

ACTING WITHIN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FRAME OF REFERENCE

In many respects, when we take action to mitigate or adapt to climate change, we act for sustainable development. This is why we took care of referring to the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) in our White Paper.

Each topic refers to the achievement of one or more SDGs, and are illustrated by examples of good practices. Identifying the matching SDGs and fitting into this global frame of reference, is also a way to strengthen our approach. It also makes it possible for us to [make sure that we are consistent](#) compared to other initiatives, especially in the fields of heritage and lifelong learning.

Besides, the social and heritage impacts of REMPART respond to many of them, but [we choose to focus only on the ones related to the environment and the ongoing climate change](#).

The Sustainable Development Goals mentioned in this White Paper



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REMPART'S FIVE COMMITMENTS FOR CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY

1

Implement a pedagogy that integrates climate issues on our worksite and on our heritage sites, for our audiences

2

Share the most virtuous and conscientious practices within our network, regarding the way activities are carried out, the transportation means one opts for, the management of natural resources, the supply or restoration choices ...

3

Strengthen our network knowledge and abilities on climate issues, through trainings and collaborative work with environmental education and nature conservation associations.

4

Observe the effects of climate change on the sites preserved by REMPART network, draw up a list of the mitigation and adaptation steps taken on each site, and share them.

5

Take these effects into account in the restoration projects of the sites managed by REMPART members organizations.

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Acting for climate
on heritage sites



REMPART MEMBERS ARE COMING TOGETHER FOR CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY

Heritage offers ways of resilience, and the associative activities that REMPART sets up to preserve it already include practices in compliance with climate action. Our Union is however aware of the need to do more on its own scale. As a union of associations focused on both lifelong learning and heritage preservation, REMPART is convinced that [the associative framework is necessary for the development of citizens' power to act](#), and that [heritage is a learning and adapting support to current changes](#).

To act efficiently for ecological transition, the actions of our network, particularly on heritage, must be collective. It is for this reason that REMPART volunteers came together to create a "Climate" working group. The outcome of this initiative was the writing of the [White Paper "Acting for ecological transition and biodiversity"](#), inspired by the survey conducted among its network in 2020 and the reflections of its members.

The document is divided into three parts: first, a set of definitions of climate change and the analysis of the study, then general recommendations concerning the actions taken within our member associations, and eventually recommendations concerning the daily life of the associations. [In the document, designed as a good practices' guidebook](#), REMPART members share their solutions and concrete actions, so each individual or organization can implement them. At the end, you can find annexes (including the Text of the General Approach "REMPART and sustainable development") and additional resources.

To keep acting in a network for climate, REMPART joined forces with the [Climate Heritage Network](#) and GRAINE Nouvelle Aquitaine, the Regional Environmental Education Network.

GOOD PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Transports and travelling 
- 2 Energies 
- 3 Grocery and everyday life purchases 
- 4 Water, ressource and uses 
- 5 Welcoming the publics and communication 
- 6 Built heritage and infrastructures 
- 7 Natural habitat and biodiversity 
- 8 Civic involvement means and partnerships creation 

To introduce more smoothly the list of good practices in the field of ecological transition listed in our network or suitable for most REMPART organisations, we divided the White Paper into [8 topics](#).

These categories cover the areas where REMPART can act, at all levels of our organization, from the local members to the national delegation. It includes heritage restoration actions, larger audience activities, as well as office work.

The [best practices](#) and [stories](#) collected and shared in this White Paper illustrate REMPART's conviction that choosing restraint does not imply giving up on comfort or technology, but focusing on what is essential. This choice relies on a chain of individual actions, that gives everyone the opportunity to find a useful, coherent and rewarding place in a global organization.

THEIR STORIES

Let's ride!

At DECLAM', we enjoy very much wandering, going on unexpected walks and travelling the country roads with the volunteers... Then we had the odd idea to question the ecological impact of our transportation habits during the workshops. We concluded that we had to do something about it. However, we could never give up the discoveries, the landscapes shaped by peasant hands that slip past our eyes, when on the road... But we remembered a travelling workshop we organized in 2015 and decided to get on our bikes, to talk with the local municipality sports office: they agreed to lend us enough bikes for all the volunteers! I gave us the opportunity to rediscover hidden places close to our site. It also to weave stronger ties with our neighbours, exchange with passer-by... and to act according to our values!

DÉCLAM' team (46)

