

## ODONAT GRAND EST

A NETWORK OF  
ASSOCIATIONS  
PROMOTING  
KNOWLEDGE OF  
NATURE AND  
CONSERVATION

28

associations

millions

Several  
data collected by naturalists every year

Over **2000**  
new data added by naturalists every day



## A REGIONAL GRASSROOTS ORGANISATION

ODONAT Grand Est is a network of 28 naturalist associations spread across the Grand Est region, each specialising in one or more areas of naturalist expertise.

ODONAT Grand Est is a non-profit organisation authorised at regional level dedicated to nature and environmental protection and the improvement of the quality of life. Its main purpose is to study and protect the fauna, flora, fungi and natural environments of the Grand Est.

It provides technical assistance to local authorities and takes part in the management of projects to enhance knowledge of biodiversity and promote conservation.

### The network's member associations



### at regional level

The network

**assists** government bodies, the Water Agencies, the Grand Est regional authority, the Departments and the large urban district authorities in their reflections on the state of biodiversity. It is in charge of a number of **flagship projects** such as the Observatoire Régional de Biodiversité or the Grand Est Red List.

### at local level

The network **develops** projects with local authorities aimed at improving knowledge of biodiversity, **proposing** priority conservation measures, **integrating** territorial planning considerations and **raising awareness** among councillors, technical departments and the general public.

## COLLECTING FIELD DATA: AN INDISPENSABLE FIRST STEP

The data collected helps to build a precious biodiversity knowledge base for the Grand Est region, whose analysis is essential when planning conservation projects. The network mobilises the associations' observers on the ground, guarantees validation of the data gathered and provides data governance to ensure they are put to the most effective use to influence public policies.

This has made a host of projects possible, including Biodiversity Atlases for municipal or intermunicipal authorities, the Grand Est Biodiversity Inventory, the mapping of the "natural regions" in the Grand Est and a species movement modelling exercise undertaken as part of a project to identify a Green and Blue Infrastructure.

### sharing naturalist data

The network **facilitates the dissemination of naturalist data** and their use in numerous spatial planning projects. Organisations that are developing projects, whether public or private, can therefore access information that gives them a first insight into the biodiversity issues on and in the area around the site that interests them.

### tools and methods

Thanks to the network's considerable **expertise** in geographic information systems, regular work can be done to enable the field data gathered to be used in **new and dynamic ways**.



## NUMEROUS PARTNERSHIPS

The State and local authorities provide the network with support in data management. In return, each authority receives an annual report and relevant data can be retrieved for their conservation projects on request. In addition, the network also conducts projects itself on specific issues for any authority that requests it.

