

2025

# Annual report

Mérieux Equity Initiatives



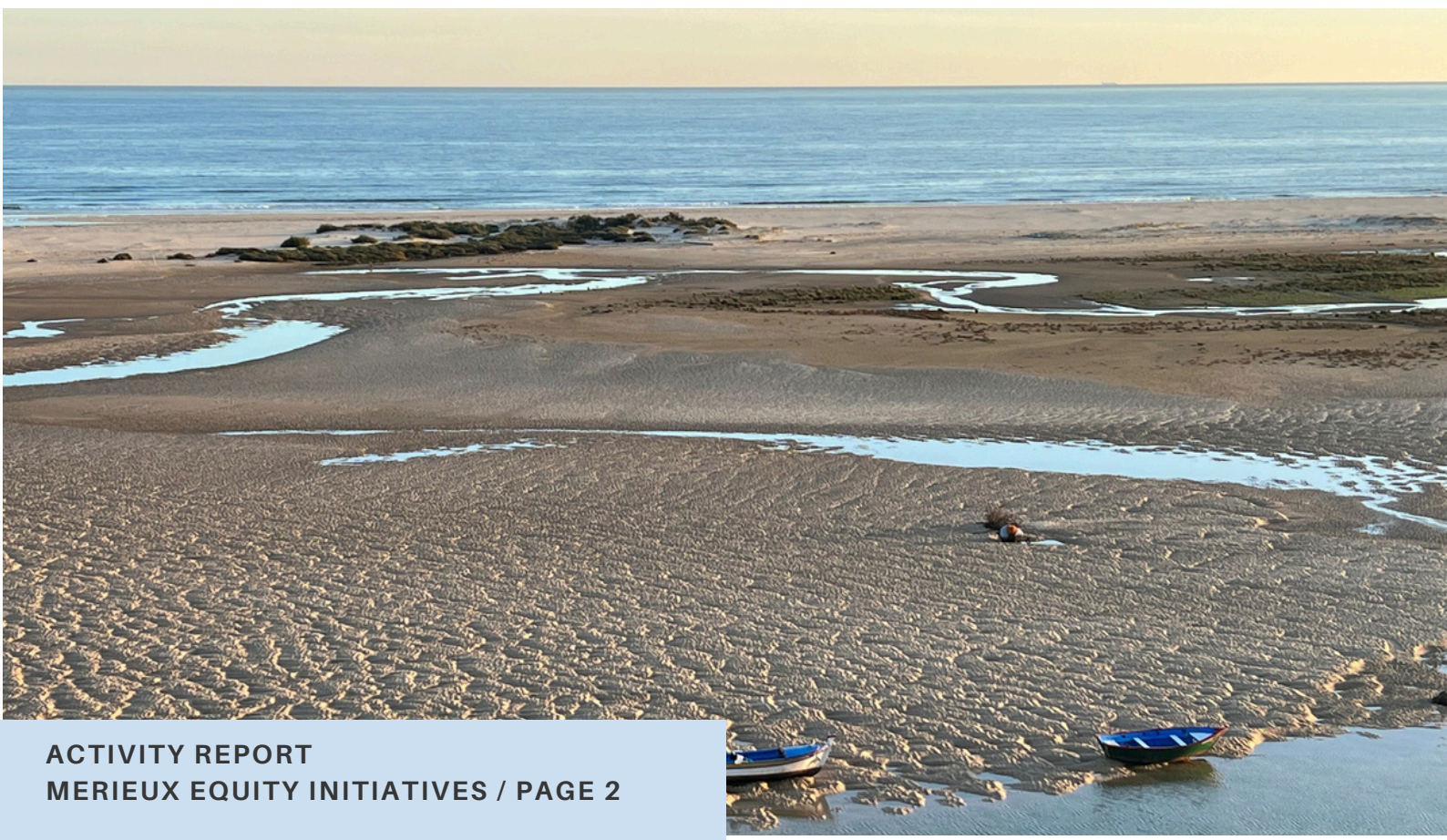
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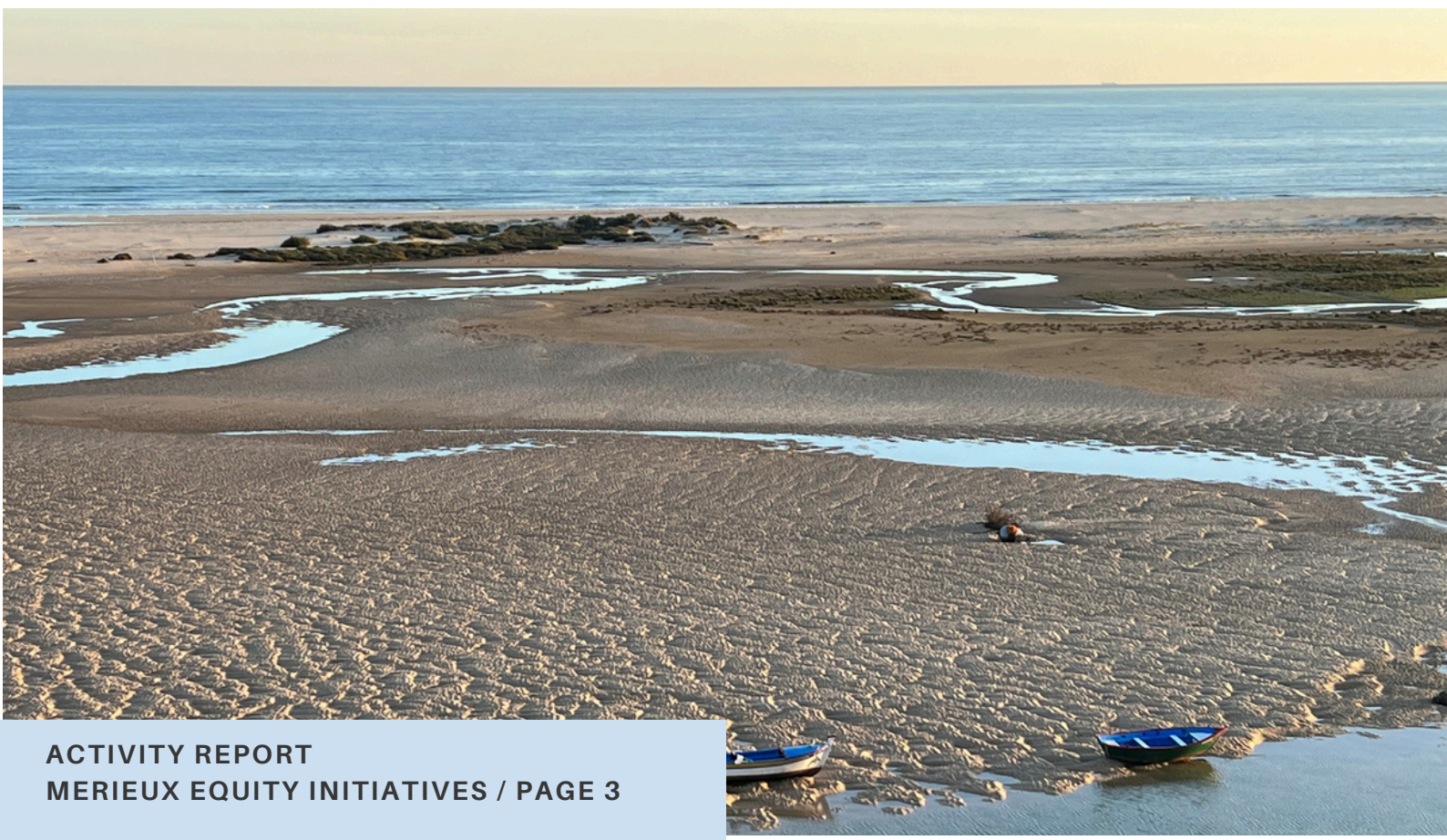
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# About Mérieux Equity Partners

The Mérieux Equity Initiatives charity fund dedicated to social and environmental impact was created on 18 January 2024 by Mérieux Equity Partners, in order to carry out actions of general interest initiated or supported by its founder. It was published in the Journal Officiel on 5 March 2024.

Its mission is to promote and encourage equal opportunities, and to make a commitment to future generations, by supporting the following three areas:



With Mérieux Equity Initiatives, Mérieux Equity Partners is strengthening and perpetuating its philanthropic commitment, in line with its corporate philanthropy initiatives of recent years.

In line with Mérieux Equity Partners' One Health approach, the Mérieux Equity Initiatives charity fund aims to supporting national projects with a strong local impact by working with associations committed to making a significant impact. These initiatives are part of a sustainable transformation, with medium and long-term support.

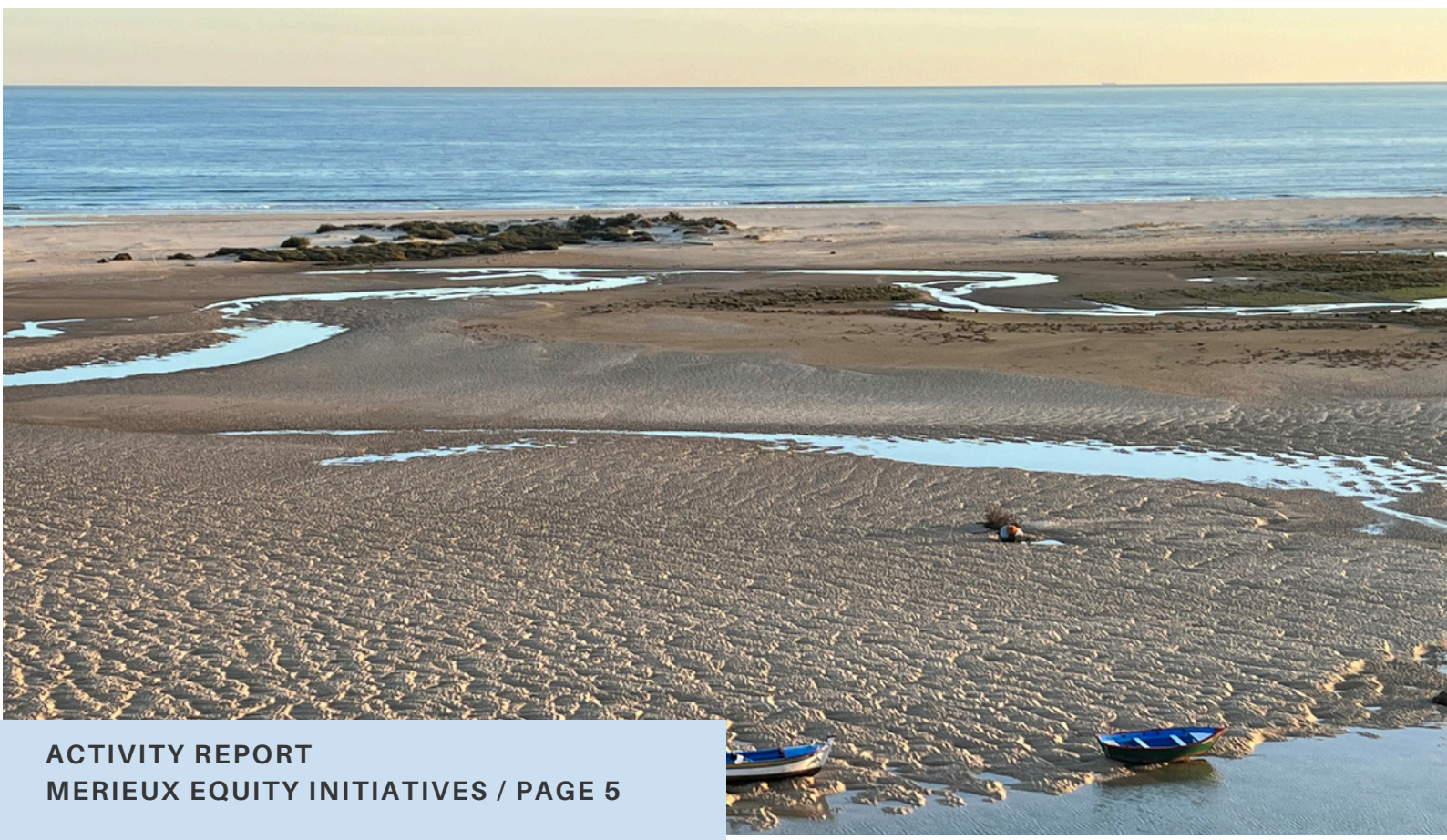
This fund will be fed by an annual envelope allocated by the management company and a percentage of the carried interest of the funds launched by Mérieux Equity Partners since 2018.

Its headquarter is located 7, rue Grôlée, 69002 Lyon, France.



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# Our governance

The Board of Directors is made up five of members of the Mérieux Equity Partners' team from the Lyon and Paris offices:



Christine Demode  
President



Guillaume Thoviste  
Secretary



Alexia Renaut  
Treasurer



Valérie Calenda  
Administrator



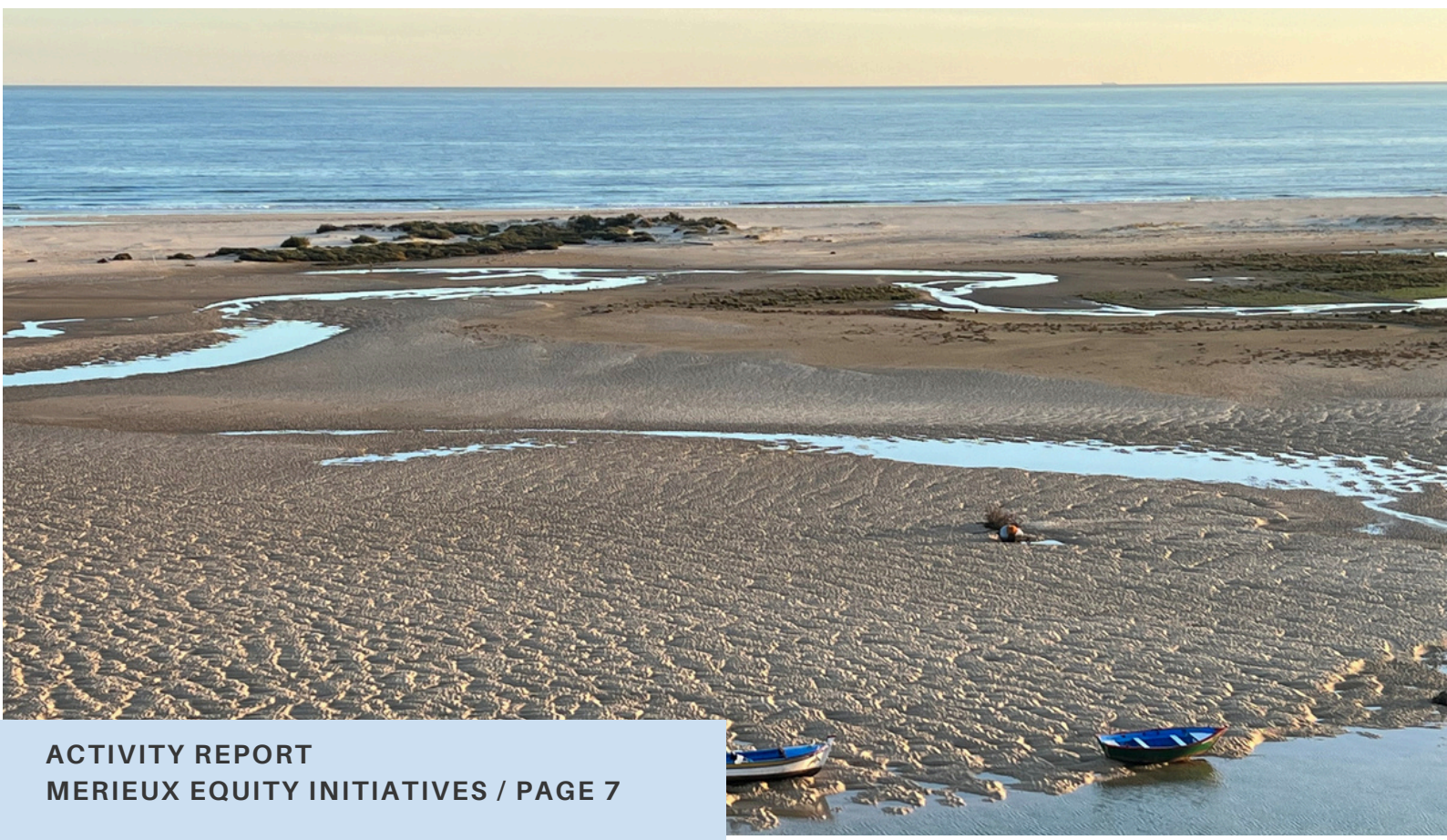
Justine Chabrol  
Administrator

The Board of Directors steers the strategic direction of the fund. Responsible for allocating resources and monitoring projects, it ensures the transparency and effectiveness of the actions undertaken.

In 2025, the Board of Directors met on three occasions: May 5th, Novembre 13th and December 19th, 2025.

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# 2025 activity report

In 2025, in line with its strategy, Mérieux Equity Initiatives had decided to support **two new associations** : Simon de Cyrène and Des Espèces Parmi' Lyon.

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## HEALTH PILLAR

### ASSOCIATION



JADE (Jeunes Aïdants Ensemble)

A pioneer on the subject of young carers in France, the national association JADE was set up in 2016 with the objective to encourage the emergence of innovative responses to the needs of young carers and their relatives, to make their situation more visible and recognised through :

- Respite and self-expression schemes to prevent risks to their physical and mental health, their school life and their social life;
- Support for facilities in designing and implementing these schemes, with appropriate training;
- Awareness-raising initiatives for professionals in the health, social and medico-social sectors, national education authorities, public institutions, etc., to encourage their involvement and make it easier to identify these young people.

### WHY MERIEUX EQUITY INITIATIVES SUPPORTS THE ASSOCIATION

Carers play a crucial role in patients' lives, particularly in the healthcare pathway. Their support can make a huge difference to the day-to-day management of care, adherence to treatment and the emotional well-being of patients.

Young carers, in particular, bring a unique energy and perspective, often juggling their own studies and personal responsibilities. If their involvement ease the burden on healthcare professionals and offer personalised support to patients, it is essential to recognise and support these young carers, as their role can be demanding and have an impact on their own development and well-being.

Mérieux Equity Initiatives is committed to supporting all kind of healthcare initiatives in a holistic way, integrating the support to carers.

### GOVERNANCE

The project is coordinated by a member of the Board with the association. Meetings have been held to ensure that support gets off to a good start and that there is good communication about the actions to be taken and the impact to be achieved.

### PROJECT

Contribution to the organisation of four weeks of respite breaks in 2025 for young carers supported by the national JADE Association: two weeks of cinema-themed respite breaks in Essonne for 24 young people and two weeks of theatre-themed respite breaks in the Rhône for 12 young people. 2025 saw the first summer gathering in Lyon for 21 young carers. This initiative aimed to enable young carers from the Paris region and Lyon to meet, forge bonds and enjoy a respite break together.

# 2025 activity report

## HEALTH PILLAR

### ASSOCIATION

Simon de Cyrène



Every year in France, 40,000 people find themselves with a severe disability after an accident. Many say: 'More than the disability itself, my greatest suffering is loneliness...'

The Simon de Cyrène association runs shared homes where able-bodied people live alongside people who have become disabled at birth or later in life.

During the day, activity and meeting places allow residents to get together, break their isolation and rediscover their zest for life.

### WHY MERIEUX EQUITY INITIATIVES SUPPORTS THE ASSOCIATION

As a healthcare-focused organization, we believe that health goes beyond medical care and includes dignity, autonomy, and social inclusion.

Supporting Simon de Cyrène reflects our commitment to people living with disabilities by promoting meaningful relationships, shared living, and long-term support.

Their approach aligns with our values by placing the human being at the center of care and fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society.

### GOVERNANCE

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### PROJECT

Located on the site of the former Visitation monastery in the 6th arrondissement of Paris, Simon de Cyrène's three shared houses are currently under construction.

The project we are supporting will contribute to the design of rooms promoting "living together" (living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens).

# 2025 activity report

## EDUCATION PILLAR

### ASSOCIATION

Cours la Passerelle  
(Espérance Banlieues network)



The Espérance Banlieues network is committed to giving French society, through schools, the desire to build together by offering children and young people in priority neighbourhoods the opportunity to develop their full potential in a place designed to reduce social and territorial divides.

Located in Pierre-Bénite (near Lyon), Cours la Passerelle is part of the Espérance banlieues network and welcomes pupils, most of whom live in Pierre-Bénite.

In partnership with parents, the school provides tailored teaching to each student's pace, respecting the national education standards, with a dedicated and cohesive teaching team involved in all aspects of school life.

### WHY MERIEUX EQUITY INITIATIVES SUPPORTS THE ASSOCIATION

Schools in difficult suburbs play a crucial role in providing children with educational opportunities and resources that are often limited in their environment.

By supporting these schools, Mérieux Equity Partners contributes to reduce inequalities and give every child a fair chance to succeed. Schools become places of refuge and personal development, where children can discover their talents, acquire essential skills and prepare for their future.

### GOVERNANCE

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### PROJECT

Supporting the school based in Lyon area belonging to the national network of 17 schools, whose mission is to combat early school leaving in priority neighbourhoods, through:

- Teaching to avoid school dropout (limited number of students in each class),
- Educating to reveal the potential of each child in close collaboration with their parents,
- And rooting to provide cultural pillar and finally collective contribution to society.

# 2025 activity report

## BIODIVERSITY PILLAR

### ASSOCIATION



#### Planète Mer

Planète Mer is a non-profit organisation set up in 2007. Its mission: to work together to restore a sustainable balance between marine life and human activities.

This is the challenge of the 21st century: to reconcile respect for fundamental natural balances with economic and social development.

### WHY MERIEUX EQUITY INITIATIVES SUPPORTS THE ASSOCIATION

Biodiversity plays a crucial role in maintaining ecosystems. The preservation of the diversity of species and habitats contributes to disease regulation, food security and resilience in the face of climate change.

As part of the Mérieux Equity Partners' One Health approach, which recognises the interconnection between human, animal and environmental health, biodiversity is a key topic to take into account.

Supporting the conservation of biodiversity means investing in our own health and in the sustainability of our planet.

### GOVERNANCE

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### PROJECT

The project consolidated its actions in the Var region by monitoring purple sea urchins with fishermen, training them and strengthening cooperation with the prud'homies (fishermen's associations), notably through five boat trips. It was also rolled out across the French Mediterranean through actions to disseminate and share results. At the same time, innovative scientific monitoring and regulatory surveillance tools incorporating AI have been developed, with a prototype currently in the testing phase. Finally, a pilot scheme for sworn guards has been launched in the Var region, with funding secured for the first year.

# 2025 activity report

## BIODIVERSITY PILLAR

### ASSOCIATION



Des Espèces Parmi' Lyon

The association Des Espèces Parmi' Lyon is a naturalist association created in 2015 by two young enthusiasts who work to promote biodiversity in cities.

The association carries out various awareness-raising activities to engage citizens and supports local initiatives to preserve biodiversity in urban areas. At the same time, the association conducts naturalist assessments, proposes appropriate management solutions, and innovates in the rehabilitation of natural habitats in cities.

### WHY MERIEUX EQUITY INITIATIVES SUPPORTS THE ASSOCIATION

As a broad healthcare actor and a strong advocate of the One Health approach, we recognize the deep interconnection between human health, environmental health, and biodiversity.

Supporting Des Espèces Parmi' Lyon reflects our commitment to preserving urban biodiversity and raising citizens' awareness of its essential role in resilient and healthy cities.

By protecting living ecosystems in urban environments, the association contributes to long-term public health, well-being, and a more sustainable relationship between humans and nature.

### GOVERNANCE

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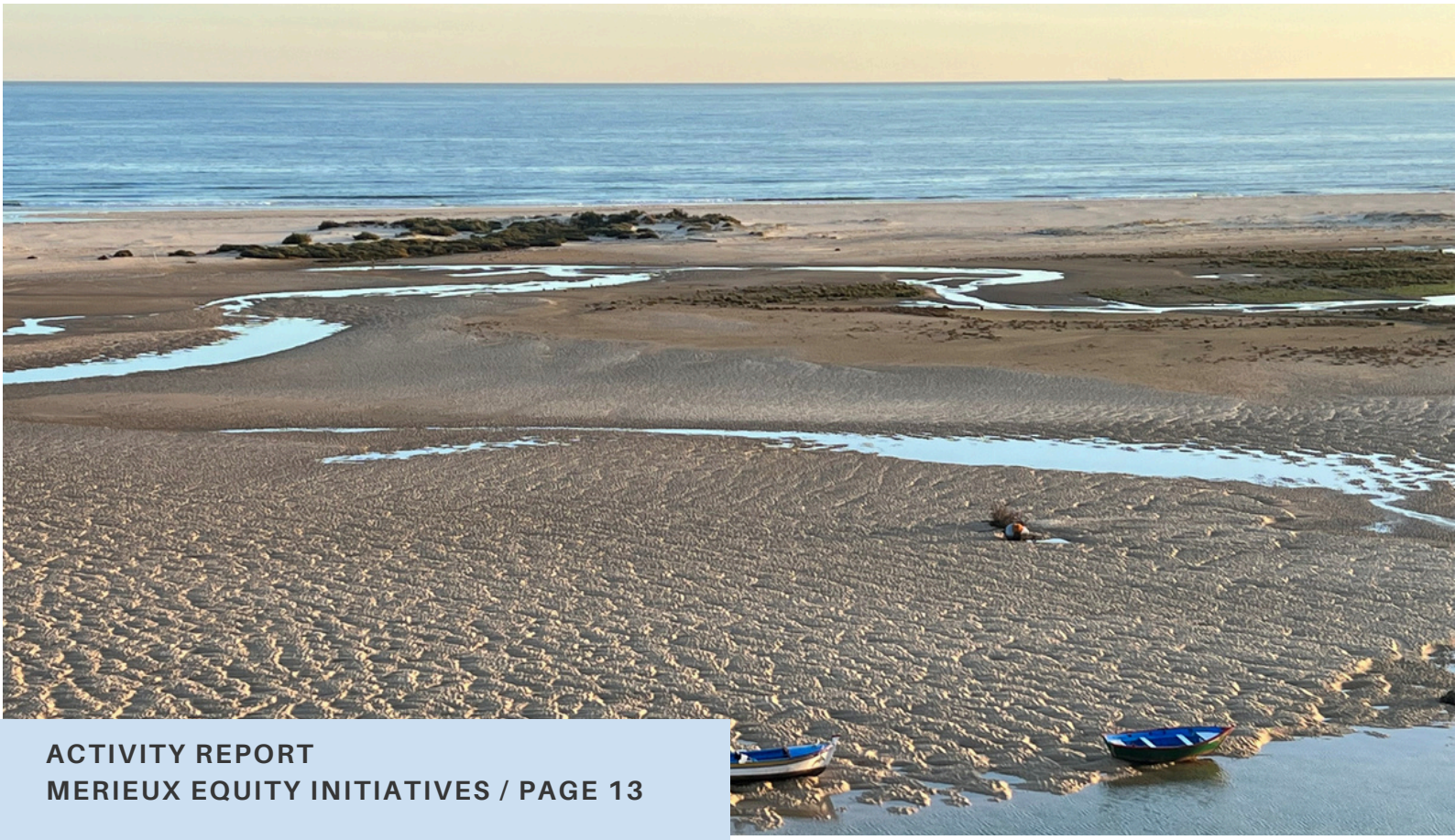
### PROJECT

Contribution to the development of biodiversity challenges in medical-social centers, with the following objectives:

- Improve the living environment for patients, staff, and visitors through thoughtful greening.
- Enhance biodiversity on the hospital site by creating welcoming spaces for flora and fauna.
- Promoting collective engagement through participatory initiatives involving hospital users.

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# 2025: a look back in pictures with the team



A series of respite theatre workshops in L'Arbrésie (near Lyon) and summer events in Lyon



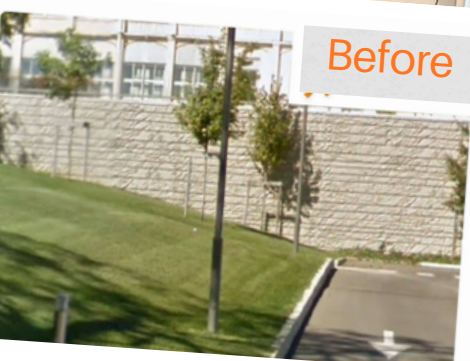
A tour of the shared houses in Vanves and lunch with the residents



A visit to Le Cours La Passerelle school, and a chat with the children and teaching staff.



Presentation by the Planète Mer team during our annual seminar



Before



After

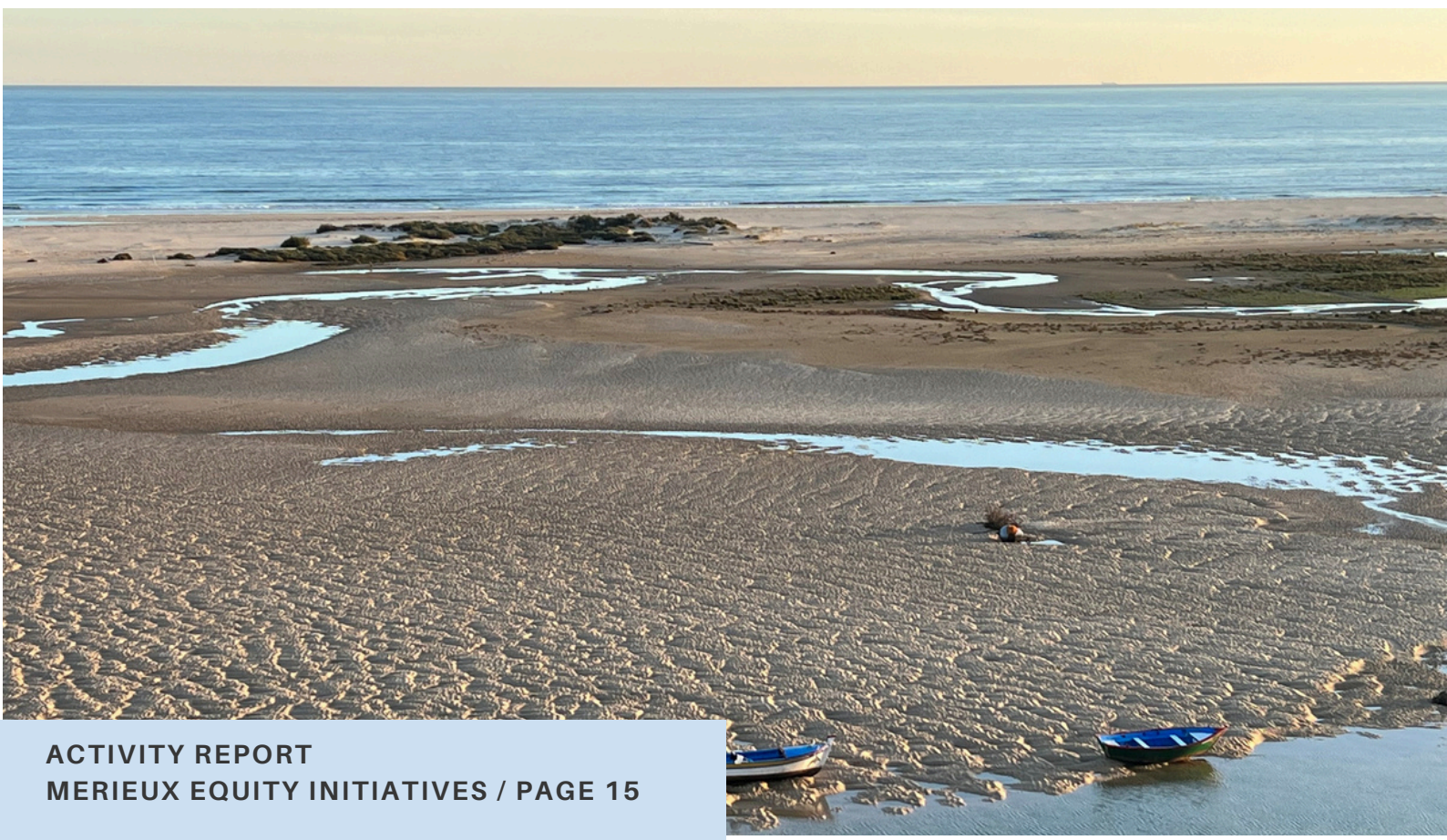


Plantation of green spaces within the grounds of the Croix Rousse Hospital



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# Financial elements

The Mérieux Equity Initiatives charity fund was set up with an initial capital endowment of 15,000 euros and additional donations of 105,000 euros.  
This total endowment of 210,000 euros is expendable.

Under a sponsorship agreement signed on 5 March 2024, SAS Mérieux Equity Partners wished to make a donation in kind corresponding to services involving human and material resources for project management and monitoring, and administrative management.  
For the 2025 financial year, the services provided amounted to 9,655 euros.  
No funds were collected from the public in 2025.

## EXPENSES 2025

|                                             |                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Other purchases and external charges (fees) | 17 450 €        |
| Financial aid granted                       | 57 100 €        |
| Taxes                                       | 533 €           |
| Employment - Benefits in kind               | 9 655 €         |
|                                             | <b>84 738 €</b> |

## RESOURCES 2025

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Share of consumable endowment | 71 918 €        |
| Other financial income        | 3 165 €         |
| Resources - Benefits in kind  | 9 655 €         |
|                               | <b>84 738 €</b> |

# Financial elements

## BALANCE SHEET ASSETS 2025

### FIXED ASSETS

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Long-term investments | 221 639 €        |
|                       | <b>221 639 €</b> |

### CURRENT ASSETS

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Treasury          | 271 268 €        |
| Prepaid expenses  | 20 000 €         |
| Other receivables | 28 306 €         |
|                   | <b>319 574 €</b> |

TOTAL ASSETS 2024 → 541 213 €

## BALANCE SHEET LIABILITIES 2025

### OWN FUNDS

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Additional equity capital | 415 237 €        |
| Consumable equity         | 96 350 €         |
|                           | <b>511 587 €</b> |

### DEBTS

|                                               |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Trade payables and related accounts           | 10 893 €        |
| Tax and social security liabilities           | 533 €           |
| Payables on fixed assets and related accounts | 18 200 €        |
|                                               | <b>29 626 €</b> |

TOTAL GENERAL LIABILITIES 2024 → 541 213 €

The financial statements of the charity fund for the year ended 31 December 2025 have been certified by Grant Thornton, who are the statutory auditors.

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