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Gaspésie et aux Îles-de-la-Madeleine

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of sustainable development in  
Gaspesia and Magdalen Islands



In a large region like Gaspesia and the Magdalen Islands, the demography, social fabric, economic development, political issues and environmental challenges are different from those in urban centres. That's why decisions and guidelines must be made at the regional level. To guide regional development, we must, now more than ever, acquire a concerted vision of sustainable development that suits local communities, Mi'gmaq, English-speaking and future generations.

The Conseil régional de l'environnement de la Gaspésie et Îles-de-la-Madeleine (Gaspesia and Magdalen Islands regional environmental council) (CREGÎM) recognizes the importance and expresses the will to move forward with the implementation of sustainable development in the Gaspesia and Magdalen Islands region.

In this spirit, the CREGÎM proposes a course of action identifying socio-economic leaders, stakeholders and elected officials with the goal of integrating the principles of sustainable development in the planning and decision-making processes. This course of action must favour a concerted vision of sustainable development and identify the main elements and tools needed to implement it in the region.

#### **Sustainable development**

As defined by the Brundtland Commission (1987), sustainable development is *development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*

In other words, this type of development takes the economic, social and environmental aspects into account as much as possible.

### **The main phases of the project**

The project is comprised of four phases that follow the components of *Quebec's Sustainable Development Plan*.

- Phase 1 : Information and a common understanding of the concepts in order to develop a common terminology and prepare the people and organizations involved for the second phase.
- Phase 2: Consulting with decision-makers and stakeholders from different sectors in the area in order to identify their preoccupations, their needs and their limitations.
- Phase 3 : Draw together and concert the different stakeholders in the region in order to develop a regional global vision of sustainable development.
- Phase 4 : Structuring and following-up tangible proposals for interventions according to the regional priorities identified during the consultations and the conference.

### **Spin-offs from the project**

The project will create synergies in sustainable development in the region on the economic, social and environmental levels. The region will have a concerted vision of sustainable development for today and the future that harmonize social, environmental and cultural values with economic choices.

Sustainable development is much more than an idea. It has become a necessity in order to contribute to the preservation of humanity.

Decision-makers and socio-economic players in the region who influence development will gain additional knowledge of sustainable development. Through their participation and through consultations, they will identify the main issues in each sector, as well as the priorities, the actions and means required, and the opportunities to achieve sustainable development in the Gaspesia and Magdalen Islands region.

This project will allow Gaspesia to be proactive regarding Quebec's Sustainable Development Plan adopted April 13, 2006 by the provincial government. This plan asserts the government's commitment towards sustainable development in the same manner as a growing number of governments, organizations, and businesses who combine environmental protection, social progress and economic development for an improved quality of life.