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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DELIBERATIONS

On November 23, 2021, at 9:30, the members of the Association meet at the Grand Hôtel Kerkennah (Zone Touristique, Sidi-Fredj, 3070 Kerkennah, TUNISIA) and online, in an ordinary General Assembly.

The assembly is chaired by Mr Maxime PRODROMIDES, President of SMILO.

According to the register, 42 members out of 68 are present or connected, or are represented (list in ANNEX 1)

Consequently, the Assembly, having the required quorum, can validly deliberate.

After the welcome word of the President of the Municipal Council of Kerkennah, Mr. Moncef FGAIER, the President of the association summarizes the Moral Report, previously sent to the members of the association (ANNEX 2). A special word is said about Kerkennah Islands, with which SMILO multiplied the projects in 2021 year. The President reminds that SMILO does not, and will never pretend to do everything on an island, but it is there as a support, especially for searching funding.

The President introduces 2021 as a year of transition, particularly due to the pandemic context which forced the association to adapt; a year of consolidation, given that the NGO is concluding its fifth year of operation and specifying its criteria and themes for action; an extension year, with a reform of the statutes, the entry of new islands and the arrival of new funding.

The President gives to floor to Mr Sylvain Petit, Executive secretary, for the Activity Report.

The Executive secretary presents the programme for the week, and the agenda of the General Assembly, which is:

- A morning on the islands: brief presentations of the islands and their projects by their representatives present in Kerkennah
- SMILO's ongoing projects presentation
- A year with the communities: SMILO's field missions
- The perspectives for 2022 and the coming years
- Budget

A MORNING ON THE ISLANDS

The Executive Secretary gives the floor to the representatives of the islands for their presentation.

Chole, Tanzania – Anne de Villiers, technical advisor

Ms. Anne de Villiers presents her island and her personal history that has linked her to this territory since the 1990s. The main activities of the island are fishing and agriculture, trade in marine products, crafts and tourism. She said SMILO is exactly what the island needs right now, given the growing population and needs, and the pandemic context (increased overexploitation of natural resources) that threaten its environment. Ms. de Villiers also mentions the presence of two other small islands near Chole in the Mafia Islands which could support each other beyond the actions carried out by the local authorities, which remains insufficient.

Bolama, Guinea Bissau – Rosa Caetano da Silva, Insular Committee

Ms. Rosa Caetano da Silva introduces her island's characteristics and the main activities carried out on the territory for sustainable development, in the areas of waste management, access to water and local agriculture (horticulture). She presents the island's needs for infrastructure and transport, and for environmental and health education

Culatra, Portugal – Joni Dos Santos, Informatic and Electricity Engineer

Mr Dos Santos presents his island, which activity are mainly fishing and tourism. Their roadmap towards sustainable development is based on the partnership between local authorities, citizens, the Academy and businesses. This partnership focuses on 5 pillars: energy production, storage and distribution, efficient buildings, transport, access to water and sanitation, and waste management and recovery. Finally, he presents a list of good practices, but also of the island's needs, particularly in the fishing and energy sectors.

Frioul islands, France – Hervé Menchon, deputy mayor Marseille

Presentation of an archipelago with a hundred inhabitants, but a strong tourist presence in summer, on a small portion of the territory, which causes conflicts of use and damage to biodiversity. The territory is co-managed by the city of Marseille and the Conservatoire du littoral. The elected representative presented the very recent Island Committee, born out of the partnership between the city and SMILO, and the diagnosis undertaken with the various economic actors. Presentation of other projects: fight against invasive species, landscape black spots and the redevelopment of public spaces.

Gorée, Senegal – Abdoulaye Sow, Gorée Tourist Office

Gorée is a tourist and historic island off Dakar, and is also strategic in the area of sustainable development. The island lives off tourism-related commerce. The island's strategic plan takes into account in particular the management of green waste and water resources by collecting rainwater. One of the main projects is the establishment of the Gorée MPA. The island still needs to involve and train continental and island partners from other territories for sustainable development.

Ibo, Mozambique – Caterina Grilli, Institut Oikos

Ms. Grilli mentions the recent peculiarity of the island by the presence of refugees from the north of the country (7,800 refugees). Oikos and the Municipality of Ibo came into contact with SMILO to tackle the problems related to waste management, eventually focusing on the development of agriculture (vegetables) and technical assistance to farmers. The needs of the island remain waste management and access to water, especially drinking water.

Ilur, France – Xavier Le Gallo, island manager

The island was bought by the Conservatoire du littoral in 2008, and it is now managed by the Regional Natural Park of the Gulf of Morbihan. Priorities are: the enhancement of meadows and the fight against invasive plants, the census and preservation of birds, erosion. Projects for energy self-sufficiency and water filtration. In 2020, the implementation of a phyto-purification for sanitation.

Jeta, Guinea Bissau – Otavio Olivio Semedo, ODZH Programme Manager

The island is in a very important park for seabird colonies. Mr. Semedo presents a project for the construction of drinking water wells with SMILO, but also for the monitoring of seabirds and their reproduction. One of the needs for the island remains the capacity building of local associations.

Kerkennah islands, Tunisie

Bochra Nabli, President of the Insular Committee

From 17,000 inhabitants to more than 500,000 during summer, it induces problems for the conservation of very rich ecosystems. Ms. Nabli presents the cistern restoration projects for better management of winter rainwater, reduction of energy consumption, and waste management, especially for plastic waste. Regarding needs, they concern erosion and marine intrusion, and capacity building in waste management and recovery.

Ahmed Souissi, Association Kraten for culture and leisure sustainable development (AKKDCL)

Mr. Souissi presents a project concluded and financed by SMILO for the protection of sponges and their traditional fishing. The archipelago has experienced a recent and significant drop in sponge fishing, mainly due to pollution and climate change. Awareness-raising and scientific activities have therefore been set up, involving fishermen, students, elected officials and local authorities.

Kihnu, Estonia – Mare Mätas, Kihnu Living Heritage NGO

The island of Kihnu is very attractive for Estonians, and has a particular culture and traditions (agriculture, fisheries, craftsmanship). Tourism is developing there (TOP100 green destinations), resulting in the need for connections with the continent and better energy management.

Orango, Guinea Bissau – Emanuel Dias, Orango National Park, Biodiversity and Protected Areas Institute (IBAP)

Alongside with MAVA, FFEM and SMILO, the island works for biodiversity protection, synergies between partners, and raising awareness among local communities, particularly through community radio stations. The needs focus on access to water and sanitation, and the economic development of communities, especially women, through training and capacity building.

Principe, Sao Tome and Principe – Arzemiro Cassandra, Biosphere Reserve and Natural Park

The island is a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Mr. Cassandra presents the project supported by SMILO to preserve mangroves with local communities to develop ecotourism. The other main project concerns the management of green waste (composting), and is implemented in collaboration with the municipality of Pontevedra (Spain) through technical training and exchanges in the field. Thanks to this project, green waste is better managed, with communities using the composter and trained local technical agents.

Sipo, Senegal – Abdoulaye Samba, technical cooperater, Fenagie Pêche

The Senegalese island is kingdom, as there is the Queen of Sipo. Mr. Samba presents the project set up with the support of SMILO to sensitize and strengthen the capacities of the community on the dumping of artificial reefs, and the protection of the environment and biodiversity, especially marine. In the future, the island aims to restore mangroves and develop sustainable income-generating activities, particularly through beekeeping and oyster farming.

Ventotene, Italy – Carmen Biondo, Lavica Association

The island is an important site for migratory birds and is a marine protected area. In addition to the project funded by SMILO (protection of puffins by raising awareness during a traditional local event), the island has acquired a desalinator and infrastructures for the production of green energy. Its objectives are the reduction of plastic waste and the recovery of waste in general, and the development of sustainable tourism.

SMILO's PROJECTS

The Executive secretary Sylvain Petit first presents the SMILO islands network where the actions of the associations are being implemented, and particularly the new islands or the ones with which a partnership is on process. A focus is made on Kerkennah, the only island which received the Label in Progress in 2021, following a remote assessment (first time).

New partnerships formed over the past year are then presented; partnerships with institutions such as MAB UNESCO and the Mediterranean Water Institute, but also with companies: Gobilab, Dune and Provence Café Services, with the idea of diversifying the funding of the NGO.

Mr Petit lists all the SMILO ongoing projects on small islands, highlighting for each one their links with the United Nations SDGs (find the presentation and the list of current projects: <https://smilo-program.org/smilo-annual-conference-kerkennah-2021/>). He particularly insists on projects and fundings signed in 2021, i.e.:

- Project "*Plastîle*" for plastic waste management, signed with FFEM and in partnership with Earthwake.
- *Restîle*, 1st project signed with the AFD, for the reinforcement of civil society for the sustainable development of Island territories for a shared governance.
- "*Integrated management of natural resources on small Mediterranean islands*" with FPA2.
- Launching of the SMILO certification process on Frioul islands with the city of Marseille.
- *Hydrousa H2020* project for the replication of sanitation solutions on small Mediterranean islands.

Ms. Maha Al-Salehi (SEMIDE) presents in a few words the Hydrousa H2020 project, which aims to solve issues related to water and sanitation on islands. Solutions are experimented on greek islands, and the idea is to lead replication studies of these solutions together with SMILO on the islands if Kerkennah (TU), Porquerolles, Saint-Honorat (FR) and Zlarin (HR).

The SMILO Secretariat, more precisely Sylvain Petit (Executive Secretary), Marta Ferretti and Domitille Le Huede (project managers), takes the floor to present actions and projects implemented on SMILO's islands network thanks to its technical and financial support:

- Lavezzi islands (France), for a better management of touristic flows.
- Levant (France): green waste management, and the shredding of this waste by public stakeholders and island citizens.

- Emerald Sea (Madagascar): implementation of a cartography of use and pressures to facilitate the creation of the marine protected area management plan, and purchase of material to facilitate surveillance.
- Nosy Hara (Madagascar): first steps of the SMILO process are ongoing, with the identification of priorities by insular partners to define the incoming projects.
- Pangatalan (Philippines): only island getting the Sustainable Island label, it keeps working on the extension and multiplication of marine protected areas in the region.
- Porquerolles (France): presentation of a project of substitution of SUPs by local, natural and reusable alternatives made in giant reed, in partnership with Region Sud local companies. **Pierre Etcheberry**, manager of Domaine de l'Île (Porquerolles), presents the background of the winery and its transition toward a system aiming at creating added value based on the territory through craftsmanship and olive oil production.
- Santa Luzia (Cape Verde): projects are implemented in partnership with local association for access to water and sanitation, and biodiversity protection, for fishermen, and NGOs and institutions working on marine species preservation. Presentation of another project to produce local biogas by recovering organic waste.
- Saint-Honorat (France): sustaining the Lérins Abbey for the improvement of its sanitation system, to implement a wastewater treatment plant with a planted reed filter.
- Tavolara (Italy): on pleasure boating and waste management thematic.
- Zlarin (Croatia): Waste Sectoral Label for substitution to SUPs. Plastic was a way to first cooperate with the island, and SMILO keeps working on biodiversity and landscapes.

Projects awaiting validation or being set up

Mr Petit makes a list of projects under setting up or validation process, i.e.: ISOS + (Interreg Marittimo FR-IT) and a new AFD project on fisheries, corals and tourism in South-East Asia. **The President** reminds that Frédéric Tardieu and its Pangatalan island (Philippines) gave legitimacy to SMILO in the region, creating a MPA around Pangatalan.

A YEAR WITH THE COMMUNITIES

The Executive Secretary talks about the evolution of membership for the association (from 58 to 70 between 2020 and 2021).

Despite of the pandemic context, SMILO could go on islands. Check these activities online on SMILO new website.

Among main events: the WIN (World Island Network) which brought together networks and organisations interested in the islands. A first report will be available in early 2022. Several meetings took place online in preparation for the IUCN World Congress.

SMILO is a partner of a BEMED project for capitalisation and exchanges between Mediterranean islands on plastic pollution issues.

Fabrice Bernard, Conservatoire du littoral, presents different events organised last year. First, the ICO events organised in parallel of the IUCN Congress in Marseille; this event was made possible thanks to a close partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and industries. During 8 months, workshops were set up to find solutions all together (NGO, companies, academics and institutions). 40 commitments were signed, and an observatory of these commitments has been set up to monitor these commitments

Webets (webinars for companies) to pitch companies/start-ups to present solutions they have, with a lot of exchanges between participants.

Presentation of the hybrid event co-organised by SMILO (Building Island Resilience) at the IUCN World Congress; a success gathering speakers and experts all over the world.

Like every spring, Celebrate Islands (8th edition) was an opportunity to celebrate the islands. Innovation 2021: video contest with projects presented in 120 seconds, and a jury to finance 4 projects + 1 audience prize. A contest that will be renewed and extended in 2022.

Finally, Mr. Bernard presents the series of workshops on communication carried out by the Conservatoire du Littoral. A brochure is being developed to communicate effectively in a natural space. Another training cycle was organised on setting up and monitoring projects in natural areas in French, English and Portuguese, to help partners raise funds to preserve their territory.

SMILO communication

Sylvain Petit introduces the new website interface, as well as different projects with professionals for the realisation of short videos and documentaries on small islands working with SMILO.

Then, SMILO has launched a podcast on sustainable tourism on islands, focusing on activities led by island women. 4 episodes were posted, and new ones will be published in 2022.

PERSPECTIVES

Sylvain Petit, Executive Secretary: presentations of strategic objectives, including support for concrete actions. The search for financing, in particular less restrictive fund (reporting). Offer more services to members: training, capacity building, and internal reinforcement (expertise).

Trainings and technical workshops to come (ideas coming from the islands):

- Training on communication in Gorée (April 2022)
- Training on glass recycling and jewellery creation in short channels (Gorée, September 2022)
- Training on co-management of natural areas (Tunisia, March 2022)
- AFD Restile project: training on project management and capacity building for NGOs on the islands of Gorée, Principe, Brava, Nosy Hara & nearby islands (2022, on site or online)
- Sustainable agriculture (Sardinia, ISOS+)
- Wastewater sanitation and water reuse (project FEAMP, international workshop on Saint-Honorat, October 2022)

In 2022, SMILO will also take part in the development of the Strategy for the biodiversity preservation in small Mediterranean islands, within the framework of the MIC (Mediterranean Island Collective). On this occasion, the SMILO secretariat will be assisted by two expert consultants: Pantelina Emmanouilidou and Antonio de Abreu (if adopted by vote in assembly).

The WIN (previously introduced) to identify who does what, and themes to find possibilities of cooperation with active organisations.

During the next Celebrate Islands, SMILO will finance 7 small projects from the video contest “your project 120 seconds”.

In the framework of the Erasmus project, workshops and exchanges will be set up in 2022, after the 1st one organised last October on Saint-Honorat. The islands concerned are Saint-Honorat, Brownsea (UK), Mausund (Norway) and Zlarin.

4 new episodes for the podcast “Once Upon an Island” in the first trimester 2022.

The FFEM final assessment for the Small Islands initiative, and preparation of a new project to consolidate and widen our projects on islands. The assessment will be presented during the Monaco Ocean Week in March 2022, taking advantage of the presence of donors and partners in the audience.

The General Assembly, after having heard about the cooperation project between the SMILO secretariat and Antonio de Abreu (Secretary of the association) within the framework of the MIC and the drafting of the Strategy for the preservation of biodiversity on small Mediterranean islands, presented by Sylvain PETIT, and after having deliberated on it, unanimously approves this cooperation.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Roger Estève, Treasurer, presents the balance and the financial report, as well as the auditor's report, who judges SMILO's accounts to be "regular and sincere, giving a true picture of the results of operations for the past financial year."

The General Assembly unanimously approves the moral report, presented by Mr. Maxime PRODROMIDES, President, and the activity report, presented by Mr. Sylvain PETIT, executive secretary of the association SMILO.

The General Assembly, after having read the financial report and the annual accounts presented by Mr. Roger ESTEVE, Treasurer of the SMILO association, unanimously approves them.

The General Assembly, after having read the report of the annual accounts and heard the presentation of the financial report by Mr. Roger Estève, treasurer of the association, and after having deliberated, unanimously approves the accounts for the closed financial year June 30, 2021. The General Assembly decides to allocate the profit for the year amounting to 7,921 euros to the associative fund.

ACTION PLAN AND ESTIMATED BUDGET

Roger Estève and Sylvain Petit present the action plan and the expected projects and funding.

Roger Estève presents the estimated income and expenditure by donors. **Sylvain Petit** specifies that the regulation of contracts linked to communication, and the relative reopening of borders, will increase certain expenditure items (communication, travel).

Finally, **Roger Estève** announces that, after 4 years, SMILO has invested more than 1 million euros on 24 islands around the world.

The General Assembly, after having read it and after deliberation, approves by majority (1 vote against) the action plan, presented by Messrs Roger ESTEVE, Treasurer, Sylvain PETIT, Executive Secretary of the SMILO association.

The General Assembly, after having taken cognizance of it and after deliberation, approves by majority (1 vote against) the provisional budget, presented by Messrs Roger ESTEVE, Treasurer of the SMILO association.

The agenda having been exhausted and no one asking for the floor, the Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Maxime PRODROMIDES, declared the meeting closed at 1:00 p.m.

From all the above, a report was drawn up which was signed by the President and the Secretary.

The President – Maxime Prodromidès

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The Secretary – Antonio de Abreu

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ANNEX 1

List of participating members

Nom	Prénom	Organisation	Pays
GAUDRAT	Vladimir	Abbaye de Lérins	France
DECUGIS	Christian	APAM	France
DE CABARRUS	François	Association Amis de Port-Cros	France
TEXEIRA	Leila	Biosfera NGO	Cap Vert
RACINE	Anne	Carmignac	France
CASSAR	Marthese	GRDA	Malta
DE MARCO	André	Les Amoureux de Porquerolles	France
BIKINY	Candicia	Madagascar National Park	Madagascar
LUCIANI	Julie	Mairie d'Hyères	France
BELLON	Damien	Métropole TPM	France
JORCIN	Axelle	People and the Sea	Philippines
FRILET	Marc	Petit Langoutier	France
AZZOLINI	Giulia	PNPC	France
BOISSAC	Maud	Ville de Cannes	France
GREGOV	Katarina	Visit Zlarin	Croatie
TARDIEU	Frédéric	Conseil d'Administration SMILO	Philippines
DESPLATS	Christian	Bénévole	France
SALO	Nicolas	Association Loky Manambato	Madagascar
JOUGA	Anne	Conseil d'Administration SMILO	Sénégal
ABREU	Cristina	Biologiste	Portugal
COESNON	Margot	Green Cross France et Territoires	France
ALSALEHI	Maha	Hydrousa project	France
LEONARD	Catherine	International National Trust Organisation (INTO)	Angleterre
FGAIER	Moncef	Municipalité de Kerkennah	Tunisie
GRILLI	Caterina	Istituto Oikos	Mozambique
DE ABREU	Antonio	Principe Biosphere Reserve	Sao Tomé et Principe
ESTEVE	Roger	SMILO	France
PRODROMIDES	Maxime	SMILO	France
MENCHON	Hervé	Ville de Marseille	France
BUCHINHO DOS SANTOS	Joni Nichal	Associação de Moradores da Ilha da Culatra	Portugal
SOUISSI	Ahmed	AKDDCL	Tunisie
ALBERTO CARLOS	Leonel Mouzinho	Association ECO Mozambique	Mozambique
SAMBA	Abdoulaye	Association FENAGIE Pêche	Sénégal
DIALLO	Mariama	Association Nebeday	Sénégal
SEMEDO	Otavio Olivio	Association ODZH	Guinée-Bissau
BENHAJ	Sami	Initiative PIM	Tunisie
DA SILVA	Rosa Caetano	Comité insulaire de Bolama	Guinée-Bissau
SOW	Abdoul Wahab	Commune de Gorée	Sénégal
DAMERY	Céline	Conservatoire du littoral	France
BERNARD	Fabrice	Conseil d'Administration SMILO	France
ROBERT	Kahaia	Conseil d'Administration SMILO	France
STEPHANOU	Nicolas	Fotoessa IKE	Grèce

ANNEX 2

SMILO – Moral Report 2021

Que pourrait dire une Cop aux petites îles dont le statut particulier, contrairement à d'autres, ne serait pas encore reconnu par les Nations Unies ? Nul ne sait exactement, le spectre de la Conférence des Parties étant actuellement trop large pour que nous puissions en traduire les déclarations d'intentions sur ces petits territoires insulaires non encore distingués par les instances de négociation internationales.

En attendant, il est toujours possible d'avancer, de travailler avec ces petites îles associées dans le réseau SMILO, qui tentent de mettre elles-mêmes en place leur projet de résilience. Et les aider, l'une après l'autre comme toutes ensemble : la partie et le tout, la clarinette et l'orchestre, îles et résilience consonnent dans les solutions durables, *résilience* (resislands).

L'important, en cette année 2021 qui s'achève, est de constater que notre archipel s'étend et a de plus en plus de capacités pour imaginer un futur qui lui soit propre, et SMILO grandit avec lui. Nous l'avons vu avec un certain plaisir lors des trois sessions du World Islands Network que l'association a organisées : en cinq ans, SMILO a pris place parmi d'autres réseaux insulaires et, mieux, l'association leur a proposé lors de ce WIN de confronter leurs expériences et de se rapprocher ; dans le même temps, notre singularité, celle que les fondateurs avaient recherchée, s'en est trouvée soulignée : du terrain, encore du terrain ; et c'est aussi ce travail de fond, au plus près des réalités de la terre et de la mer, qui nous permettra, nous l'espérons, de faire remonter auprès des grandes instances internationales la voix des petites îles SMILO — qui apparaîtront moins comme des victimes vindicatives des bouleversements mondiaux que comme territoires d'exception ayant fait la preuve de leur originalité créatrice dans la préservation de la biodiversité et l'adaptation au changement climatique. Îles pilotes, îles laboratoires, îles vivantes avant tout répondant aux défis que pose une nature habitée.

L'année 2021 fut pour SMILO une année de transition, de consolidation, de prolongements.

Transition : du fait de la pandémie, il a fallu apprendre à suivre les îles au plus près, sans pouvoir se rendre sur place, et il y'eut pourtant certaines évolutions apparues dans cette distance subie contre notre gré : meilleures préparation des dossiers de financements, multiplication des workshops sur la plateforme SMILO, d'où sont nées des convergences entre plusieurs îles, concours vidéo lors du « Celebrate islands », le financement de solutions durables par des ONG locales grâce à un appel dédié du Fonds pour les îles.

Consolidation : d'abord par les financements, nouveaux ou renouvelés, qui sous-tendent l'élargissement du réseau et la reconnaissance accrue du label, la poursuite d'actions entamées sur les îles déjà partenaires, le transfert de ces expériences d'une île à l'autre. Financements issus de la saison 1 de SMILO (2017-2021), avec le FFEM ou la Fondation Prince Albert de Monaco, financements qui inaugurent la saison 2 avec l'AFD notamment, mais corrélés à un second programme avec le FFEM, FPAll, ou de nouveau et potentiellement l'AFD : ce qui est rassurant, c'est que nos bailleurs ont de la suite dans les idées. A ces financements-programmes échelonnés sur plusieurs années s'ajoutent les subventions opérationnelles et sectorisées sur l'un de nos 5 critères, dont le détail vous sera donné dans le rapport d'activité.

Consolidation enfin, et en toute logique, parce que cette recrudescence de l'activité a entraîné une meilleure structuration du Secrétariat qui voit ses missions élargies, et ses effectifs augmenter.

Prolongements : la réforme des statuts présentées lors de la dernière assemblée générale extraordinaire du 29 mars a permis d'instaurer des délégués géographiques au sein du Conseil d'administration, lesquels sont appelés à travailler à l'élargissement du réseau et initier de nouvelles voies de financements. SMILO ne couvre pas encore la totalité du vaste monde, mais... s'en approche avec ses délégués Europe du Nord, Caraïbes, Méditerranée, Afrique de l'Ouest, Afrique de l'Est, Amérique du Nord, Asie, Pacifique, Macaronésie.

Prolongement également concernant l'esprit *évolutif* de ces financements : SMILO, cela va de soi mais il vaut la peine de le dire en toutes lettres, n'a pas vocation à couvrir et financer tout les champs d'activité d'une île, même petite ; en revanche, le Fonds pour les îles notamment, est un booster de lancement pour les solutions durables, une façon d'initier la transition (et non une fin en soi), permettant ensuite un appel d'air *autonome* de ces mêmes îles auprès d'autres bailleurs (ou les mêmes mais avec des programmes complémentaires). Cela est déjà vrai à Kerkennah, à Pangatalan, à Gorée.

Prolongements territoriaux, enfin, peut-être les plus attendus : *d'autres îles*, appartenant aux mêmes pays ou zones géographiques que les premières ayant rejoint SMILO font leur entrée dans le réseau, au Sénégal, aux Philippines, à Madagascar, en Méditerranée ; *d'autres îles* font rentrer SMILO dans de nouvelles mers ou océans : en Nouvelle-Calédonie, aux Seychelles, en Norvège...

Ces prolongements géographiques nous confrontent parfois à un phénomène que nous connaissions déjà, mais qui pourrait se retrouver plus souvent avec l'extension du réseau, celui de la *double insularité* : une petite île dépend d'une autre, plus grande, qui peut elle-même dépendre d'un continent-métropole, parfois lointain. Nous connaissions le cas avec les Lavezzi (Corse), Tavolara (Sardaigne), Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe), et ce « réseau dans le réseau », s'accroît maintenant avec les îles Loyauté (Nouvelle-Calédonie) ou Gozo (Malte). Il faut souligner ce phénomène de la double insularité, car partant d'un possible sentiment séculaire « d'île en deuxième rideau », il peut être retourné en fait positif : quand il advient notamment que la plus petite île sert d'exemple de gestion environnementale à la plus grande, qui peut ensuite elle-même en remonter à la Métropole !

Un autre cas de figure se présente avec les Seychelles : cette fois, et ce sera une première, SMILO devrait passer un accord cadre avec un Etat insulaire, avant de décliner ses actions sur plusieurs territoires de l'archipel (mais le cas de Gozo-Malte appartiendra aussi à ce nouveau domaine).

Transition, consolidation, prolongements : SMILO évolue par adaptations aux conditions propres de chaque unité insulaire tout en souhaitant faire remonter dans ses principes stratégiques ces *faits d'expérience* : notre idée des petites îles, de leur engagement pour la biodiversité, de la mise en place de solutions durables, a pu s'affiner depuis 2017, et c'est pourquoi nous avons demandé à la commission d'évaluation de revoir et d'approfondir ces principes stratégiques. Sans anticiper sur ses conclusions qui seront examinées demain, il semble que le message issu des premiers retours soit assez clair : conservons nos cinq critères, biodiversité, paysages, eau, énergie, déchet, mais élargissons la *compréhension* de ceux-ci et la mise en œuvre des actions qui en découlent à l'ensemble de la communauté insulaire *dans le temps long*.

L'année 2021 aura aussi été riches en nouveaux partenariats avec des structures institutionnelles internationales, des fondations, d'autres associations, ou encore le secteur privé. Pour

n'en citer que quelques-uns, SMILO a signé une convention avec les réserves Man and Biosphere de l'Unesco, avec l'Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau, avec la Fondation Thalassa, avec des entreprises inscrites dans le 1% pour la planète.

Le congrès mondial de l'UICN à Marseille en septembre, où SMILO a pris une part active pour manifester l'émergence des solutions durables sur les petites îles (« Building islands resilience »), a vu la création d'un nouveau « consortium » à l'initiative de la Délégation Europe et International du Conservatoire du Littoral : *Islands-Coast-Ocean*, ICO. Nul besoin de rappeler que la DEI est à l'origine de SMILO, mais partant l'association est en totale symbiose avec le programme ICO.

Nous avons ainsi plaidé l'idée, lors de la création de SMILO, que les continents regardent un peu mieux les petites îles ; ce qui vient maintenant est le regard que les petites îles peuvent porter sur les continents, avec on l'espère, de possibles transferts d'expériences.

Maxime Prodromidès

Président de SMILO.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Maxime Prodromidès', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.