

## **France : The French allotment and community garden federation (FNJFC) concludes a partnership with Gas Network Distribution France (GrDF)**

The 18<sup>th</sup> November is the official beginning of the partnership between the federation and GrDF: Laurence Hézard, Director General of GrDF, has signed with Hervé Bonnavaud, President of the French federation, a partnership convention on local and national level.

« Present in more than 9,000 communes, GrDF is attached to a responsible equipment of all the French territories. With the FNJFC we are considering the creation of new gardens and consequently propose new areas of conviviality and solidarity in the heart of the cities”.

On the practical level GrDF will finance feasibility studies and will bring in its expertise in energetic questions when making prospective studies for the creation of greenhouses heated by natural gas.

The allotment gardens are part of a series of partnerships signed the same day with food banks, the French federation of bike tourism and the Réseau Cocagne.

GrDF works side by side with elected people in order to improve the quality of life in the cities. The firm supports the initiatives to create allotment gardens and in a broader context all activities aiming at creating or recreating the biodiversity in town.