How N&P develops its standards?
This document contains the **shared vision** of all members belonging to Nature & Progress

**Strategy of engagement at several level:**

- **Social**: horizontal governance, sharing of know-how and knowledge, solidarity, transparency, healthy food ...
- **Economic**: economy with human dimension, crafts (≠ industry), equitable exchanges, short value chains...
- **Agronomic**: respect for the natural fertility of soils, diversification, seasonality, animal welfare, natural care of animals and crops ...
- **Environmental**: renewable energy, eco-construction, waste management ...
Production standards

15 technical production standards
Local COMAC send representative to the Federal COMAC.

Local groups send representative to the Federal Council.

Supervision

Federal COMAC

Technical Committee

Local Groups and COMAC

Federal Council

Board
The Technical Committee

• Supervises the writing and the revision of the N&P standards before their validation by the General Assembly.

• Guarantees the respect of the Charter and the application of its principles within the N&P standards

• The drafting of each standards are delegated to professional commissions
Who is part of Technical Committee?

All Technical Committee members are Nature & Progrès members:

➢ Professionals from the different **professional commissions**: cereal production, livestock farming, vegetable production, breeding, wine-making, brewery, bakery, etc.

➢ Consumers from **consumer commission**: each local group propose members to participate to the debates.
Any N&P member can ask for the development of a new standards or the revision of an old one.

The Federal office set up a preliminary inquiry to the Federal Council.

The Federal Council allows the beginning of a standard development.

A professional commission makes a proposal to other commissions (professionals and consumers) of the Technical Committee.

Debates and exchanges between Technical Committee and professional commission.

The Technical Committee submit the standard project to the General Assembly.

If the GA adopts the standard, it comes into effect and N&P label can be granted after completion of farm visits.
Example: Livestock Breeding standards
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2013 → N&P federal Board takes the initiative to launch the revision of the breeding standards: cattle, horse, sheep, goat, pig.

For 4 years, N&P Federal Board ensures budget to support facilitation of various professional commissions.

In 2017 → N&P Internal Technical Committee validates final propositions of professional commissions

April 2017 → N&P General Assemblies adopts the standards which comes into effect but calls for further reflection on mutilations with the idea to further reducing them.
Example of Spirulina standard
Spirulina standard draft

2013 → a Spirulina growers' organization contacts Nature & Progrès for drafting of Spirulina N&P standard

N&P standards have to be done by N&P members: Integration of Spirulina growers in N&P association

In 2014 → N&P Federal Council agrees to launch a Spirulina standard writing project.

A working group of 10 Spirulina growers elaborates a draft under the supervision of N&P Internal Technical Committee.

April 2017 N&P General Assembly do not validate the draft and mandate Federal Council to take a decision.

At the beginning of 2018, the COMAC were invited to make visits to Spirulina farms:

- to test the standard requirements,
- its assessment in SPG
- but also its contradictions with the N&P charter.

The final adoption of specifications will be discussed again in 2019.