt the sixth mass extinction.

On January 31, the German agrochemical giant Bayer, which acquired Monsanto in 2018, filed [a request to intervene alongside the French State](#), just as the case was due to be heard on February 10. **In the end, it was the entire agrochemical industry, through its lobby Phytéis, which informed the court on February 10 that it wished to intervene to defend the State in this case.** This request for intervention shows that the procedures for evaluating and marketing pesticides are driven by the economic imperatives of agrochemical firms, and not by the obligation to protect biodiversity from these toxic substances.

On March 13, our organisations submitted their [brief to the judges in response to the arguments of the agrochemical lobby](#) which is seeking to have the trial annulled and maintain the current pesticide approval system.



On this last point, the organisations have decided to appeal to the Cour administrative d'appel de Paris (Paris Administrative Court of Appeal) [on september 8](#) , in order to obtain an **obligation on the part of the State to close the loopholes in pesticide risk assessment methods, which were historically recognized in the first verdict.** [A supplementary brief detailing our arguments was submitted on November 24.](#) The State, bound to respect the objectives of the Ecophyto plans and to better protect its waters, has itself appealed the June decision, locking itself into a refusal to act to halt the collapse of biodiversity.

On September 7, [Notre Affaire à Tous and POLLINIS were also heard by](#) by the parliamentary inquiry commission into the causes of France's failure to meet its pesticide reduction targets, which issued its report in December.



GOVERNMENT INACTION ON AIR POLLUTION

On November 24, 2023, the Conseil d'Etat (French Supreme Administrative Court) settled for the third time the financial penalty it had imposed to force the French government to act, at last, to combat air pollution, noting the renewed inadequacy of the measures put in place. A total of 10 million euros will be allocated to the budgets of several public bodies as a result of a lasting excess of nitrogen dioxide limits in the Paris and Lyon areas. This litigation, initiated by Friends of the Earth and co-litigated by Notre Affaire à Tous, was launched in 2015 to enforce a 2008 directive.

However, the situation is not about to be resolved, given the inadequacy of the newly adopted atmospheric protection plans, which are the State's main regulatory tools for taking action in this area at local level. Notre Affaire à Tous has therefore launched a new legal campaign in 2023, *Pour un droit à respirer* (For the right to breathe), to denounce this shortcoming (see 3.1 Local groups).





ACTING AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

EUROPEAN DIRECTIVE ON CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY DUE DILIGENCE

Following on from the European Commission's decision in early 2022, **the Council of the European Union voted in December 2022 on its version of the European Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence: [the text voted on emerged from the negotiations considerably impoverished, due in particular to pressure from France, and this despite the government's public declarations.](#)**

[While a majority of citizens and a large number of civil society organisations support the directive's objectives and ambition](#), the Council's lack of ambition was first disavowed by the votes in the European Parliament's committees, which overwhelmingly came out in favour of broader obligations for companies to respect human rights and the environment. [On Thursday June 1, 2023](#) the plenary session of the European Parliament finally adopted its position, voting in favour of most of the advances made by the JURI and ENVI committees.

As trialogue negotiations got underway to find a compromise between the three versions of the text, Notre Affaire à Tous continued its advocacy and mobilisation work, with allies from French and European coalitions (Forum Citoyen pour la RSE, ECCJ, the Justice Is Everybody's Business campaign). **On September 11, [an inflatable statue over 10 meters high, representing Justice stabbed in the back, was erected in front of Bercy, to call on the French government to stop pressuring to weaken the draft European Directive](#) on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence, particularly with regard to the financial sector and corporate climate obligations.** On this occasion, the FCRSE organisations published [an analysis document](#) making **recommendations to**



decision-makers on how best to arbitrate between the different versions of the text, in the light of the first legal actions based on the French duty of vigilance law.

[On December 14](#), the three European institutions finally reached a political agreement, weakened by pressure from France and lobbying from financial players such as BlackRock: the agreement reached excludes all financial services from the general obligation of care, deferring their inclusion to future legislation.

SUPPORTING EUROPEAN LITIGATION

Notre Affaire à Tous was in Strasbourg to support the Swiss Elders for Climate [on March 29](#), and the 6 young Portuguese on September 28, ahead of [their historic hearings before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights](#). **In the Duarte Agostinho case against Portugal and 32 other European states, Christel Counil, Notre Affaire à Tous and Paul Mougeolle submitted written observations as third parties.**



On Monday June 12, 2023, Notre Affaire à Tous published its fourth edition of the Multinationals' Climate Vigilance [Benchmark](#), which scrutinises the climate vigilance measures of 26 leading French companies from high-emission business sectors.

The publication of the 2023 edition of the Climate Vigilance Benchmark gave rise to several public presentations.

The first - and undoubtedly the most important - was held at the French National Assembly, where an evening debate was organised on June 12, 2023, in the presence of deputies Marie Pochon and Dominique Potier.

Following this event, the Notre Affaire à Tous Benchmark team had the opportunity to present



the report at various advocacy events, notably as part of the discussions on the European Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence, where we were able to present our findings to the Permanent Representation of the Member States to the European Union (June 29, 2023).

The Climate Vigilance Benchmark was also presented to our European partner ECCJ (June 14, 2023), at a session of the informal “GGON LWG” working group (June 15, 2023), during a working seminar organised by one of our funders in Brussels (June 20, 2023).

The Benchmark was also presented to a panel of companies at a meeting organised by the Association des Entreprises pour les Droits de l'Homme (July 12, 2023).

Finally, Notre Affaire à Tous had the opportunity to present the Benchmark results on the radio program “*On n’arrête pas l’éco*” in June 2023.

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST TOTAL ENERGIES

- **FOR FAILING IN ITS DUTY OF VIGILANCE WITH REGARD TO CLIMATE CHANGE**



The coalition of organisations and local authorities involved in the legal action against TotalEnergies' climate strategy responded to the multinational's strategy of climate inaction and delaying tactics in submissions filed on February 10 with the Tribunal de Paris (Paris Court of First Instance), and asked the judge to order the multinational to take measures to suspend new oil and gas projects pending the court's judgement.

In an order issued on July 6, 2023, the pre-trial judge declared the legal action inadmissible. A worrying decision, given that several other legal actions based on the duty of vigilance law have also been declared inadmissible in recent months: the Tilenga and EACOP projects in February, the Suez/Chili case in June, and EDF Mexico in December.

A few days later, an investigation by the site lanceuralerte.org revealed a possible conflict of interest between the magistrate who handed down the decision and the company TotalEnergies.

On November 10, 2023, the coalition appealed against the decision, contesting its restriction of access to justice, which ran counter to the spirit of the legislator and numerous reports highlighting the urgency of climate change.

The Court of Appeal's decision will be handed down on June 18, 2024.



- **TOTALMENT (TOTAL LIES)**



As we requested back in 2021, following the revelations of 3 researchers, in early December the Senate launched an inquiry commission into "the means mobilised and mobilisable by the State to ensure that the TotalEnergies group takes into account and complies with its climate obligations and the orientations of France's foreign policy". Initiated by EELV Senator Yannick Jadot, who will act as rapporteur, the commission is chaired by LR Senator Roger Karoutchi.

This commission could shed light on TotalEnergies' role in the current climate crisis, and in particular on their knowledge, as early as the 1970s, of the impact of their activities on the climate.

- **FOR MISLEADING COMMERCIAL PRACTICES**

In a decision handed down on May 16, 2023, **the Tribunal Judiciaire de Paris (Paris Court of First Instance) ruled that the action brought by Greenpeace France, Friends of the Earth France and Notre Affaire à Tous against TotalEnergies for misleading commercial practices was admissible.** Following this initial victory, the court will now hear the case on its merits.

Following this initial decision, TotalEnergies appealed Notre Affaire à Tous' interest in acting in defence of consumers. **The Court of Appeal finally rejected the multinational oil and gas company's arguments on December 8, 2023,** confirming that Notre Affaire à Tous does indeed have standing to sue for misleading commercial practices and, more broadly, to protect consumers when it comes to climate and environmental issues.

This second stage victory confirms the first instance judgement. A decision on the merits of the case is expected by the end of 2025.



COMPLAINT AGAINST FIFA

In November 2022, FIFA was the subject of greenwashing complaints by six European associations, including Notre Affaire à Tous, due to false claims of carbon neutrality surrounding the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

In its verdict of June 6, 2023, the Swiss Fair Trade Commission rejected FIFA's objections, claiming that it had spread a misleading impression of climate neutrality. In particular, the complaints highlighted the failure to count CO₂ emissions from fans' daily air travel and the underestimation of emissions linked to stadium construction.

As a result, FIFA was asked to "refrain in the future from the contested allegations, in particular that the Football World Cup held in Qatar in 2022 would be climate and CO₂ neutral". This victory before the Swiss Commission delivers a strong message to major sports tournaments and, more broadly, to companies with aggressive commercial greenwashing practices.



LEGAL ACTION AGAINST BNP PARIBAS

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



Friends of the Earth France, Notre Affaire à Tous and Oxfam France, who issued a formal notice to BNP Paribas to comply with its duty of vigilance obligations on October 26, **decided to take the bank to court on February 23**. In view of its significant contribution to climate change, **the organisations are asking BNP Paribas to end its financial support for new fossil fuel projects** and to adopt an exit plan out of oil and gas. This is a landmark lawsuit: **the world's first climate litigation against a commercial bank**.

The following day, at the initiative of the collective 'Scientifiques en rébellion', [600 scientists, including co-authors of the IPCC reports, wrote an open letter](#) to the members of the BNP Paribas Board of Directors, calling on them to assume their responsibilities in the face of the ongoing ecological catastrophe by ceasing all support for the development of new oil and gas fields.

With just a few days to go before its Annual General Meeting, BNP Paribas has made new commitments that are a step in the right direction, but [remain far too limited to have an impact](#) and meet the demands of NGOs and the requirements of the law on duty of vigilance. At the BNP Paribas AGM on May 16, 2023, in support of the organisations' demands, representatives of the scientific community, members of the Scientifiques en rébellion collective, [took on the role of shareholders to hold the Board of Directors to account](#).

On November 15, in an open letter, [1,240 students from universities and business schools \(AgroParisTech, Ecole Polytechnique, HEC, etc.\) pledged not to join the ranks of the French bank](#) because of its support for new oil and gas extraction projects.

The organisations are calling on people to join the more than 50,000 people who have already signed the [international petition in support of the BNP Case](#) to make their voices heard in this ground-breaking trial and demand an end to financial support for new fossil fuel projects.

● FOR ITS SUPPORT OF PLAYERS LINKED TO DEFORESTATION



On February 27, 2023, the Brazilian NGO Comissão Pastoral da Terra (CPT) and Notre Affaire à Tous summoned BNP Paribas - on the basis of the duty of vigilance law - before the Tribunal Judiciaire de Paris (Paris Court of First Instance) for having provided financial services to Marfrig, one of the world's largest beef producers. Marfrig's suppliers engaged in [serious illegal deforestation of the Amazon, land grabs in protected indigenous territories and forced labour on cattle farms](#). Despite this, between 2019 and 2022, BNP continued to provide significant financial support to Marfrig without making this conditional on the implementation of a zero deforestation plan. In so doing, it failed to exercise caution in its business dealings and helped delay action to preserve the Amazon, even though it knew that Marfrig had been a problematic and controversial player for over 10 years.

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST CASINO



In January 2023, the Jupaú association officially announced its intention to join the coalition behind the legal action against the Casino group. This coalition, made up of indigenous peoples' rights organisations and international associations including Notre Affaire à Tous, took the supermarket chain to court in March 2021, for failing in its duty of vigilance against illegal deforestation and land grabbing of indigenous peoples' land in South America.

Representing the Uru-EU-Wau-Wau indigenous people, the Jupaú association is seeking redress for the environmental damage and human rights violations caused by illegal deforestation and cattle farming. Three illegal farms in their territory have been identified as being connected to the Casino group.

Despite the announcement of the sale of its South American subsidiaries and brands, the coalition is determined to pursue its legal action against the Casino group in order to obtain recognition of the French retailer's responsibility for deforestation in the lungs of the world, and to obtain compensation for the damage caused to local victims.

On October 14, Notre Affaire à Tous took part in the Amazon March in Paris. Organised in particular by the Jiboiana association, on the occasion of the visit to France of a delegation of 5 Brazilian indigenous representatives, the aim of the march was to defend the rights of indigenous peoples with a single voice, while highlighting the impact of French groups such as Casino on Amazonian forests, waterways and biodiversity.



PUBLIC INTERVENTIONS ON THE CLIMATE RESPONSIBILITY OF MULTINATIONALS

During 2023, Notre Affaire à Tous intervened on numerous occasions on the issue of climate responsibility of multinationals:

- **“Les recours stratégiques en matière climatique”**, Intervention in Marine Fleury’s Master 2 Transition Écologique course, December 22, 2023, Université Paris 1
- **“Round table - Devoir de vigilance: réussites, échecs et perspective. Regards croisés entreprises/société civile”**, Paris, December 13, 2023
- **“ Plaidoyers et contentieux stratégiques de Notre Affaire à tous ”**, Colloque *Le droit: une arme au service du vivant ? Plaidoyers et contentieux stratégiques*, , organized by Anne-Sophie Denolle and Christel Cournil, December 11, 2023, Université de Rouen
- **“Climate change and Human Rights”**, lecture in Professor Marie Gren’s Fundamental Rights course, Friday December 8, 2023, Université Paris 1
- **“The role of civil society organizations in climate change governance. The case of Notre Affaire à Tous ”**, *One-day expert workshop in Oxford ‘Climate Litigation Unleashed: Catalysing Action against States and Corporations’*, The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights (Faculty of Law, University of Oxford), November 22, 2023, Oxford
- **“ L’arme du droit au service de la lutte contre le changement climatique ”**, Nov. 8, 2023, “Project Management” teaching module for the Master 2 Droit et Gestion de l’environnement et du Développement Durable at the Faculty of Law, under the direction of Céline Avenel, teaching coordinator at the Centre de Soutien aux Innovations Pédagogiques at the University of Montpellier
- **“ La construction juridique d’une responsabilité climatique des multinationales ”**, October 17, 2023, Sciences Po Lille, contribution to Ms. Chloë Geynet-Dussauze’s Environmental Law course



- “ **La place du droit au sein du mouvement climat** ”, round table organized following the screening of the documentary “ Pourquoi on se bat ” by Camille Etienne and Solal Moisan, July 7, 2023, Académie du climat Paris
- “ **Oil & Gas Corporate Climate Litigation** ”, June 29, 2023, World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA) - Assessing the credibility of transition plans in the Oil & Gas sector, London
- “ **Contentieux fondés sur le devoir de vigilance: à quoi s’attendre après les premières décisions ?** ”, June 27, 2023, Corporate Law Summit, Pavillon d’Armenonville, Paris
- “ **Dimensions environnementales et climatiques du devoir de vigilance** ”, June 14, 2023, Brussels
- “ **The French law on the duty of vigilance as a new avenue for corporate climate litigation** ”, *Spring academy: The European turn to sustainability due diligence: From concept to obligation*, April 4, 2023, The Hague (Netherlands)
- “ **Les ambitions et les limites du devoir de vigilance sur les questions climatiques: le regard des ONGs** ”, Colloquium on “ Le devoir de vigilance des entreprises: L’âge de la maturité? ”, under the scientific direction of Ms. Aurélie Brès and Mr. Christophe Maubernard, May 25, 2023, University of Montpellier
- “ **La fabrique des recours climatiques fondés sur le devoir de vigilance** ”, May 22, 2023, Université Lyon Paris II
- “ **L’Affaire du Siècle, Urgenda, Klimaatzaak: outils des ONG pour changer le monde** ”, École supérieure des métiers du droit (ESMD), February 16, 2023, Paris
- “ **Climate change and Human Rights** ”, lecture in Professor Marie Gren’s Fundamental Rights course, Friday December 8, 2023, Université Paris 1

Notre Affaire à Tous has also taken part in a number of podcasts and other radio programs, including:



“ **La vigilance climatique: quels enjeux ?** ” Intervention with Paul Mougeolle in Charlotte Michon’s podcast “ Responsabilités”, September 26, 2023
<https://deezer.page.link/3WyxnpaBaFpDcVYJ8>



Spotlight on the results of the benchmark on climate vigilance by multinationals on the radio program “ **On n’arrête pas l’éco** ”, June 2023
<https://www.radiofrance.fr/franceinter/podcasts/on-n-arrete-pas-l-eco/on-n-arrete-pas-l-eco-du-samedi-01-juillet-2023-6798127>



“ **Climat: des recours qui peuvent vraiment changer la donne ?** ” Podcast from the MUCEM’s ‘Trials of the Century’ lecture series
<https://www.mucem.org/programme/climat-des-recours-qui-peuvent-vraiment-changer-la-donne>



LOCAL ACTION IN CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

The Recours Locaux (Location Action) Working Group kicked off 2023 with an **annual strategy meeting** to take stock of projects carried out in 2022 and to plan areas of improvement and exploration for 2023, namely continuing our activities in the fight against land artificialisation and local climate litigation, and developing training courses. The volunteer group is back in full swing.

We have also welcomed **a new intern** to the Recours Locaux group, to support us in the production of a guide on the fight against land artificialisation.

LEGAL SUPPORT FOR GROUPS AND LEGAL ACTION



Map of local campaigns. Reporterre

Throughout 2023, Notre Affaire à Tous pursued the legal actions already underway in 2022, and initiated new legal action projects with a view to improving the effectiveness of environmental law, including at local level.

The flagship project for 2023 was the drafting of a legal guide on the fight against soil artificialisation.

Notre Affaire à Tous was involved in several local litigation cases, supporting local collectives:

- **CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HEALTH CENTRE REQUIRING CLEARANCE OF A FOREST ON THE SHORES OF LAKE LACANAU**

The Vive la forêt association has [won two decisive victories](#), since **the three administrative decisions required for the luxury health centre project have now been annulled** by the court of first instance. This action has made it possible to protect a remarkable natural area from unnecessary land artificialisation, resulting in a significant loss of biodiversity and exceptional landscapes.

- **CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROCKWOOL FACTORY ON AGRICULTURAL LAND**

Following two briefs filed in 2022 on behalf of a volunteer member of the Stop Rockwool collective, the administrative court partially annulled Rockwool's operating permit. This decision, concerning a rockwool manufacturing plant with particularly significant impacts on health and the environment, obliged the manufacturer to carry out a cumulative impact study. This decision by the administrative judge reinforces the fact that manufacturers cannot carry out impact studies that assess each impact independently, but must take into account the cumulative impact. The petitioning associations have therefore continued their legal battle in a bid to have this administrative authorization completely annulled.



● CAMPAIGN AGAINST EXTENSION OF THE WESTFIELD ROSNY 2 SHOPPING CENTRE

The result of a battle that lasted several years, several environmental protection associations have gone before the administrative court to have the building permits for the extension of the Westfield Rosny 2 shopping centre annulled. The Montreuil administrative court ruled that the project developers had failed to regularise the project's irregularities within the one-year deadline.

Thanks to a major citizen mobilisation campaign, residents participated massively in the public inquiry, with 85% of them voting against the extension project. Following the unfavourable opinion of the investigating commissioner, the administrative courts put an end to the project, recognizing that the permits were illegal, particularly in view of their impact on the environment..

● ILLEGAL BUILDING PERMITS IN AUDENGE

Notre Affaire à Tous has co-written, with the lawyer in charge of the case, a preliminary compensation claim, brought jointly with two other associations, Audenge Citoyenne and CEBA. The aim of this action is to have the municipality of Audenge held liable for issuing building permits in breach of the French Coastal Law, and to obtain compensation for the ecological damage caused by the illegal artificial development resulting from the granting of these building permits.

In fact, the coast is the area of France most subject to land pressure, regardless of the natural disasters and climatic risks that affect it. Faced with this land pressure, local elected officials may be tempted to issue building permits in defiance of urban planning standards protecting the environment, in order to allow greater development of their municipality. Environmental associations are unable to check the legality of all permits issued, and local authorities may be tempted to think that once the two-month time limit for



appealing against a building permit has passed, they can wash their hands of the illegality of their act. The aim of this action is therefore to ensure that, even several years later, citizens can demand accountability for the environmental damage they have caused, in the hope of reducing the temptation for local authorities to issue illegal building permits that increase soil artificialisation in these particularly sensitive environments.

In December 2023, the preliminary claim for compensation was sent to the municipality. This is a mandatory prerequisite for going to court. A group of students from the Sciences Po Toulouse clinic, led by Christel Cournil, have prepared communication materials to accompany this appeal.

● CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN COMMITMENT CONTRACT

Notre Affaire à Tous has taken a stand against the ongoing restriction of associative freedoms.

It has lodged an appeal against the decree on the Republican Commitment Contract, which makes the granting of subsidies or approvals conditional on the signing of this contract. The decree could be interpreted by public authorities as forcing associations to undertake not to resort to civil disobedience, a means of action historically used to protect the environment. The appeal was brought by 25 associations including Greenpeace, FNE, Friends of the Earth, Sherpa, etc. and was lost, but anchored the association in the defence of the civil disobedience movement. Moreover, in the context of this appeal, the Conseil d'Etat (French Supreme Administrative Court) clarified the interpretation to be made of the associations' commitments, and limited their scope. Despite this refusal to annul the decision, it nonetheless enabled the infringement of civil liberties to be limited.



Notre Affaire à Tous was also a co-applicant alongside Alternatiba Poitiers, whose subsidies were about to be cut on the basis of the Republican Commitment Contract, for having organised a training workshop on civil disobedience. This appeal ended in victory in November 2023 before the Poitiers Administrative Court. This victory reinforces the restrictive reading of the law by the Conseil d'Etat (French Supreme Administrative Court). In this decision, the Administrative Court ruled that an association can only contravene the first commitment of the Republican Commitment Contract if it undertakes actions that are not only manifestly contrary to the law, but also violent or likely to cause serious disturbance to public order. So, even if the law remains, its scope has been significantly narrowed by the administrative courts, providing greater protection for the ability of associations to take action, particularly in the environmental field.

● SUPPORT FOR SOULÈVEMENTS DE LA TERRE

Following the Sainte-Soline demonstrations in March 2023 against mega-basins, the government issued a decree dissolving the Soulèvements de la Terre movement, which caused a stir throughout the environmental and human rights movements.

Notre Affaire à Tous wished to make its contribution by taking part in the voluntary intervention alongside Greenpeace, the Ligue des droits de l'Homme and associations allied with the movement's supporters, in the interim injunction proceedings and the appeal for excess of jurisdiction brought against this dissolution decree.

The decree was suspended in August 2023, then definitively overturned in November 2023 by the Conseil d'Etat (French Supreme Administrative Court).



RAISING AWARENESS AND ADVOCATING AGAINST LAND ARTIFICIALISATION

Land artificialisation is a major threat to biodiversity and to land adaptation against climate change. The Recours Locaux (Local Action) group has undertaken research and awareness work on the fight against land artificialisation. It aims at publishing a legal guide in December 2023 for collectives that want to tackle this phenomenon.

Throughout the writing of the guide, the Recours Locaux (Local Action) group joined forces with the Réseau Action Climat (Climate Action Network) to take part in associative advocacy with parliamentarians, particularly regarding the law to facilitate the implementation of Zero Net Artificialisation (ZNA) published in July 2023

Notre Affaire à Tous took part in hearings with Members of French Parliament and Senators, and provided training for parliamentarians at the National Assembly in April 2023 to raise consciousness about the ongoing unravelling of the ZNA goals.



● PARTICIPATING IN THE 'LES RÉSISTANTES' FESTIVAL 2023

This summer, Notre Affaire à Tous reasserted its presence in local struggles by taking part in several events at the 'Les Résistantes' festival. It was a resounding success over 4 days of festivals on the Larzac plateau (located in Languedoc-Roussillon) that gathered more than 7,000 participants ready to train to better fight against polluting projects in France.

- **Round table on polluting projects:** A round table discussion with Maître Delalande, Maître Mazas, and Ingrid (Extinction Rebellion volunteer), attended by over 100 people.
- **Training on local action:** here is a [summary of the training](#), attended by around forty people.
- **Training on the fight against land artificialization:** in collaboration with the Réseau Action Climat (Climate Action Network), nearly 70 people attended.
- **Internal training:** Training on environmental mitigation.



INCREASING KNOWLEDGE 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 alike, by leveraging citizen mobilisation and the support of the general public. This is achieved by documenting and informing about the impacts of climate change and the inequalities it aggravates or generates.



CLIMATE AND ENVIRONNEMENTAL INEQUALITIES

The year 2023 was punctuated by the pursuit of the major objectives of the Inégalités climatiques (Climate Inequalities) Working Group: monitoring and collecting data on these inequalities, raising awareness among the general public of the realities and challenges of these inequalities, providing information on the unequal impacts of climate change – particularly on issues often left in the shadows – and using these elements to protect the rights of all.

IMPACTS: THE PRESS REVIEW OF CLIMATE INEQUALITIES

Since 2022, the IMPACTS magazine has had a more comprehensive format, moving away from the simple press review. This year, it has been enriched with short issues, in line with current events. These special issues were an opportunity for the volunteers in the group to take stock of certain issues in order to provide readers with food for thought:

- Impacts: taking stock of summer 2022
- Drought in France in the middle of winter
- Is France's nuclear revival respectful of environmental democracy?
- Pensions, climate, same fight?

In June, we published a longer format allowing for more in-depth coverage of topics related to inequalities combining theoretical contributions with testimonies and interviews of experts. This one focuses on the LGBTQIA+ struggle and climate justice, with the aim of raising awareness of the impact of climate disruption on these discriminated groups, their views and solutions for advancing climate justice.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN COMMITTEES OF EXPERTS AS PART OF THE ASSESSMENT OF FRANCE

France has ratified several international treaties protecting fundamental rights and, like all countries concerned, is regularly assessed by experts on its compliance with these conventions. However, human rights are being jeopardised by the consequences of climate change and the lack of sufficient, fair and equitable adaptation measures. That is why this year in 2023, for the first time on the subject of climate inequalities, Notre Affaire à Tous has submitted two contributions to two UN Committees of Experts:

- The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, for which the contribution focused in particular on demonstrating the violation of Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights with regard to access to water in French Overseas Territories;
- The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, with a focus on three themes: women's access to health care in France, which is deteriorating as a result of climate change; gender inequality in the workplace and the impact of climate change on these issues; and women's leadership in the face of climate change.



“PLANÈTE BRÛLÉE, DROITS BAFOUÉS” (BURNT PLANET, RIGHTS DENIED CAMPAIGN)

The year 2023 was marked by the development and dissemination of an information campaign aimed at the general public, focusing on the impact of climate change on our fundamental rights.

The Working Group began by carrying out a literature review and an inventory of the links between human rights and climate change at international level. This considerable work was then used to draw up the report “**Planète Brûlée Droits Bafoués: comprendre les liens entre droits fondamentaux et changement climatique**” (Burnt planet, rights denied: understanding the links between fundamental rights and climate change).

The aim of this report is to dispel preconceived ideas, explain the link between climate change and fundamental rights in a clear and educational way, and equip readers by enlightening them on one of the effective levers of climate action: climate justice. The second objective is to highlight the growing inequalities at work between states and between individuals, taking into account the role of actors whose influence is decisive on climate and human rights (i.e. multinationals etc.).

An information campaign lasting over a month was also shared on social networks during the writing of the report, in order to share the key elements of our research; and create momentum for the first release of the report during the **Webinar “Planète brûlée, droits bafoués” (Burnt Planet, Rights Denied)** on December 11, 2023. This webinar brought together 5 speakers: Morgane Joffredo, a volunteer with Amnesty International France, who presented an overview of fundamental rights around the world; Racha Mousdikoudine from the association Mayotte a Soif (Mayotte is Thirsty) and Emma Feyeux (Notre Affaire à Tous), who addressed issues of unequal access to water on the island and the work of Notre Affaire à Tous in supporting local populations; Lucie Mendes from Energie Solidaire Occitanie, who addressed inequalities in housing and access to energy in France; and finally, Valentine Boyer (Notre Affaire à Tous) who concluded the meeting with a presentation of the international litigation and remedies pursued by Notre Affaire à Tous in recent years; notably the Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century), the Casino case, and the recent submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).



“ PRISONS ET RISQUES CLIMATIQUES ET ENVIRONNEMENTAUX ” (PRISONS AND CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS PROJECT)

LeThe Climate Inequalities Working Group has continued its project to analyse climate and environmental risks for each of the 188 prisons in France, which began in 2022. A mapping of the situation in each facility was carried out, providing a better understanding of the structural issues and systemic impacts of climate disruption on prisoners and prison staff.

Discussions with industry professionals and experts continued this year. In this context, Notre Affaire à Tous was heard by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture on the initial results of the mapping and the project in general – the first of its kind in Europe to focus on the consequences of climate change for prisoners.

This work will be published in full in 2024.

“ SOIF DE JUSTICE ” (THIRST FOR JUSTICE CAMPAIGN)

Although Notre Affaire à Tous has been active on the issue of climate and environmental justice since its inception, notably via the Climate Inequalities Working Group, no legal action has yet been taken in the name and on behalf of the association. Notre Affaire à Tous thus worked in 2023 to give substance to the concept of environmental inequalities in the legal arena, via the angle of environmental discrimination.

At the beginning of 2023, action research was launched on access to drinking water at a reasonable price in the French Overseas Territories, and on the State's failings in this area. These Territories are particularly vulnerable to the consequences of climate change (drought, cyclones, etc.). Furthermore, they suffer the consequences of damaging government decisions in environmental matters, such as the authorization of pesticide use and gold panning. Lastly, people from these Territories experience inequalities stemming from a historical and a socio-political context that engenders structural discrimination. It refers to an infringement of the fundamental right to a healthy environment that these Territories suffer, in a differentiated way, compared to metropolitan France. It highlights issues relating to the high cost of living, pollution and institutional organisation in these often insular and isolated areas.

This research was based on several interviews with local groups in Mayotte, Martinique, Réunion, Guadeloupe and French Guiana. Discussions were also held with the Défenseur des droits (Defender of Rights).

This work led to the launch of the Soif de Justice (Thirst for Justice) campaign, supported by a first local appeal in November 2023, invoking an urgent application for the protection of a fundamental freedom (référé-liberté) relating to the water crisis in Mayotte, alongside the association Mayotte a Soif.

More generally, “ *Soif de Justice* ” campaign aims to highlight the common structural difficulties to the various overseas territories in terms of quantitative and qualitative access to water, fueled by the discriminatory attitude of the State in this regard. Two concerns are at the heart of this project: **serving the interests of the communities primarily concerned, and fleshing out the legal concept of environmental inequality through the prism of discrimination.**





LEGAL WATCH ON CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

In 2023, the International/Legal Watch Working Group continued its newsletter activity. Three issues were published, each containing several case notes and an article covering a variety of topics:

- Issue 16 (January): [The Energy Charter Treaty](#)
- Issue 17 (June): [Advisory Opinions Before International Courts: A Tool For Advancing Climate Law?](#)
- Issue 18 (December): [The Draft European Directive On Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence](#)

Following on from newsletter n°16, the group organised a **conference on the Energy Charter Treaty** (ECT) on January 30 at the Académie du Climat in Paris. The conference was a great success!



Four guests specialising in the subject were present:

- Me Clémentine Baldon: lawyer, notably for young people suing contracting parties to the ECT before the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR);
- Hélionor de Anzizu: doctoral student and lawyer at CIEL (Center for International Environmental Law); Mathilde Dupré : co-directrice de l'Institut Veblen
- Yamina Saheb: former ECT secretary and IPCC member.

In addition, a Working Group has been set up to develop a database for listing and highlighting case notes drawn up by volunteers. Clément Brutti-Mairesse is now in charge of the sub-group responsible for creating and developing the database.

Another group has been set up to monitor the campaign for the right to a healthy environment in Europe.

RECOGNIZING THE RIGHTS OF NATURE AND THE CRIME OF ECOCIDE



Notre Affaire à Tous works for the recognition of the Rights of Nature and the crime of ecocide. By transforming our legal framework and mobilising citizens, we aim to bring about a transformation in the relationship between humans and Living Beings.

OUR PLEA FOR RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

We advocate the recognition of the rights of nature through:

- Our book “ **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 Beings), le Pommier, 2022;
- Our “ **Nature on the Board** ” project to represent Nature in the workplace;
- Supporting local collectives and elected representatives in deploying the Rights of Nature at local level.





OUR KEY EVENTS

- **Representing Nature in Business – Nature on the Board**

Notre Affaire à Tous has teamed up with the Earth Law Center, a US-based NGO, to launch a project called **Nature on the Board (NOTB)** aimed at representing Nature on corporate boards. This follows the initiative of UK-based *Faith in Nature* (FIN), which announced in September 2022 that it had appointed Nature as a non-executive director in order to take greater account of Nature's voice in its decision-making process. FIN is assisted in this by the Lawyers for Nature collective and the Earth Law Center, who are Nature representatives on FIN's Board of Directors. Notre Affaire à Tous thus benefits from the Earth Law Center's feedback to launch a similar initiative

- **Parliament of the Chailluz Forest – January 2023**

We were in Besançon at the end of January to take part in the *Parlement de la forêt de Chailluz* organised by the national theatre "Les 2 Scènes" in Besançon, as part of the Sur Terre#3 festival. Inspired by Camille de Toledo and POLAU's Parlement de Loire project, *Parlement de la forêt* is a cultural action project that brings together about fifteen volunteer students from the University of Besançon with specialists. This project is at the intersection between Environmental Education, Art, Science and Politics. The project resulted in a Manifesto for the recognition of the rights of Chailluz, with a preface written by Marine Yzquierdo for Notre Affaire à Tous.

- **CODEV du Val-de-Marne – February 2023**

Speech at the annual convention of the Val-de-Marne Development Council on February 7, in response to the question: "**Do we still have the right to cut down a tree in the city?**"

- **Rights for the Garonne? – March 2023**

We took part in the Village de l'Eau (Water Village) days at Bordeaux's Darwin Centre in March. We took part in a round table discussion with Marie Toussaint (MEP), Maxime Ghesquière (elected representative in Bordeaux) and Alexandre Zabalza (law professor).

- **How to represent Nature in the workplace? – April 2023**

Organization of a round table discussion on the "Nature on the Board" initiative with the Earth Law Center and Ultra Laborans on April 26 on the theme "How to represent Nature in the workplace?".

- **Conference in Strasbourg – May 2023**

A conference on the philosophical, historical and ethical aspects of the Rights of Nature rights was organised by volunteers of Notre Affaire à Tous Strasbourg on May 25.

- **Festival Cinéfeuille (Tarn) – June 2023**

Presentation at the Cinéfeuille Festival in June.

- **MerMéd Project – June 2023**

Notre Affaire à Tous was invited to the launch of the **MerMéd project** in Marseille in June, and presented the project it is supporting concerning the Tavignanu river. Supported by the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (Research Institute for Development) and coordinated by Victor David, this multidisciplinary project aims to conduct a scientific feasibility study on the recognition of the Mediterranean Sea as a subject of rights.

- **Agir Pour le Vivant (Taking Action for Living Beings) Festival – August 2023**

Speech at the Festival Agir pour le Vivant in Arles on climate justice and the rights of nature.

- **Parlement de Loire – Act 2 – September 2023**

Intervention in Blois as part of the *Grande remontée de Loire with the Vers un Parlement de Loire* collective. A Declaration of Loire Rights is currently being drafted.

- **Droits des Salines (Martinique) - September 2023**

Support for the Sové Lavi Salines association in drafting and launching the Declaration of the Rights of the Salines in Martinique.

- **Composer avec les vivants (Composing with Living Beings) – September 2023**

Participation in a round table discussion organised by EDF.

- **Normandurable Trade Fair in Rouen – October 2023**

- **Second International Tree Forum in Geneva – October 2023**

- **Rencontres Jacques Copeau in Beaunes – October 2023**

- **Droits de l'Arc (Bouches du Rhône)- November 2023**

Support for the Arc Fleuve Vivant association in drafting and launching the Declaration of the Rights of the Arc.

- **Droits de la Durance (Provence) - Novembre 2023**

Support for the association SOS Durance Vivante in drafting a manifesto for the rights of the Durance, then in drafting and launching the Declaration of the Rights of the Durance.

- **Rights for the Lez – November 2023**

Intervention with the Rassemblez-Lez collective to discuss the rights of the Lez in Hérault.

- **Vers une internationale des rivières et autres éléments de la Nature (Towards an International of Rivers and Other Elements of Nature) – November 2023**

Speech at the launch of the project “ *Vers une internationale des rivières* ” “ (Towards an international of rivers) sponsored by the Institut d'études avancées de Nantes and Lieu Unique, in collaboration with Camille de Toledo and numerous associate researchers.

- **Cycle Of Round Tables Organised By Notre Affaire À Tous: Tools Available To Citizens To Protect Trees – November 2023**

On Saturday November 25, at the Académie du Climat, we proposed 3 round tables:

- Round Table 1: *How to protect trees on private land?*
- Round Table 2: *Protecting public forests and access to environmental information*
- Round Table 3 : *Protecting trees in urban environments*

Renowned speakers such as Thomas Brail, Founder of GNSA, Benoit Hartenstein and Dominique Petit from the A.R.B.R.E.S association, Nicole Bartoli from the Protection Arbres et Faune association, and many others were present to discuss these crucial issues!

The reports of this day will be published in 2024.

- **Strategic discussions at the French Biodiversity Office – November and December 2023**

Intervention for the “ *non-human humans* ” project led by the French Office for Biodiversity (OFB), where strategic discussions took place in Lyon and then in Montpellier with various stakeholders to develop a roadmap that will be co-sponsored by the OFB and several partners.

- **Sambre rights – December 2023**

Collaboration on the SAMBRE 2030 project, aimed at recognizing the Sambre river as a legal entity by 2030.

RAISING AWARENESS AND EDUCATING THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT CLIMATE JUSTICE



Notre Affaire à Tous aims to raise public awareness of climate and environmental issues, by organising or participating in events, conferences and festivals. Notre Affaire à Tous is also committed to supporting educational projects. We are historically focused on middle and high schools, and we now also work with universities and colleges. We are partners in many university clinics and regularly contribute to Master's programs.



The year 2023 was packed with initiatives in universities. Notre Affaire à Tous is historically a partner of the Sciences Po Toulouse and Sciences Po Paris clinics, and has gradually forged links with new clinics (Université de Nanterre, ENS Rennes, etc.). These clinics provide an opportunity to support groups of students in professionalising exercises, generally based on projects or questions related to the association's activities. Sometimes directly useful for the association's projects, these collaborations are also an opportunity to disseminate knowledge and practices on climate justice to young students. For example, students at the Sciences Po Paris clinic worked on air pollution, access to water in the French Overseas Territories and the regulation of PFAS, while the Sciences Po Toulouse clinic enabled Notre Affaire à Tous to explore a variety of subjects, such as the Rights of Nature in the workplace and the development of the association's internal resources.

In 2023, Notre Affaire à Tous also became a partner of Université Paris 13's M2 ONG & coopération internationale (Master's Program - NGOs & International Cooperation), through a 12-hour course on climate justice.

In addition to these long-term partnerships, Notre Affaire à Tous is a regular contributor to various types of training courses: HEC, Sciences Po Paris & Lille, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne, Université Grenoble Alpes etc. For example, Notre Affaire à Tous spoke alongside the CNRS on PFAS in June; with public universities such as the Université Lyon II on the duty of vigilance in May; with judicial organisations such as the Syndicat de la Magistrature (Magistrates Trade Union) at the Tribunal Judiciaire de Paris (Paris Court of First Instance) on environmental health in October 2023; alongside museums such as the Musée de l'Homme on environmental justice; the MUCEM; or at academic colloquium such as in Rouen in December, or Oxford in November. Notre Affaire à Tous is also a regular participant in [Proclimex](#) academic seminars on climate justice.



OUR INVOLVEMENT IN EVENTS, FESTIVALS, CONFERENCES...

● Participation in Delta festival

From August 23 to 27, 2023, five Notre Affaire à Tous volunteers represented the association on the beaches of Marseille, as part of the Delta Festival's World of Possibilities space. We were able to raise festival goers' awareness of climate and environmental justice through ecolequance debates and themed blind tests, as well as meeting many of the committed players present at the festival.

● Focus MUCEM

As part of " [Les Procès du siècle](#) " (Trials of the Century series) organised by the MUCEM, Notre Affaire à Tous took part in a conference with Camille Etienne, moderated by Paloma Moritz, in front of a full house, to discuss the impact of litigation on climate change.

● Participation in the Climax festival in Bordeaux

From September 15 to 17. Two volunteers staffed a stand in the festival's activist village, which this year focused on the theme of resistance. They also led a workshop for around thirty high-school students on Friday, the festival's opening day.



BUILDING A NETWORK COMMITTED TO SOCIAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE



At the local, national and international level, Notre Affaire à Tous has grown and gained a reputation thanks to the involvement of numerous volunteer lawyers committed to climate and social justice. Once again this year, their expertise and commitment have enabled the association to bring its legal actions and campaigns to a wider public.



A TERRITORIAL NETWORK

The territorial network of Notre Affaire à Tous has developed its activity within its four local groups located in Lyon, Strasbourg, Paris and Lille. In December 2023, a new local group was created: Notre Affaire à Tous Méditerranée, to carry the Notre Affaire à Tous battles to the Marseille region. Everywhere in the region, citizens have taken up the issue of climate justice and used the law as a lever for action. By creating 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 areas. 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 players and to combat imposed and polluting projects.

2023 was a strong year for local groups, who are gradually building up their expertise on local issues linked to environmental health and pollution. From “forever chemicals” (PFAS) in the Vallée de la Chimie, to waste in the Paris region, to industrial pollution in northern France, volunteers from local groups are initiating litigation and action research that enable Notre Affaire à Tous to spread its added value as close as possible to local issues.





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 organisations and citizens working for climate justice around the world. This approach has taken the form of joint actions with international partners, as well as contributions to research, 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 (Alliance Climatique Suisse), 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 pour la Loyauté).

We also have strong links with several European coalitions, such as ECCJ (European Coalition for Corporate Justice) on duty of vigilance, the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, as well as many key climate justice partners around the world, including Milieudefensie, Urgenda, Climate Litigation Network and ClientEarth.

In essence, Notre Affaire à Tous strives to create partnerships with players from all backgrounds, complementing its expertise or bringing supplementary sectoral expertise to the table. Combining viewpoints, knowledge and working methods has been part of the association's DNA since its inception.

See also section 3.5 "Our Associative Partners".



OUR ASSOCIATIVE 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 the past four years now, Notre Affaire à Tous - 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 health, environmental and climatic degradation and the responsibility of public and private players, environmental inequalities, access to the law and raising awareness.

In 2023, 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 (Emma Feyeux), a treasurer (Charlotte Brasse) and a general secretary (Camille Panisset). The Board of Directors comprised nine members: Jeanne Fleury, Charlotte Brasse, Mélissandre Curien, Emma Feyeux, Marine Denis, Camille Panisset, Antoine Clerc, Jean Plewinski and Hilème Kombila.

The association was able to rely on the work of some twenty volunteers, a part-time employee for three months, an intern for two months, and 149 members. In order to ensure the well-being of all, in July 2023, the Group adopted its Charter to combat discrimination and sexist or sexual violence (VSS), as well as its protocol on these subjects.

In 2023, the Lyon Group was built around four projects or clusters: the "Pour que les pollueurs respectent la loi!" project (Vallée de la Chimie) ("Making polluters comply with the law"), the "Pour un droit à respirer" project ("For a right to breath clean air"), the education / awareness-raising cluster, and the environmental health advocacy cluster.

- **Vallée de la Chimie - Making polluters comply with the law!**

After an initial filing of criminal environmental summary proceedings against Arkema France and Elkem Silicones in June 2022, the Lyon Group has launched its second case against Arkema and the health scandal surrounding its contamination with PFAS, the so-called ‘forever chemicals’. At the end of May 2023, Arkema filed a criminal environmental summary proceeding, alongside 47 victims and 11 associations and trade unions, represented by Louise Tschanz. The proceedings filed against Arkema and its forever chemical PFAs pollution were forwarded by the prosecutor to the Juge des libertés et de la détention (JLD) (Liberty and Custody Judge) in October 2023, validating both the merits of the legal action and the useful measures requested by the petitioners. Unfortunately, on November 20, 2023, the Judge decided to reject the proceedings, in an order that was ill-founded in both fact and law. Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon decided to appeal the decision, and was heard in a new hearing in December 2023.

In terms of raising awareness and media coverage of the issue, an afternoon of mobilisation was organised in early December 2023, via the Rhône Ecological and Social Alliance, to raise awareness among the inhabitants of Lyon regarding the PFAs contamination of which they are the victims. This joint mobilisation is the result of several months of work between associations and unions in the coalition. It was also with this coalition that Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon published an article in Rue89, in October, calling for health “whatever the cost” in the face of health and environmental scandals. In addition, Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon joined numerous local events organised on the subject: after a screening of the film *Dark Waters* organised at Alternatibar (December 2023), at an information meeting of the Solidaire trade union (November 2023), at a meeting organised by the anti-PFAs collective in Rumilly, ...

Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon also helped mobilise citizens to develop a collective approach to better governance of chemical risks and industrial pollution. Two initial citizen workshops were held (in Oullins in January 2023 and in Pierre-Bénite in March 2023) on the roles and functioning of an eco-citizen institute for Vallée de la



Chimie (Chemical Valley), each time bringing together over sixty participants. The group has set itself the goal of disseminating this idea within the local ecosystem, with the support of the Institut écocitoyen de Fos-sur-Mer. The subject has been the subject of numerous discussions with the Metropole de Lyon, to get them to take a position on the subject or clarify their position. This plea was represented at the university symposium “Santé environnement travail: des données à la preuve” (“Health, Environment, Work: evidence-corroborating data”), organised by the SHS Santé platform with the ENS Triangle laboratory and the CNRS MITI in June 2023, and “Le droit: une arme au service du Vivant?” (“The law: a weapon serving Living Beings?”) organised in December 2023 at the University of Rouen with Sciences Po Toulouse.

Finally, since September 2023, Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon has renewed its partnership with the Law Clinic at Sciences Po Paris to work on the regulation of PFAs, particularly for purposes of creating a dialogue with the Stop PFAs campaign and the proposed law led by Member of French Parliament Nicolas Thierry.

- **Air Pollution - For The Right To Breathe**

The group launched a new campaign on April 7, with the filing of an initial claim for annulment of the new Lyon Atmosphere Protection Plan (PPA), followed by a second claim against the Saint-Etienne PPA in June. The campaign, represented in court by Me H  l  ne Leleu, brings together other local associations: Respire, La rue est    nous Rh  ne, FNE Rh  ne and G  n  rations Futures. It denounces the systemic and persistent inadequacy of government action on air pollution, and calls for genuinely protective local air quality plans. This issue was given media coverage, with some 15 press, radio and TV appearances, as well as an organised appearance on the Twitch show "Backseat". Since then, the group has accompanied elected representatives to Saint-  tienne to call for the cancellation of the Saint-  tienne PPA in June 2023. This legal and advocacy work benefited from extensive volunteer involvement and a partnership with the Sciences Po Paris Law Clinic until April 2023. Discussions were also held with the Metropole de Lyon during the elaboration of the campaign.

- **Environmental health advocacy**

Alongside these projects, the Lyon Group is developing tools to feed its brainstorming and ensure the transmission of its advocacy among various players. The group has finalised its white paper project on environmental health litigation, alongside Kaizen avocat and Réseau Environnement Santé. This work was presented in October 2023, during a roundtable organised at the tribunal judiciaire de Paris (Paris Court of First Instance) with the Syndicat de la magistrature (Magistrates' Trade Union). This document is intended to serve as a starting point for further work and discussion between legal and environmental health professionals, to ensure that the issue of environmental health is mainstreamed in legal thinking.



- **Education and Awareness - Raising Group**

The education and awareness-raising group finalised the development of a mock trial for secondary schools, to enable pupils to grasp the issues raised by the establishment of an oil complex in a locality: 'L'Affaire PetrolX, un procès fictif pour apprendre à préserver l'environnement par le droit' ('The PetrolX case: A mock trial to learn how to protect the environment through the law'). This game was played in various classes in the region until the end of the school year, as well as at local community events, and received very good feedback. Classes in Lyon, Villeurbanne, Annecy and Freiburg im Breisgau (Franco-German secondary school) were also involved. The Group also organised a conference in May at the University of Lyon III on the duty of vigilance, bringing together a high-calibre panel: Brice Laniyan, Antoine Clerc and Roxane Chaplain.

In 2023, Notre Affaire à Tous - Lyon continued to make its mark on the political and activist landscape in Lyon, developing a genuine network to provide a lasting structure for the local group and its actions. Volunteers took part in various events organised by other associations, created special partnerships and engaged in dialogue with various local institutional players. The Group aims to become a legal benchmark for climate justice and environmental health in the Lyon area and at regional level.

STRASBOURG

It's a year of renewal for the Strasbourg Group: the team, made up mainly of environmental law students, has been revamped to include a student lawyer, and students of political science, history and psychology.

- The events department organised a series of five café-debates, providing Strasbourg residents and volunteers with an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas on climate justice. A time to dream with our eyes opened, sharing our references and motivations, highlighting current initiatives around the Citizens' Convention and the Rights of Nature.
- Volunteers spoke to several classes at the Louis Pasteur, Jean Monnet and Marcel Rudloff high schools, in particular, to raise awareness and stimulate new thinking on climate justice.
- The local group is forging links with Strasbourg's environmental associations by taking part in the Strasbourg Action Climat inter-collective group.
- Since September, the group has restructured and is focusing its energies on developing a new, more in-depth awareness-raising project in the form of introductory workshops on climate justice.

Motivated and united, the local Strasbourg team is committed to new projects that reflect its values.



PARIS

Strengthened by its location, the Paris group was able to expand in 2023, thanks to exchanges between new members and active members of the association during monthly "apéros". As the volunteers in this group are often involved in specific working groups, these moments help to create a friendly associative dynamic, from which emerge exchanges of knowledge and the sharing of ideas for future projects.

On April 25, 2023, the association was represented at the inauguration of the [Urgence Climatique permanent exhibition at La Cité des Sciences in Paris](#). The aim of this new exhibition is to show that the fight against global warming must mobilise all players: companies, associations, politicians and citizens. It invites visitors to rethink their relationship with the world, and to reflect on the far-reaching transformations needed collectively to avert climate catastrophe, by offering an overview of the mechanisms that aim to achieve a twofold imperative: decarbonization and the resilience of our societies.

A beacon of hope, the exhibition illustrates how collective action, citizen initiatives and new ways of conceiving a liveable world can [reinvigorate our imaginations of the future](#).

On May 8, 2023, volunteers from the Paris Group took part in Stop Ecocide France's communication campaign concerning an important stage in the vote on recognition of the crime of ecocide in the European Union directive on environmental crime. This vote was subsequently held in June in trialogue. The European branches of Stop Ecocide were beginning the final phase of their European campaign, and wanted Notre Affaire à Tous to take part in a photo operation on the Trocadéro Human Rights Square.





In collaboration with the Rights of Nature working group, two events took place in Paris and the Île-de-France region in September 2023 to coincide with the release of the documentary “*L’Océan vu du cœur*”, by directors Marie-Dominique Michaud and Iolande Cadrin-Rossignol, of which Notre Affaire à Tous is a partner. The talks were made possible thanks to the association Les Alchimistes, which programmed and hosted the meetings to coincide with the film’s release.

The question of the Rights of Nature is one of the legal aspects raised in the second part of the documentary, notably through the participation of Valérie Cabanes. This led Notre Affaire à Tous to come and give a presentation on what the Rights of Nature are, and what they imply in terms of environmental protection. These presentations gave rise to enthusiastic exchanges with the audience, interested in the emergence and recognition of these rights in certain regions of the globe.

- The first presentation took place on September 24, 2023 in Lagny-sur-Marne, at the Le Cinq Lagny cinema, in the presence of the World Cleanup Day association, whose aim was to raise awareness of plastic pollution in the oceans.
- The second event was held the following day, September 25, 2023, at Espace Saint Michel in Paris, also attended by the BLOOM association, which fights to protect the oceans.

LILLE

The local group in Lille is pursuing its activities and structuring, with various one-off and long-term projects: organising conferences, such as the one on the Rights of Nature on March 28 in collaboration with the student association Earth, supporting local collectives in struggle, research - legal action, etc.

MARSEILLE MÉDITERRANÉE

On December 11, 2023, as part of the annual “Luttes en partage” (Sharing Struggles) series at the MUCEM museum (Marseille), our Managing Director Jérémie Suissa was invited to take part in a conference entitled “Climat: des recours juridiques qui peuvent vraiment changer la donne?” (“Climate: can legal action really make a difference?”), alongside Camille Etienne and Paloma Moritz. This date can be considered as the launch of Notre Affaire à Tous Méditerranée. On this occasion, several dozen interested people gathered to discuss the desire and opportunity to build a project specifically addressing climate, environmental and social issues in and around Provence Alpes Côtes d’Azur - a region that is known to be strongly affected by the impacts of climate change.

Indeed, numerous issues such as the preservation of the Mediterranean coastline, heavy air pollution caused by multiple sources, industrial risks, climatic inequalities and water management provide food for thought for the members of Notre Affaire à Tous Méditerranée.

Since late 2023, a plenary session has been held every month. In its (embryonic) state, Notre Affaire à Tous Méditerranée is a forum for exchange and reflection. However, various projects are taking shape in partnership with local initiatives. Stay tuned... and join us if you’re interested!

ASSOCIATIVE LIFE

In terms of associative life, Notre Affaire à Tous has been able to strengthen its internal action to equip working groups and create a volunteer dynamic. Notre Affaire à Tous continues to organise an “apéro” every second Thursday of the month, at a venue in Paris, as a way of getting together with volunteers, members and supporters for convivial in-person moments.

Notre Affaire à Tous also had the opportunity to get together for its Annual General Meeting day, which featured fun and constructive workshops for volunteers/members.

Finally, the NAAT Academy was inaugurated at the end of 2023, offering monthly in-house training courses for association members, on carbon markets or quantifying climate justice for example.



HUMAN RESSOURCES

Employees are responsible for the day-to-day progress and management of the various projects supported by Notre Affaire à Tous, and for monitoring partnership coalitions. They also act as an interface with volunteers and working groups, as well as with local groups. The Managing Director maintains regular contact with the Board of Directors, some of whose members are also in direct contact with employees and volunteers to ensure specific monitoring of certain projects.

The number of employees at Notre Affaire à Tous expanded in 2023, with the arrival of a new communications officer, a campaign manager, an administrative and financial manager, an officer in charge of associative life and campaigns on climate inequalities, as well as several interns working on issues such as the Rights of Nature, communications and multinationals. In all, nearly a dozen people work every day to support the association’s projects and bring it to life.

Notre Affaire à Tous tries to offer, as far as its budgetary prospects and operational needs allow, contracts corresponding to the needs of employees or service providers. It also strives to offer comfortable working conditions that respect the boundary between professional and personal life. Particular attention is paid to limiting the risk of “associative burn-out” or, more broadly, the over-commitment that can sometimes affect employees and volunteers in the associative world.

COMMUNICATION

Notre Affaire à Tous Publications

- [3rd edition of our Benchmark on Climate Vigilance by Multinationals](#)
- [Legal Guide to the Fight Against Soil Artificialisation](#)
- [White Paper On Environmental Health Litigation](#)
- [Planète Brûlée Droits Bafoués](#)” (Burnt Planet, Rights report on the links between ecological emergency and fundamental rights
- Support for the publication of the book: [La société écologique: normes et relations](#)



Internal Communications

The association uses a range of internal communication tools to coordinate the various working groups: group-specific email lists, coordination by email and on various messaging channels and collaborative tools.

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






- **The 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 and social justice a reality.
- **The internal newsletter**, which summarises internal and external news from working groups and our associative life.



External Communications

The Notre Affaire à Tous community on social networks has also grown. At the end of 2023, we created a Threads account, enabling us to develop and expand our community.

Our social network community:

	Facebook:	23,401 (+153*)
	Twitter:	20,262 (+207*)
	Instagram:	18,715 (+2 355*)
	LinkedIn:	8,884 (+2 992*)
	Threads:	1,051

*variation in number of subscribers compared with 2022

On December 31, 2023, the association had 376 members.

“THE BEST POSTS OF 2023”



FACEBOOK



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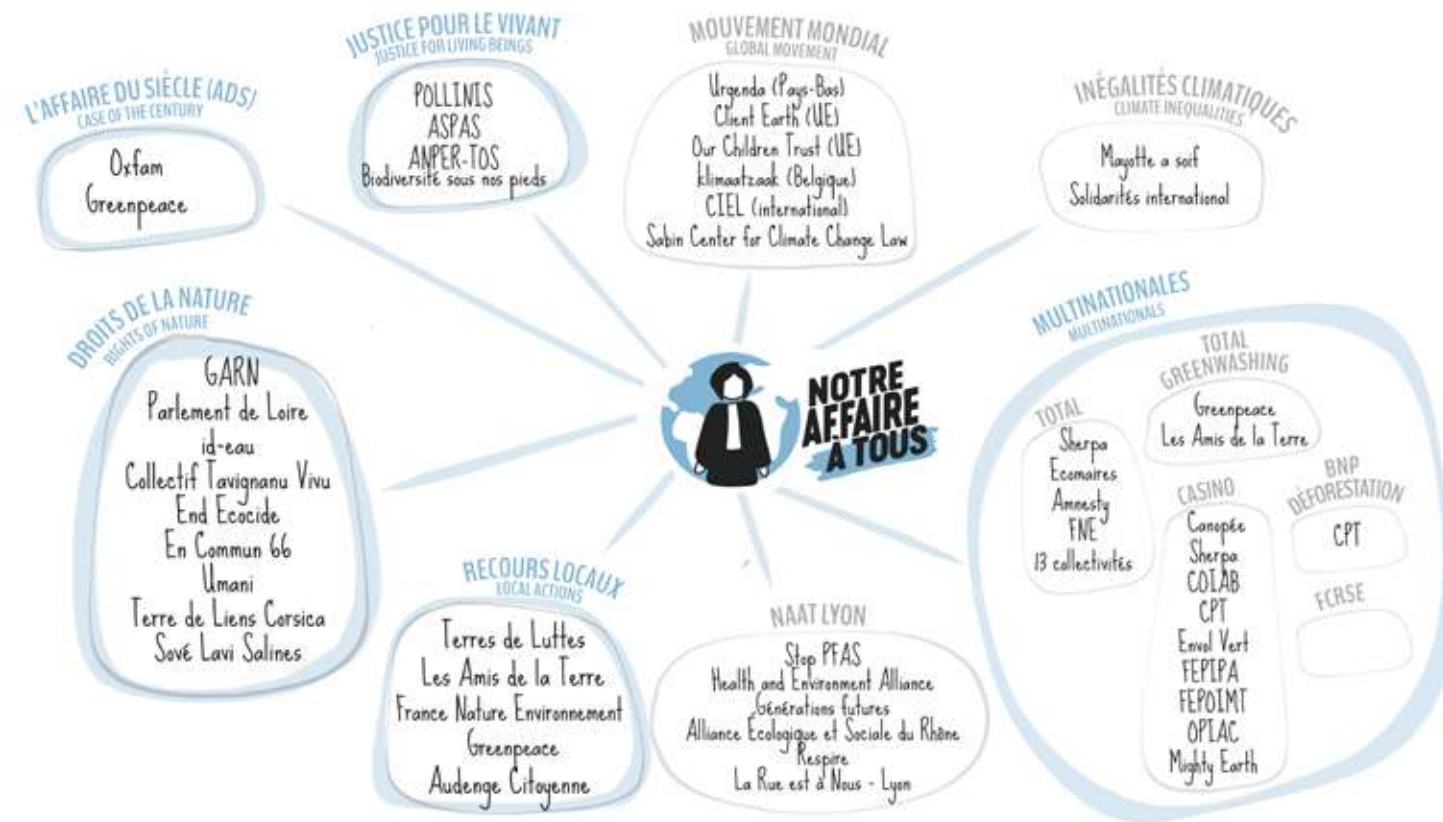


TWITTER

OUR PARTNERS

Convinced by the power of collective action to bring about change, Notre Affaire à Tous has, since its inception, systematically pursued its actions for climate justice with a wide range of partners, most of them drawn from the French environmental and climate movement, while taking care to bring along with us citizen movements mobilised for the climate. Notre Affaire à Tous also wants to make sure it relies on collectives that bring together primarily affected communities (working-class neighbourhoods, Overseas Territories, etc.) whenever possible, and in particular with the conviction that climate justice can only be achieved through social justice.

Notre Affaire à Tous continues to flourish within a wider network of partners each year.



BALANCE SHEET

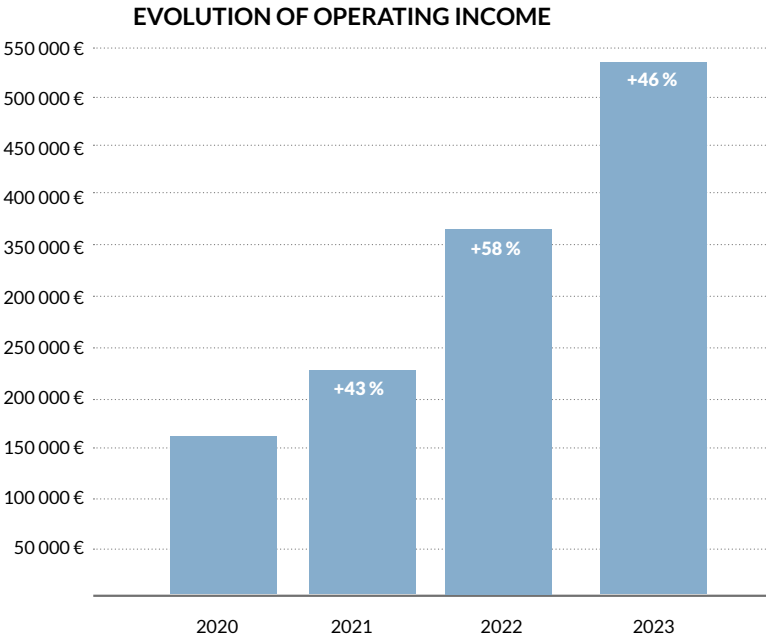


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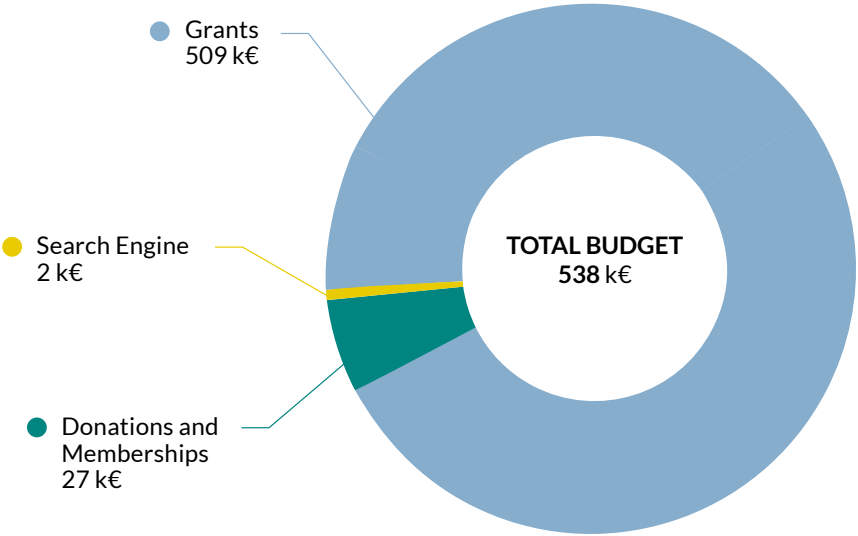
Notre Affaire à Tous' 2023 funding came mainly from grants from private foundations, alongside donations and memberships. Unlike last year, the association did not receive any public funding, but nevertheless made sure to secure new income and maintain the partnerships of previous years.

Some funding was earmarked for specific projects, such as the Multinationals cluster - FILE (Foundation for International Law for Environment), Rockefeller Brothers Foundation; and the Inequalities WG - Fondation Francis Lefebvre, European Climate Foundation. Conversely, other funders have enabled us to finance current and operating expenses within the framework of global partnerships, such as the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation, Terre Solidaire, Un Monde par Tous, Léa Nature and Dr Bronner. This global funding also gives us the opportunity to finance projects and activities for which we have little or no specific funding.

Overall, the 2023 budget was up 46% on 2022 to 538 k€, including around 27 k€ in donations and memberships - a stable amount compared with 2022.



To ensure consistency between our campaigns and actions on our own scale, Notre Affaire à Tous continued to work with Crédit Coopératif, a bank with similar values to ours, in 2023. In particular, this bank has chosen not to finance fossil fuels (100% of its energy portfolio is dedicated to renewable energies), which makes it one of France's least carbon-intensive banks* (almost 4 times less than the average bank in France), as well as not working with tax havens. *Source Carbone 4



EXPENSES

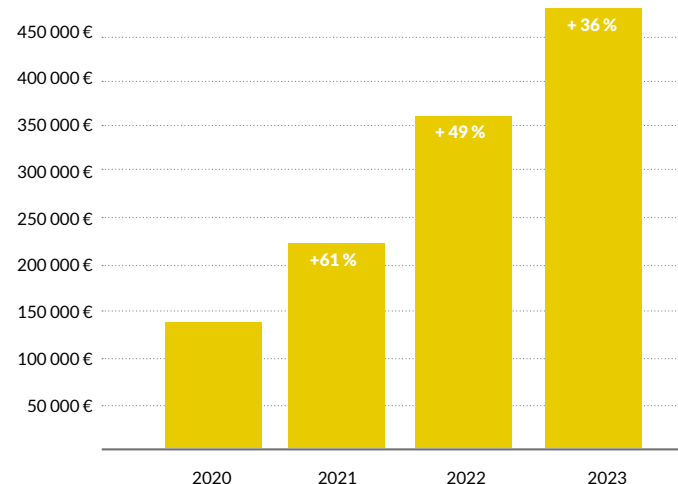
In 2023, NAAT's permanent team grew to 8 employees, leading to a sharp increase in the association's HR expenditure compared with 2022 (328 k€, or +31%). As a result, the proportion of expenditure dedicated to human resources remains the highest in line with last year (73% of total expenditure in 2023).

Other expenditure items are mainly rent, legal fees and operating costs such as communications.

Overall, expenses are increasing less strongly than revenues (+36% vs. +46%). This is due in particular to prudential management, which is all the more important given the sharp rise in revenues in 2023.

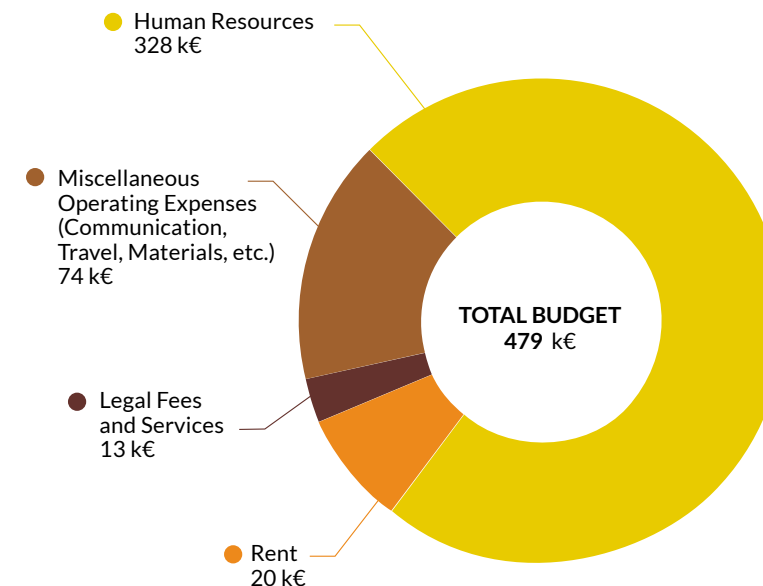
The team will be looking for greater visibility in 2024 and 2025, so as to be able to pass structural thresholds in terms of expenditure. In this respect, the arrival of an administrative and financial manager in 2023 will enable us to have a more detailed management and financial analysis of our expenses, both past and future.

EVOLUTION OF OPERATING EXPENSES



Value of Volunteer Work

273* This is the average number of volunteer hours worked per person in 2023 for Notre Affaire à Tous.



For 2023, the association has decided to introduce a system for valuing volunteer work, for several reasons:

- To put a figure on the volunteer work that NAAT benefits from, and make it more visible
- To enhance the value of these resources for external partners, in particular financial backers.

This work of valuing volunteer work is only the beginning (at the level of the members of the coordination team to date), which we would like to put in place in a more methodical and precise way over the coming years. Nevertheless, we can already see a few highlights for the year 2023* :

- Nearly 3,000* hours of volunteer work, i.e. 1.6 FTE, by coordination members (excluding the Board of Directors).
- Over 1,400* volunteer hours or 0.8 FTE by members of the Board of Directors
- 2.4 additional FTE (4,370* h / year) for the association

This volunteer work represents almost €72,800 for the association.**

* Data collected from 16 coordination members (including 5 board members).

** To value working time, we have calculated the hours worked by coordination members (excluding the Board of Directors) at the gross minimum wage in 2023, and the average gross salary of the team in 2023 for members of the Board of Directors.



THANK YOU!

This annual report would not be complete without paying tribute to and thanking all those who keep the association going every day.

Thank you to all the volunteers, and in particular to the coordinators of the thematic and local groups, whom we invite more than ever to resist any “guilt”: you work miracles!

Thank you to the employees, who demonstrate their unfailing commitment every day.

Thank you to the Board of Directors for ensuring the association’s development and integrity.

And of course, thank you to all our members, donors, partners and funders for their ongoing trust.



Launched in 2015, Notre Affaire à Tous is an association that uses law as a strategic lever in the fight against the triple environmental crisis - climate, biodiversity, pollution. It defends a vision of law in favour of social justice and the primary communities concerned.

After obtaining the State's conviction in the Affaire du Siècle (The Case of the Century), the association continues to take legal action at local, national and European level.

In this way, it has initiated systemic appeals against the inaction of public authorities (Justice pour le Vivant, Soif de justice...) and the impunity of multinationals (Total, BNP, Arkema...).

Through a network of mobilised citizens, Notre Affaire à Tous works to push back the frontiers of the law in favour of a democratic system, and fundamental rights.

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