

EDF and the French Canoe Kayak and Paddle Sports Federation Renew Their Partnership Until 2028

EDF and the French Canoe Kayak and Paddle Sports Federation (FFCK) are strengthening their collaboration by renewing their partnership and welcoming a new player: Hydrostadium, a subsidiary of the EDF Group.

FFCK, EDF, and Hydrostadium: Shared Values

Water, essential for low-carbon hydropower generation, lies at the heart of both EDF's operations and FFCK's sporting activities.

As part of this partnership, which began in 1991, EDF carries out around a hundred regulated water releases from its hydroelectric dams each year, enabling canoe and kayak competitions to take place. In 2025, these releases allowed FFCK to organize two international competitions and three national championships. EDF also ensures the safety of kayakers and actively supports athletes and para-athletes on the French national teams.

To strengthen this 34-year partnership and embed it in a sustainable framework that protects aquatic environments, balances water use with other needs (such as drinking water supply, irrigation, tourism, etc.), and ensures the safety of participants while promoting the growth of canoe-kayak activities, EDF and FFCK have decided to include Hydrostadium in the partnership. Hydrostadium is an EDF Group subsidiary specializing in water engineering and whitewater sports.

Hydrostadium, a New Technical Partner

Since its creation in 2001, Hydrostadium, specialized in the design and construction of whitewater stadiums, has contributed to the development of canoe-kayak by designing and building whitewater courses and stadiums, supporting projects from planning through to maintenance. Drawing on its expertise in hydropower and ecological continuity, it offers a comprehensive approach to benefit local communities and whitewater stakeholders.

As part of this partnership, EDF, Hydrostadium, and FFCK are combining their technical expertise in hydraulic infrastructure and implementing innovative solutions—such as the development of a new kayak cross starting ramp to equip future whitewater stadiums.

About EDF

The EDF Group is a key player in the energy transition, as an integrated energy operator engaged in all aspects of the energy business: power generation, distribution, trading, energy sales and energy services. The Group is a world leader in low-carbon energy, with an output of 520TWh 94% decarbonised and a carbon intensity of 30gCO₂/kWh in 2024, a diverse generation mix based mainly on nuclear and renewable energy (including hydropower). It is also investing in new technologies to support the energy transition. EDF's raison d'être is to build a net zero energy future with electricity and innovative solutions and services, to help save the planet and drive well-being and economic development. The Group supplies energy and services to approximately 41.5 million customers⁽¹⁾ and generated consolidated sales of €118.7 billion in 2024.

(1) The customer portfolio consists of electricity, gas and recurring service contracts

About the FFCK

The French Canoe Kayak and Paddle Sports Federation (FFCK) is a non-profit association governed by the French 1901 law, founded in 1931. It is officially recognized by the Ministry of Sports, Youth, and Community Life. The federation offers a variety of disciplines encompassing different practices: Olympic and Paralympic sports, elite sports, competitive sports, and recreational sports, all practiced in diverse environments—namely flatwater, whitewater, and sea.

The FFCK's mission is to promote, teach, organize, and manage the practice of canoeing, kayaking, and associated paddle sports in France; ensure access to water and continuity of navigation across the entire hydrographic network; protect the environment and aquatic ecosystems; contribute to the discovery and promotion of the local tourism heritage; promote environmental education through physical and sports activities; define, under public service delegation, safety standards for its practitioners and instructors; and carry out responsibilities related to the organization and promotion of high-level physical and sports activities.