

# SUMMARY FOR THE ATTENTION *of citizens*

Annual Implementation Report  
as of 31/12/2019

## PRESENTATION

As part of the regional policy of the European Union, the Interreg Indian Ocean programme is an instrument for financing European Territorial Cooperation, which aims to strengthen ties and exchanges between Reunion, Mayotte and the countries of the Indian Ocean.

The Interreg programme covers 2 strands:

**Cross-border cooperation (CB)**, which covers cooperation between Reunion and the member-states of the IOC (Madagascar, Seychelles, Comoros, Mauritius), to the amount of €41.4M,

**Transnational cooperation (TN)**; which covers cooperation between Reunion and the following countries: Madagascar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Comoros, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, Maldives, India, Australia and the French Southern and Antarctic Territories, to the amount of €21.8M.

### The Interreg Indian Ocean programme is managed by the Regional Council of Reunion.

The programme finances cooperative operations implemented by actors from Reunion or Mayotte, in partnership with actors from Indian Ocean countries.

### 11 COUNTRIES

France (Reunion, Mayotte, French Southern and Antarctic Territories), Mauritius, Comoros, Madagascar, Seychelles, Tanzania, Kenya, Maldives, India, Australia, Mozambique

### 5 PRIORITIES

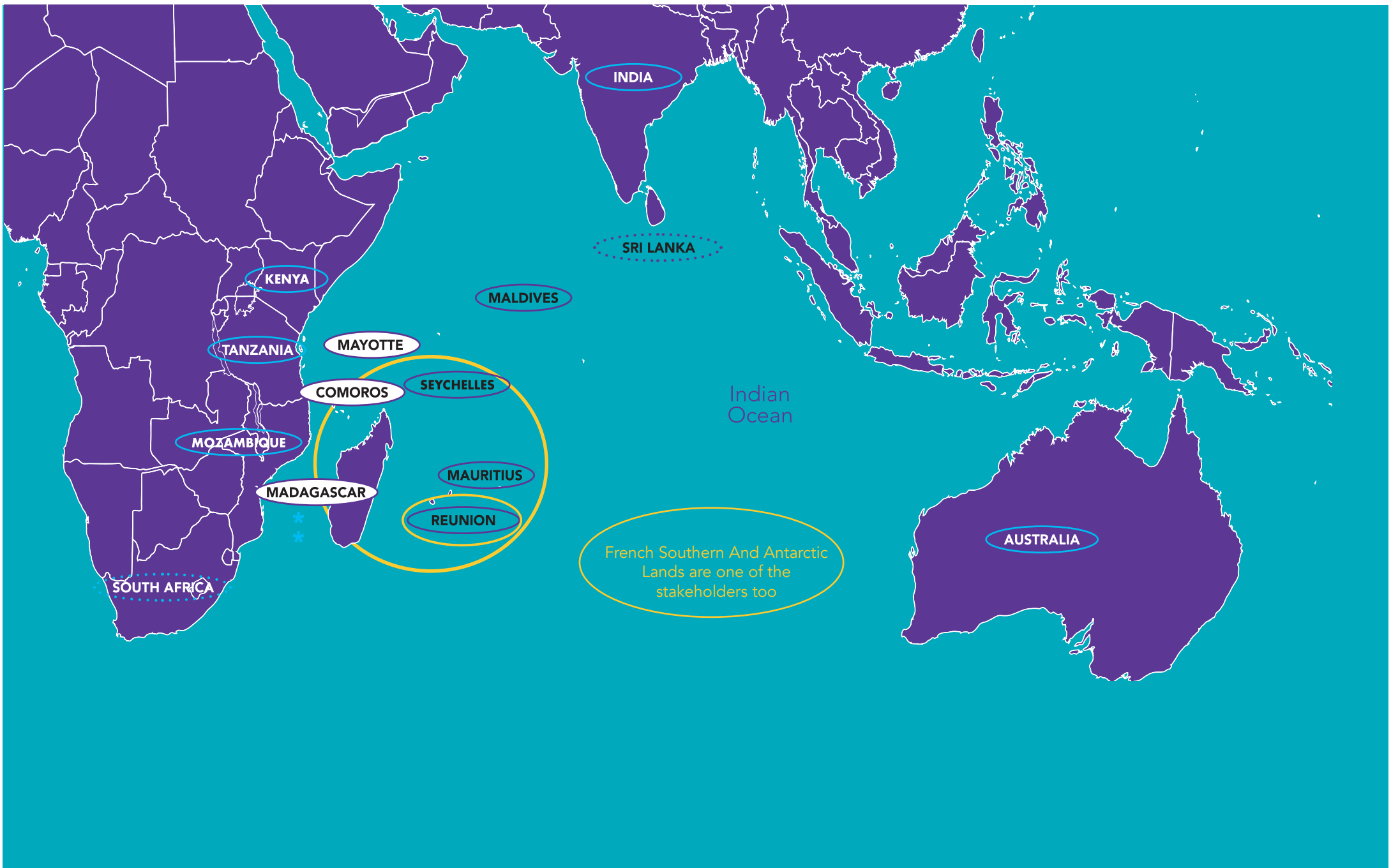
- Developing international research and innovation potential in the Indian Ocean
- Supporting the development of economic exchanges in the Indian Ocean
- Reinforcing collective capacities for adapting to climate change, as well as prevention and management of risks
- Reinforcing knowledge and promoting the natural and cultural heritage
- Increasing the level of skills through support for training and exchange operations

### €74,3M

TOTAL BUDGET

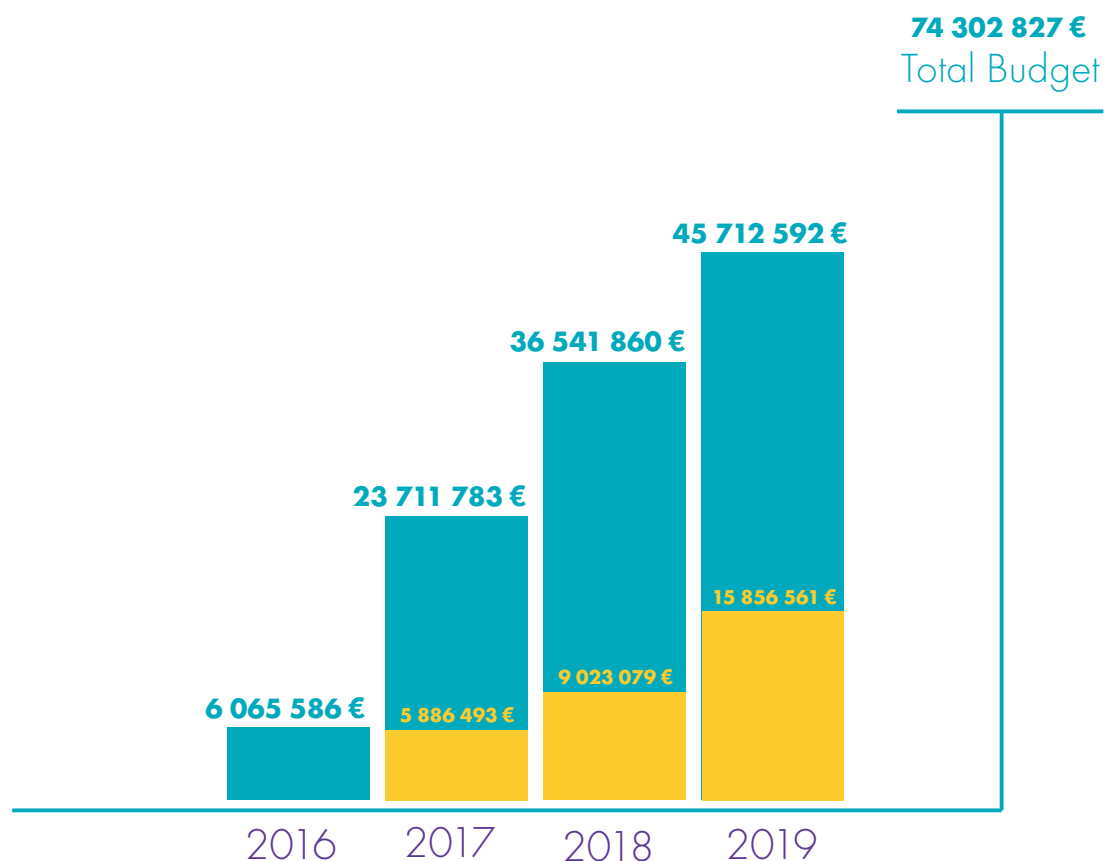
→ € 63,2M FEDER

→ € 11,1M national funding



-  Area affected by cross-border cooperation
-  Countries affected by transnational cooperation
-  Countries affected by transnational cooperation that did not sign the agreements to this day

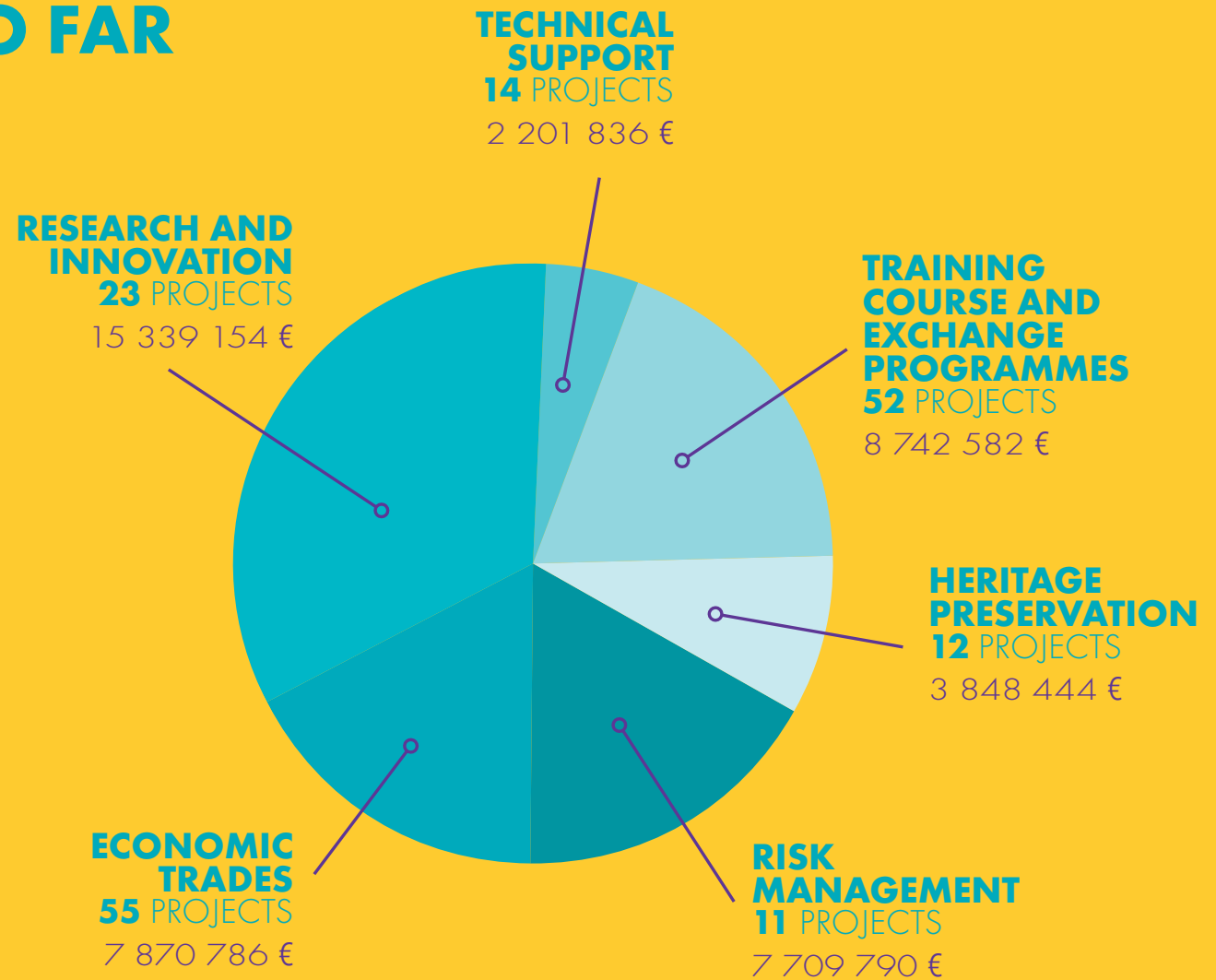
# A DYNAMIC PROGRAMME



■ TOTAL FUNDING ENGAGED  
■ TOTAL AMOUNT FUNDED AND CERTIFIED

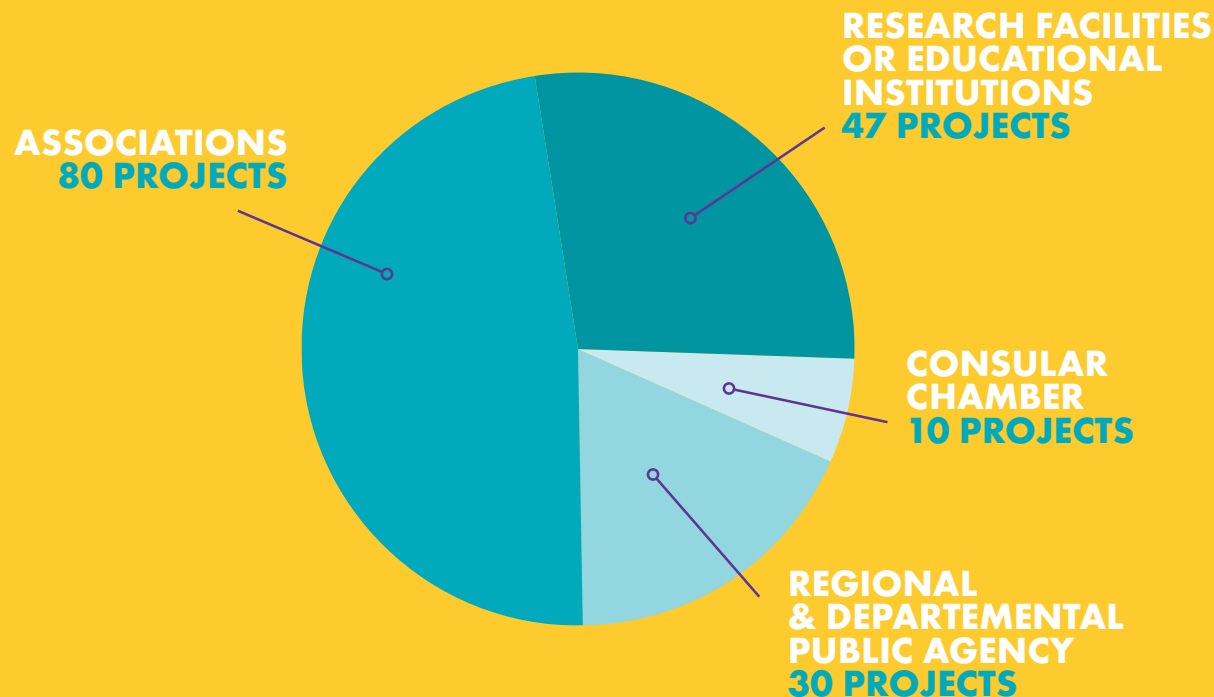
Since July 2016, when it was first set up, the INTERREG programme has supported **167 projects**, 41 of which for 2019 alone. These projects represent a total eligible cost of **€45,7M** (representing 61,5% of the financial plan). The funding provided by Europe amounts to **€38,5M**. The programme has therefore seen steady progress since its beginning. Eligible expenses funded and certified are also progressing and have now reached **€15,8M**, or 21,3 % of the financial plan as of 31st December 2019.

# 167 PROJECTS SUPPORTED SO FAR



NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND ENGAGED FUND IN TERMS OF THE PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

# PROJECTS HELD BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ACTORS FROM REUNION AND MAYOTTE

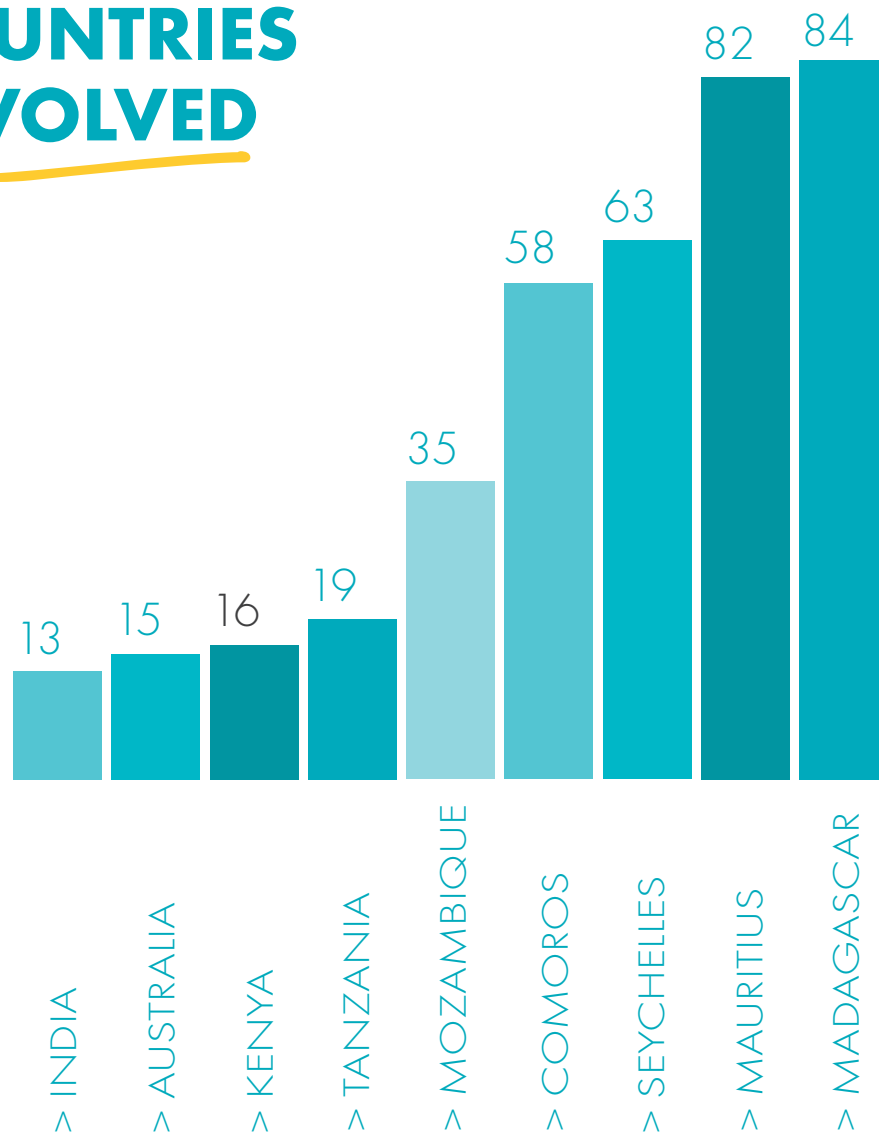


All the projects supported by the INTERREG Indian Ocean programme are established by French carriers from Reunion Island or Mayotte. If most projects are held by Reunionese carriers, 30 projects involve partners from Mayotte. Among these 30 projects, 3 are conducted by carriers from Mayotte.

The list of the INTERREG programme's recipients can be found on the following page:  
<https://www.regionreunion.com/sites/interreg/article/interreg-autres-informations>

NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN TERMS OF PROJECT CARRIERS

# 9 PARTNER COUNTRIES INVOLVED



**NUMBER OF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES**

INTERREG projects involve at least one foreign partner in the zone, said partner usually contributes to the development, establishment and sometimes funding of the projects. Most projects involve several countries. A strong engagement of the Indian Ocean Commission countries (Madagascar, Maurice, Comoros and the Seychelles), as well as Mozambique, can be noticed.

# A FEW EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN 2019

## RESEARCH: BOURBON VANILLA CHARACTERIZATION WITH MAURITIUS, MADAGASCAR AND REUNION ISLAND



This project involves the University of Reunion Island, in partnership with the Universities of Mauritius and Antananarivo, and deals with the biochemical and microbiological characterization of *Vanilla planifolia*, this vanilla grows in different areas in Reunion Island, Mauritius and Madagascar. Comparative research will allow to confront this characterization with pedological, climatic and biotic (microflora) data from the production areas. This research will provide insight on the impact of environmental factors on the quality of the vanilla's aroma, namely a "terroir expression". These studies will be shared and promoted during annual meetings with partners and during restitution seminars for a larger audience.

## SKILL BUILDING: EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHINGS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTES (REAP)



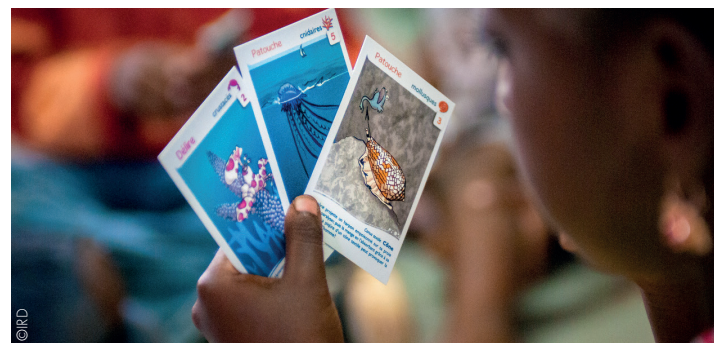
Since its creation thirty years ago, the agricultural secondary school of Saint-Paul engaged in many cooperative actions. With INTERREG support, exchange programmes involving students and trainers within the French Southern Africa and Indian Ocean Network for Agricultural Training Institutes (REAP AAOI) grew in magnitude. This project allows young Reunionese students to study abroad and facilitates the internship of students, trainers and administrative agents from partner institution in Reunion Island. "Students gain in technical proficiency, open their mind to other cultures. This experience is an asset for their resumes and will enable them to be less skittish when the opportunity for international mobility appears". Says Fanny Payet, deputy director of the secondary school.

## ECONOMY: BACKING UP CAP BUSINESS (EX UCCIOI)



The INTERREG programme supports undertaken by Cap Business Indian Ocean (ex-Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Indian Ocean) to strengthen the economic bonds within the islands of the area for 15 years now. Cap Business organises on a yearly basis an Economic Forum of the Indian Ocean Islands (FEIOI) a gathering point for business opportunities for regional companies. The 12th edition was held last September in Reunion Island, with the financial support of INTERREG. This programme ensures co-funding for position such as the direction of the Trade Capacity Building Program in the Indian Ocean as well as 2 volunteer positions for the International Solidarity, they implement actions in the digital technologies, ecotourism, port training, waste management, essential oils and natural cosmetics, with the aid of the French Development Agency (AFD).

## NATURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION THE INDIAN OCEAN'S CORAL REEF IN OUR HANDS



The institute of Research and Development initiated an innovative environmental educational project, combining new technologies, playful knowledge transmission, establishment of a network of actors and concrete conservation actions, involving associations from the Seychelles and Mauritius. 100 classes in Reunion Island, Mauritius and the Seychelles are sensitized towards coral reef conservation, with the help of innovative and ludic tools like pedagogical kits, artistic performances, virtual scuba diving. "With this game I became aware of the solutions to protect the corals, and that I could take action, it gives me hope and the urge to act." (testimony of a young Mauritian student)



