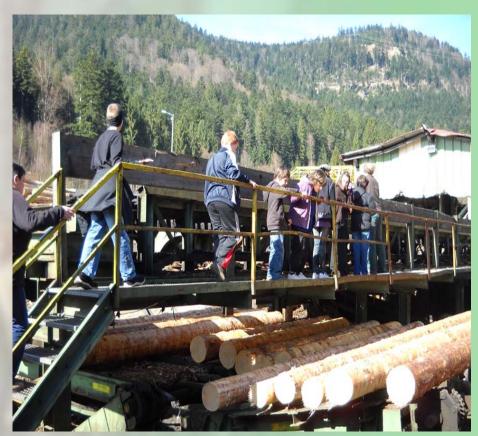
# A l'école de la forêt



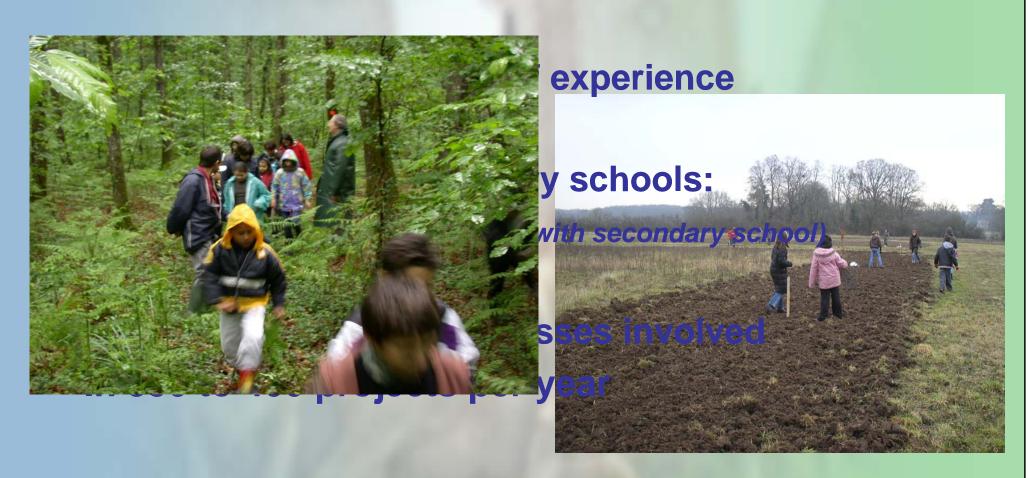
A joint program between the french Ministry of agriculture and Ministry of education

## Main goals

- Forestry sector
  « communication » objective:
  Enhance the ackwoledgment by society of the benefits that provides sustainable forest management
- Environmental Education objective:
  - Promote outdoor and concrete learning about forest in schools
  - Implement Forest Related EE



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• 550 000 pupils involved in « AEF » projects

### A l'école de la forêt

- Each year, a national call for school projects is made among primary schools in Spring.
- After beeing selected by a regional committee, the selected projects receive:
  - the "AEF" label
  - the technical support of a forester (free)
  - a financial support
- The regional committees are composed with local representative of the forest administration and of Ministry of Education delegates
  - = a 250 members' network
- The ONF (National Forest office) and the CRPF (Private Forest-Owners Center) are the main Partners of "AEF" program.

# Projects selection's criterias

### Project lets the pupils discover the:

- Forests
- Multifunctional role of forests
- Necessity of a sustainable forest management
- Wood material and its by-products
- Forest economical sector and wood industry

### **Project:**

- Involves the participation of a forester and/or profesionals of wood
- Lasts minimum 1 year
- Is based on active discovery by pupils
- Is based on a varied partnership (local authorities, parents, EE associations, ....)

## Financial framework



# Annual grant by the Ministry of agriculture to the school projects:

• 100 000 euros

### Financing max. 50% project's budget

 Educational material, multimedia furnitures, plants, transports.....

#### Are not financed:

 Equipment goods, accomodations and food costs, administrative work...



## **Concrete activities**



## Conclusion

- Each school project is unique and different
   ...but all projects have a common objective:
   « Learning and understanding the
   relationship between people and forests »
- A l'école de la Forêt national Program integrates « Learning about forest » in the teaching programs as environmental education for a sustainable development (defined in circular of Min.of.education, 8.07.2004)

## Conclusion

The « AEF » program's efficiency is based on:

- the close partnership between foresters and teachers during one school year
- the technical and pedagogical support of the 250 members' network of local correspondants from forest and educationnal Administration

# Thank you!

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