



Group for the  
Environment,  
Renewable Energy  
and Solidarity

# THE ESSENTIAL 2017



- EUROPE-MEDITERRANEAN
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- GERES EXPERTISE

**10**  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OFFICES

**64**  
PROJECTS CARRIED OUT  
IN 17 COUNTRIES

**200**  
EMPLOYEES

**22**  
PARTNER NETWORKS

**164,609**  
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

INCLUDING  
**4,776**  
ENTREPRENEURS  
SUPPORTED OR ASSISTED

**860,000**  
INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

**73**  
FINANCIAL PARTNERS

**110**  
TECHNICAL PARTNERS

Energy for a fair and sustainable world

## Who we are?



GERES IS AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NGO WHICH HAS WORKED SINCE 1976 TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE POOREST PEOPLE, PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIMIT CLIMATE CHANGE. Working in the field, we implement innovative energy and environmental solutions and adapt our efforts to the various socio-cultural contexts, in Europe, Africa and Asia, taking a professional approach to solidarity. We are open to co-operation with businesses and public authorities, with a view to empowering beneficiaries to take charge of the sustainable development of their own territories through exchanges of experience, transfer and ownership of low-carbon technologies. Our work is always carried out in close partnership with local stakeholders.

## What drives us:

### CLIMATE SOLIDARITY

**THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING. IN FRANCE, THE CLIMATE WARMED BY ALMOST 1.5°C BETWEEN 1960 AND 2010.** Our production and consumption models are to blame, we know that. Around 3 billion humans are still cooking with inefficient, polluting appliances, more than 1 billion have no access to electricity, around 800 million are suffering from hunger and more than 5 million French people are experiencing fuel poverty. We know that too.

**WE KNEW AND WHAT DID WE DO?** At GERES, we believe we are all responsible and that solidarity, the “feeling which makes people want to help each other” is needed more than ever. We are also convinced that reducing inequalities, particularly in respect of energy access and the impacts of climate change, is vital to peace because, as we know, “the Earth is our only home”.

**THAT'S WHY WE ARE ENDEAVOURING EVERY DAY** to ensure that everyone has access to both clean, sustainable energy (for cooking, heating, lighting, production, refrigeration and communication) and the means to adapt in the face of climate change. We encourage low-carbon development, which creates jobs and fosters decent living conditions, whilst making sparing use of natural resources (water, air, soils and biodiversity). With our partners, we are also doing what we can to put the most vulnerable in a better position to cope with climate change by taking steps to adapt.

**UNDERTAKEN WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE FIELD** (households, artisans, farmers, NGOs, consultancies, administrations and local authorities), these activities would have been impossible without the support of all the public and private donors who place their trust in us. This is why the quality of our work, its inclusion in the local economic and social fabric, risk prevention and proper use of the funds entrusted to us are our daily concerns.

**AS WE SEE IT, THE IDEA OF CLIMATE SOLIDARITY MEANS** supporting low-carbon development whilst reducing our own carbon footprint, an idea we have been defending for over 10 years. In 2015, we launched the Call for Climate solidarity at COP21. In 2017, in view of the urgency, we went further by starting the Climate solidarity movement, with the aim of bringing together non-State actors to instigate, over a three-year timeframe, one million individual climate-friendly acts and support one million actors in low-carbon, climate change-resilient development.

**WE ARE THE “GROUP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SOLIDARITY”** which carries “in its genes” the idea of collective mobilization in favour of energy, the environment and solidarity. This has been our commitment for more than 40 years, it is our commitment towards our members, donors, foundations, businesses, public bodies, civil society organizations and citizens.

## Join our cause!

### MAKE A DONATION

Your donations allow us to continue to disseminate innovative solutions to roll back poverty and protect the environment. All donations sent to GERES are tax-deductible.

### BECOME A MEMBER

You officially embrace the values defended by GERES and you can vote at the association's general assembly. Membership fees are also tax-deductible.

83.8%

### PRIORITY TO THE FIELD PROJECTS

83.8% of GERES' resources are invested in social projects. The remainder corresponds to the essential running costs.

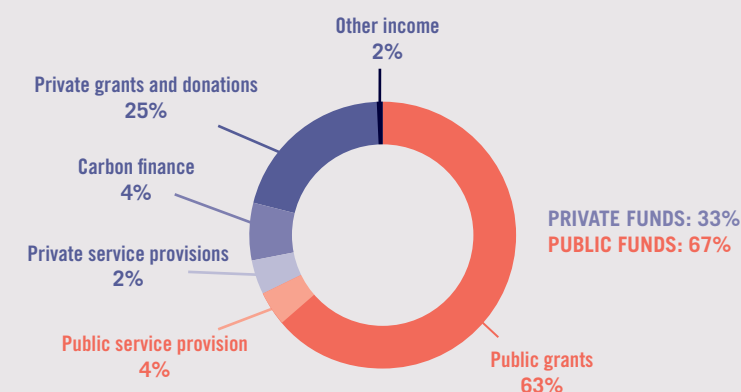
# FINANCIAL REPORT

The budget stands at €7.3 million.

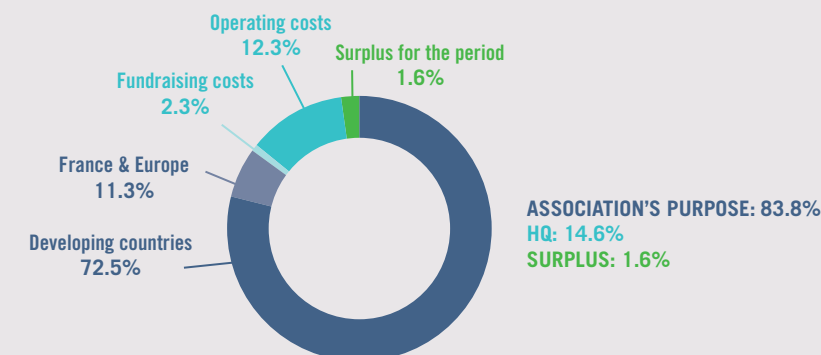
GERES is in surplus for its 2017 financial year, with a bottom line of €119,000.

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### ORIGIN OF ACTUAL OPERATING FUNDS IN 2017



### DISTRIBUTION OF USES IN 2017



### Certification

The financial statements are certified by an independent auditor. Our annual report 2017 (including use of funds statement, detailed accounts and balance sheet) is available on our website.

[www.geres.eu](http://www.geres.eu)

### Quality label

GERES has received the IDEAS label in 2014. It testifies of the good practices in three fields: the governance, the financial management and the action's effectiveness. This Label is awarded by an independent committee and relies on in-depth analysis and external controls performed by professionals on 120 indicators.



## Stay connected with our actions

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## EUROPE -MEDITERRANEAN



### SUPPORTING THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION OF CITIES AND TERRITORIES

Energy poverty  
Organic waste management  
Sustainable agriculture  
Energy efficiency  
Energy transition  
Citizen awareness  
Economic development  
Renewable energy

IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, 2017 WAS A YEAR IN WHICH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS TOOK OWNERSHIP OF CLIMATE ISSUES, SPURRED BY THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION IN THEIR TERRITORIES. Taking the lead were the Sud Region (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur) in France and the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima region in Morocco, with the Mediterranean of the Future and Mediterranean Climate House initiatives respectively, demonstrating the ability of Mediterranean players to take ambitious climate policies to the highest level. The "One COP ahead" climate plan of the Sud region promotes a territorial policy which is a perfect fit with the activities undertaken by GERES.

For our team, 2017 saw a stepping up of territorial action in Chefchaouen at the time of the Climate Chance Summit in Agadir, where the concept of energy and climate information services (Services Info-Energie Climat - SIEC) emerged in connection with capitalization which will continue in 2018. Still in Morocco, the external evaluation of the sustainable Hammams project in December 2017 opens up a future outlook for the sector. In France, action on recycling organic matter was stepped up with Métropole Aix-Marseille-Provence.

Work on agriculture continued with the Agr'AIR project to reduce fine particles arising from agricultural activities. This project is carried out in partnership with members of the agriculture, energy and environment network (Inter Réseau Agriculture Energie Environnement - IRAEE) and supported by ADEME. Finally, the establishment of a new relationship with the National Energy Management Agency (Agence Nationale de la Maîtrise de l'Énergie - ANME) in Tunisia led to the drafting of a partnership project, which will begin in 2018 with support from ADEME International.



## WEST AFRICA



### TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE OF ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Energy access  
Farmer biofuels  
Agro-ecology and agro-forestry  
Improved cooking  
Productive energy  
Women's and rural entrepreneurship  
Food processing

SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE, MODERN ENERGY SERVICES, AT AFFORDABLE PRICES. Energy from renewable sources, especially in remote areas, can help to meet this ambitious objective. Against a background of strong demographic growth and increasing numbers of extreme climate events, these efforts need to be stepped up to develop viable solutions contributing to local economic development and the preservation of natural environments.

GERES has been working for more than 15 years now to help take up this challenge in West Africa. With our partners, we are testing and rolling out solutions to improve access to productive energy in rural areas, whilst paying attention to the energy efficiency of the proposed technologies and the added value generated locally by the production chains involved. We support local initiatives striving to restore forest ecosystems and manage the wood energy sector rationally.

Our activities, with the close involvement of local authorities and associations, rural entrepreneurs and government bodies, aim to establish the necessary conditions for scaling up access to energy.



## CENTRAL ASIA



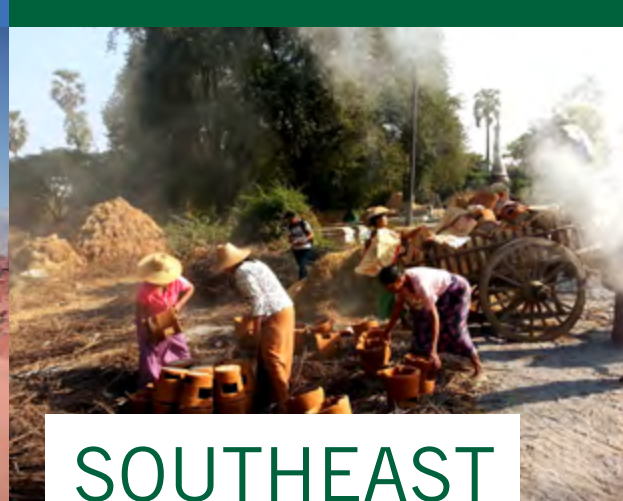
### DEVELOPING BIOCLIMATIC SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

Territorial Approaches & Climate Change  
Low-carbon solutions  
Passive solar architecture  
Energy savings  
Bioclimatic agriculture  
Economic development  
Nutritional issues  
Citizen awareness

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS AND HIGH PLATEAUX OF CENTRAL ASIA ARE HARSH AND ECOSYSTEMS ARE VULNERABLE. CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS POSE DAUNTING CHALLENGES FOR HUMAN LIFE AND ACTIVITY. In Kabul, one of the most polluted cities of the world, most of the original forests disappeared. The country experiences cold and snowy winters with extreme temperature variations between night and day. However, much of the country also benefits from 300 days of sunshine annually, meaning that energy-efficient houses are well adapted to the Afghan climate.

In Tajikistan, GERES supports the rural and urban private housing sector in the renovation and construction of energy-efficient houses, as well as individuals wishing to save energy on a daily basis.

Finally, in Mongolia, climate changes, in conjunction with the degradation of agroecosystems, have severely affected the production of pastureland biomass and therefore the availability of fodder. It threatens the livelihoods of local populations and could lead to a mass exodus to the cities. GERES is therefore helping vegetable growers in Arkhangai and Khentii provinces with a view to enhanced access to organic vegetables for the population and increased income.



## SOUTHEAST ASIA



### SUSTAINABLE BIOMASS ENERGY PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION TO MEET LOCAL ENERGY NEEDS WHILE PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest protection  
Sustainable biomass production  
Efficient thermal energy solutions  
Climate-resilient agriculture  
Women's empowerment  
Private sector engagement  
Policy advice  
Ecosystem preservation  
Community Development

OVER THE LAST TWENTY YEARS, SOUTHEAST ASIA HAS EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MAINLY DRIVEN BY THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND FOOD-PROCESSING SECTORS. This rapid development has generated rising energy needs, mainly met through wood energy which remains the most affordable energy source in the region. Southeast Asia, which holds 15% of global tropical forests, is therefore suffering from a very high rate of forest degradation and deforestation, with negative impacts on biodiversity, the carbon balance sheet and community living conditions.

In order to mitigate these risks in the region, we are continuing to develop and support the biomass energy sector. After working for some time on improved cooking and energy solutions for communities, GERES has extended its operational scope to the industrial sectors, and notably to the garment sector, which is the main contributor to climate change in Southeast Asia. The ambition is to help bring about the development of a conducive institutional environment for the development of a sustainable biomass energy sector in line with national strategies.



## SERVICE PROVISION



### ADVICE AND SERVICES TO COMBAT ENERGY AND CLIMATE VULNERABILITIES

Decentralized productive energy  
Off-grid rural electrification  
Territorial approaches & climate change  
Local and national climate strategies  
Sustainable entrepreneurship  
Agriculture & climate  
Biomass energy  
Gender approach & stakeholder mobilization

GERES EXPERTISE CARRIES THE ORGANIZATION'S CROSSCUTTING SKILLS. SET UP IN 2014, THIS UNIT WORKS TO SUPPORT GERES FIELD PROJECTS. It is also the vector for the rollout in other areas and with other partners of technical solutions developed to cope with the energy, environmental and climate challenges of developing countries.

The services it provides include technical advice, training, studies, assessments and advocacy. These are made available to partner institutions: local authorities, businesses, international organizations, civil society organizations or development agencies.

Divided between Africa, Asia and Europe, the team of eight technical advisers co-ordinates a number of GERES multi-country, multi-sector programmes and works on a wide range of themes.

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

10 March  
LAURENCE TOMMASINO IS THE NEW  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GERES

10 May  
40 YEARS OF ACTION FOR A FAIR  
AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD

7 July  
MARIE-NOËLLE REBOULET IS  
THE NEW PRESIDENT OF GERES

14 September  
GERES MEETS THE CHALLENGE OF  
ACCESS TO ENERGY IN SENEGAL

21 november  
MEDITERRANEAN OF THE FUTURE:  
A COMMON COMMITMENT TO  
CLIMATE AGREEMENTS

13 December  
CLIMATE SOLIDARITY RECOGNIZED  
AS A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
ISSUE