





Centrales Villageoises

Local citizen-owned energy communities

January 2024









Centrales Villageoises: an historic pionnier

Concept: Local companies bringing together citizens, local authorities, and businesses to jointly undertake energy transition projects through a territorial approach.

- Experiment launched in 2012 by AURA-EE and
 5 Regional Nature Parks across 8 territories
- Setting up of a program via European and regional funding
- Model consolidated and disseminated since
 2014



2011: Local communication events on 8 pilot sites



2012: Technical and landscaping studies



2013: Setting-up of the companies, launching of the photovoltaic projects



2014: Operating phase



2018: Creation of the Association



2014-2022:
Dissemination of the model

Values of the Association (Chart)

Territorial approach

- Citizen governance
- · Close link to municipalities and local planning
- Local shared benefits
- Consideration of non energetic stakes (landscape, social ties, etc.)

Shared approach

- Sharing of tools and services, step-by-step technical support
- Partnerships at the network level

Quality process

- Capitalization of experience
- Professionalization
- Innovation

Solidarity approach

- Mutual assistance between local companies
- Decentralized networking

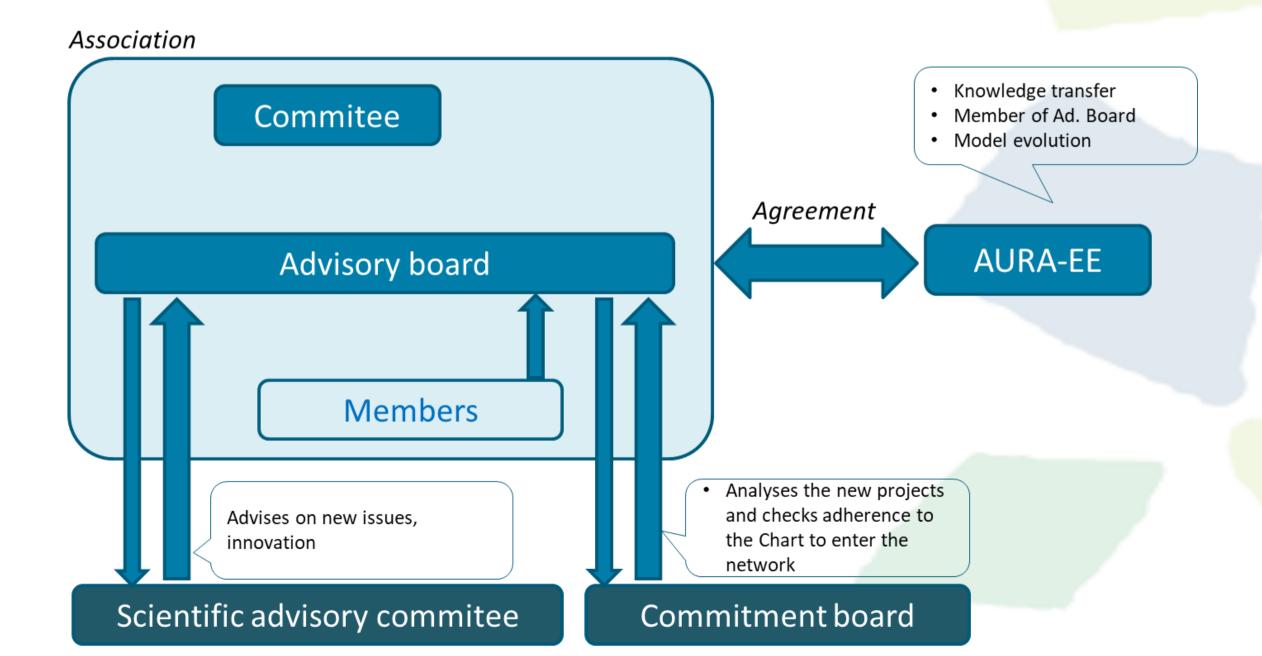


The model of Centrales Villageoises



A network organized around an association

- National association created in March 2018 to promote the Centrales Villageoises model, raise awareness, and facilitate its development.
- Project leaders (Centrales Villageoises) make up the majority within the association and its board of directors.
- Currently funded by: Members, Regions, Foundations, and Partners.



The association in numbers (january 2024)



68 territories involved in 8 regions



+ de **7000** shareholders



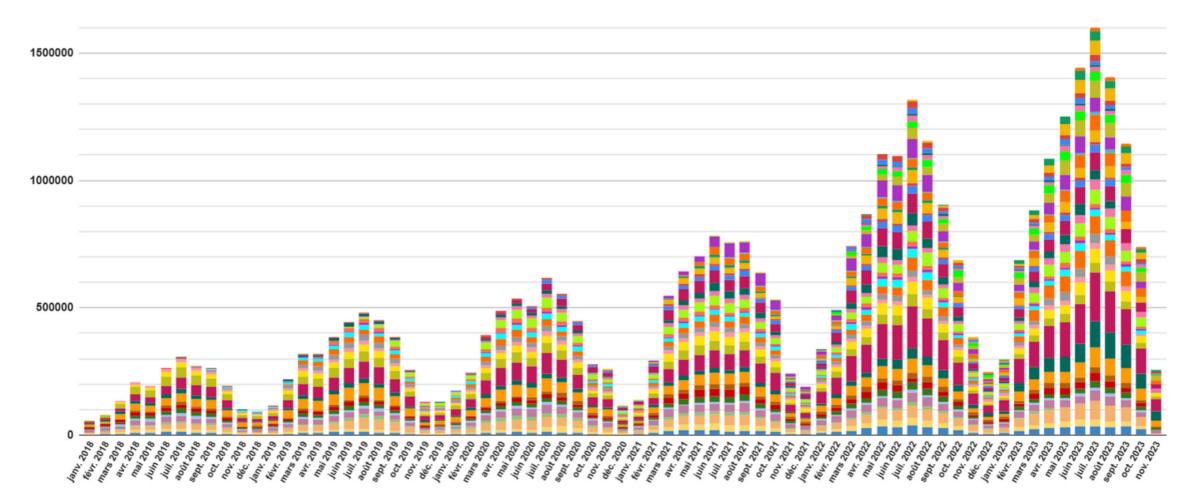
475 photovoltaic installations in operation



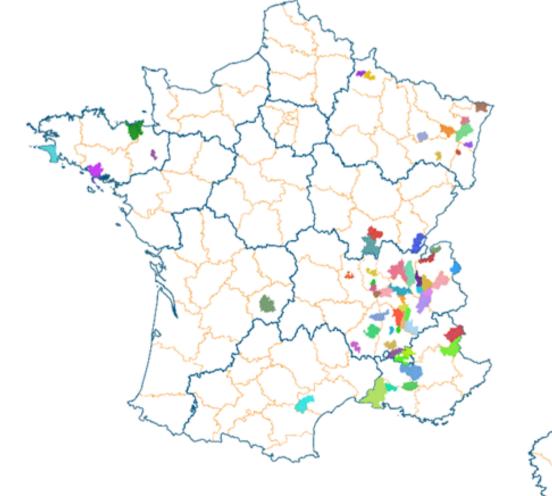
10 MWp installed capacity



+ de **15 M€** invested



Cumulative photovoltaic energy production of Centrales Villageoises (in kWh)



Geographic distribution of the Centrales Villageoises

december 2023

Photovoltaic installations



















Steering committees













Inaugurations













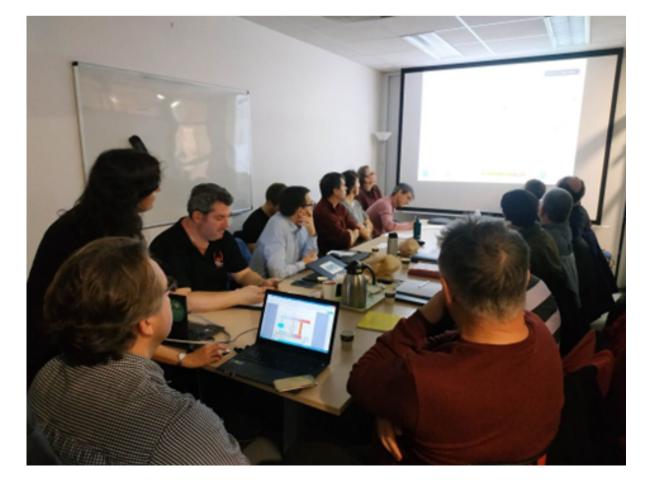


Trainings













Shared tools and services

Step-by-step tools



Turnkey website +
personalized email
address
for each collective



Hotline for project leaders



More than 100 documents to support project leaders



Review of the local companies status by a Commitment board



Annual Steering
Committee
meeting of all Centrales

(meeting of all Centrales Villageoises and their partners)



Webinars
and working groups on
new thematic



Mentoring between Centrales Villageoises



Forum chat to cross experiences



Shared video conferencing tool



Trainings with experts
on financial aspects,
building structure analysis,
etc.



Shared storage tool



Monthly newsletter
mentioning new projects, new
regulations, new tools, events, etc.

Services



Agreement with DSO for grid connexion



Project support for Collective Self-Consumption



Bank and insurance partnerships

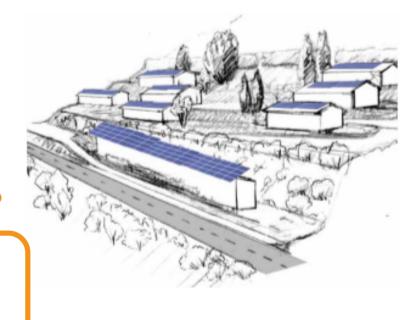




Accounting expertise firm

A cross-cutting approach

Projects rooted in the territory that connect with other issues:



Landscape integration

Educational awareness



Social links





Shared rural

mobility





The network's development axes



Scaling up

- Strengthening the existing network: geographical expansion of the model
- Larger-scale projects

Diversifying

- Projects involving other Renewable Energies (hydropower, biomass, etc.)
- Other projects (Energy Management, mobility, etc.)

Professionalizing

Consideration of shared employment between local companies

Pooling Resources

Reinforcing pooling initiatives within the network

Innovating

- Innovative experiments based on local dynamics
- Evolution of the model (self-consumption projects)



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