

# A network of 54 natural regional Parks

2019 : 54 Parks,  
+ de 20 in progress

Une autre vie s'invente ici

54 Parcs  
naturels  
régionaux  
de France

- More than **4400 cities**,
- **15 Regions** (2 of which are overseas)
- **73 « Départements »** ( Districts)
- **+4,1 millions inhabitants**
- **2 200 employees**
- **9 biosphere areas**

- **20 RAMSAR sites**
- **45% of forested areas**
- **9,3 million hectares**,
- **15% of French territory**



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## What is a Park ?

- rural area inhabited
- a remarkable natural and landscape entity
- A strong identity

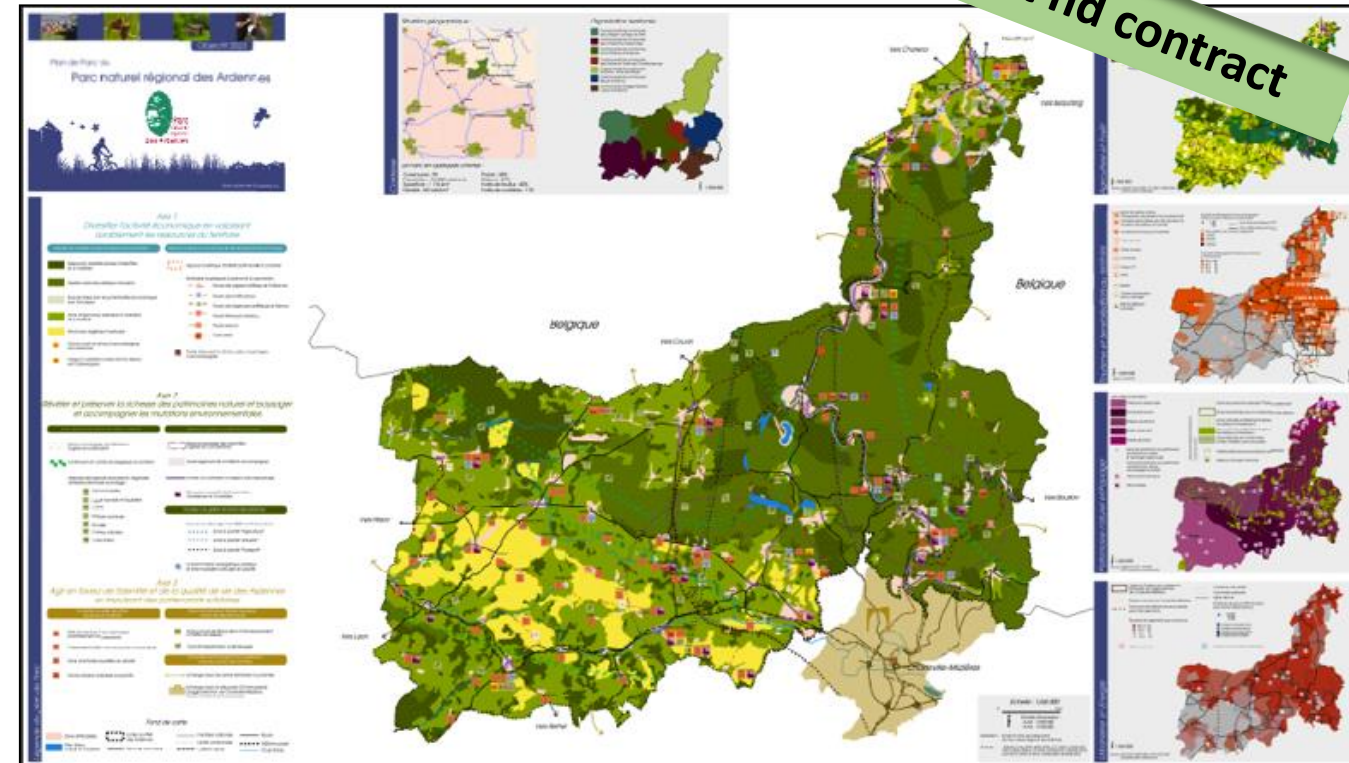
Decree establishing Regional Natural Parks - March 1, 1967

The Regions' Initiative

A ranking by the Prime Minister

The expressed will of the municipalities

- A charter (project, plan, statutes):
- **PROJECT** and **CONTRACT** for shared sustainable development
- energy transition and adaptation are included in the charter just like biodiversity
- Renewed every 15 years
- A registered trademark



Project nd contract



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## What is a Park ? Main goals

- 1 protect landscapes and natural and cultural heritage, including through appropriate management;
2. Contribute to land use planning;
3. ~~Contribute to economic, social, cultural development and quality of life;~~
4. Contribute to welcoming, educating and informing the public;
5. Carry out experimental or exemplary actions in the above-mentioned fields and contribute to research programmes. (*R333-1 code de l'environnement*)

*Parks in action*

Always evaluate projects in the light of these challenges

Light pollution ( Scarpe Escaut)

Energy wood (Avesnois)

wind power ( Narbonnaise in the Mediterranean)

Photovoltaic (Quercy)

hydraulics ( Grands Causses)

We must reconcile these challenges with those of the regional nature parks and propose solutions that are compatible and transferable without disrupting the economic and social model



