## FEDERAL ORGANISATION

serving the land and water

The FFCK has been leading an innovative dynamic for several years with local territories and actors to promote paddle sports.

In the years 1984/85: based on circulars of 1984 and 1985 of the state service for tourism and rurality planning (Service d'Etude et d'Aménagement Touristique de l'Espace Rural (SEATER)), the FFCK launched in 1986 a campaign to develop departmental plans for water-walking (PDRN), led by Patrice de Ravel (bookseller and publisher specializing in canoeing) and financially supported by the SEATER.

In this broader line, a consultancy within the federation was created in 2018 to support, as close as possible to the field, decentralized bodies (departmental and regional committees), local actors (associations and accredited members) and communities. Our conviction is clear: «paddle sports» are a tool and a lever for the development of territories, this results in an improvement of the quality for the paddler and the structures.

As of 2020, the consultancy has increased its scope of expertise, offering in addition to its expertise on practice spaces (whitewater or flatwater stadiums), an expertise on the roaming and tourism of rivers, water bodies and coasts.

Since 2021, the office has evolved into the Territorial Planning and Equipment Service (SATE), which now includes project engineering and the long-term work of the federation around sustainable development and the defence of water multi-use, always accompanied by the law-expert firm JED.

This technical approach is now carried out according to the division into large watersheds for water management on national territory, in support of our elected members on the basin committees.

This service places the federation in the social and solidarity economy, at the service of sustainable development, as a water actor committed to the preservation of the environment for practices and sports in nature. This approach was awarded the Sport and Management









