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The “illegal camps/slum clearance” newsletter reports on DIHAL (the French Interdepartmental Delegation for Accommodation and Access to Housing)’s actions in anticipation and in support of dismantling illegal camps and slum clearance. It gives more information on current events in this field. It is intended for DIHAL’s departmental correspondents and its partners. Your contribution to initiatives in your region is welcome at: [pointcontact.campements@developpement-durable.gouv.fr](mailto:pointcontact.campements@developpement-durable.gouv.fr)



## Headlines

### Review of the actions supported by DIHAL from 2015 to 2016

Since 2013, the French State has allocated an annual package of appropriations to support slum clearance actions throughout France, as part of the circular of 26 August 2012. In total, EUR 15 million was allocated over 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. These appropriations, the distribution of which is proposed by DIHAL, in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Social Cohesion (DGCS) and the Directorate for Housing, Urban Planning and Landscapes (DHUP), which manage them, do not represent the total appropriations that finance the actions implemented in the territories (such as overnight stays at hotels, collective intermediation, and so on). They are intended to **create a leverage effect, to encourage dialogue with communities and to allow a national monitoring of territorial actions**. The supported projects are analysed and reviewed every year. This year, DIHAL has chosen to publish a 200-page **synthesis report**. This document has two main parts:

- > **The thematic focus**, which analyses the actions supported in 5 domains: housing, employment and training, education and schooling, health



Anticipation et accompagnement  
des démantèlements de campements illicites  
Résorption des bidonvilles



Bilan des actions soutenues en 2015-2016  
par la Dihal, la DGCS et la DHUP



Review brochure cover

and access to care, individual’s participation and commitment;

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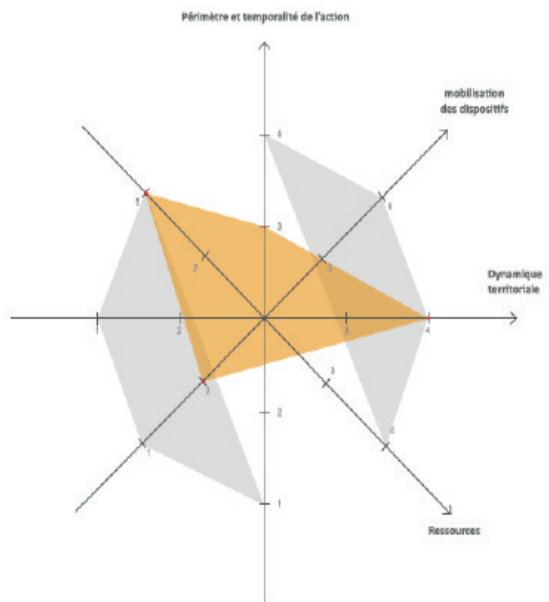
- > **The territory fact sheets**, which list the actions carried out by each territory and characterise them (through the scope and temporality of the action, mobilisation of mechanisms, territorial dynamics and resources) and propose a graphic representation of

### Key figures from the review

- In 2015, 54 projects were supported, affecting 6,320 people in 24 departments
- In 2016, 61 projects were supported in 23 departments
- Since 2013, within the framework of these projects, more than 5,700 people have been able to access housing or accommodation, more than 1,000 people have been able to access employment, and more than 4,000 children have attended school.

the territories (see opposite). In addition, focus on specific cases highlights a few actions in particular.

Overall, this report shows the **positive dynamics** (notably in Toulouse, Strasbourg, Metz and Gardanne) and the **importance of the local authorities' involvement to ensure the success of a slum clearance action**. It also highlights innovative projects such as in Lyon (I2E), or in Rezé in Loire-Atlantique, which deserve special follow-up.



Example of a graphical representation of a territory around the four reference variables

[Consult the "Review of 2015-2016 Actions" brochure on DIHAL's website](#)



## DIHAL news

### Launch of the follow-up procedure for actions supported by the appropriations package dedicated to illegal camps and slums

DIHAL has begun the follow-up procedure for actions that it supports within the French departments in order to prepare for the **distribution of the 2017 appropriations from the national package devoted to the clearance of illegal camps and slums**. To this effect, DIHAL sent a note to the relevant departments' prefects on 30 January. This follow-up will be done **through visits to the territories and video**

**conferences**.

In particular, this follow-up should make it possible to verify that there is a partnership strategy between the various local stakeholders and to evaluate the results with regard to slum clearance over time. This will lead to a proposal for the allocation of the 2017 appropriations between the regions.

### Visit to the Ris-Orangis living quarters (Essonne)

On 25 January, DIHAL visited the Ris-Orangis living quarters in Essonne, which **has been able to welcome around 25 families from slums since 2013**, offering them temporary modular housing and sustainable social support. This project, led by the **Le Rocheton association**, has a **very high positive exit rate** (all families have managed to access housing after eighteen months and obtain sustainable employment). In June 2016, the action was renewed for the third consecutive year. The project aims to be fully integrated within the framework of the regional strategy for slum clearance in Ile-de-France, in support of the Welcome, Information, Guidance and Follow-up (AIOS) platform. One of the key



Source: DIHAL

Modular housing at the Ris-Orangis living quarters

elements of this action is the setting up of a contract of residence with the families, with clear conditions and a lasting commitment from all the partners.



## In the regions

### Steering committee in the Prefecture of Bouches-du-Rhône in the presence of DIHAL

On 23 January a steering committee and a committee to monitor actions taken on illegal camps and slums took place in Marseilles, which was chaired by the Equal Opportunities Prefect of Bouches-des-Rhône, with the participation of Sylvain Mathieu representing DIHAL. It brought together the following operators and associations: HAS, Soliha (Solidaires pour l'Habitat - Habitat Solidarity), Association des cités du secours catholique (Cities' Association of Catholic Relief), AMPIL (Mediterranean Action for Social Inclusion through Housing), SIAO 13, Paroles Vives and

the city of Gardanne. **The gradual structuring of local action around the pivotal role of the SIAO** reflects a positive dynamic in the territory despite the difficulties encountered in entering into partnership with local authorities. The quality of certain actions should be highlighted, such as the **relocation scheme implemented by HAS** (more than 50 households supported in 2016) or the **total clearance of the Puit Z encampment in Gardanne**. This meeting allowed the actions taken in 2016 to be reviewed with the aim of renewing DIHAL's support in 2017.

### A year of securing the slum in Ivry-sur-Seine by the Convivances Association

A year ago, the Convivances Association signed a **renewable loan for use by tacit agreement each year for the occupation of land** with a private landowner in Ivry-Sur-Seine (near Paris). This scheme enabled the operating association to undertake the **task of securing the land and supporting the 11 families present, in order to gradually clear the slum**. The first things to be done included connecting to the electricity and water networks and organising waste collection. Modular housing will soon be installed. The support the families received through an occupancy agreement made it possible for **all the children to attend school** and for the site to be organised. The link with the environment and the local community is reflected in the neighbourhood committee's participation, working with the public and volunteers. The development of partnerships with the institutions (in particular the city of Ivry-sur-Seine, whose

support was crucial in implementing the project), associations and foundations, notably to diversify funding, was a strong focus of the first year of action. Current priorities include the development of housing, the installation of sanitary blocks and the integration of inhabitants through employment.



The entrance of the site with the post box (left); one of the two sanitary blocks that will soon be installed (right)

Source: DIHAL



## Europe / International

### A new reporting tool for national policies for the inclusion of Roma people set up by the European Commission

For 2017, the European Commission has asked Member States to use a new policy reporting tool in support of the inclusion of Roma people and Travellers.

**This tool**, created in line with the recommendations issued by the Council of the European Union in 2013, **took into account, at the request of France**

**and other States, the fact that some countries do not have an ethnic approach in their public policies**. DIHAL, in partnership with the relevant central administrations, and under the guidance of the SGAE (French Secretariat-General for European Affairs), will answer questions from the European Commission on this new tool in March 2017.



## Networks / Partners

### Meeting with the ACINA Association

On 30 January, DIHAL met with the heads of the ACINA association (Welcome, Cooperation, Integration for Newcomers) at its premises in Paris. ACINA was established in January 2014. It now has 4 employees and is supported by a network of 50 volunteers. Its mission is to **combat the exclusion of people living in slums or squatters settlements through professional integration**. The association currently intervenes at 6 different slums in Ile-de-France with a regular follow-up of more than 30

people on a daily basis. Approximately 20 people receive weekly French classes held by volunteers. Integration through employment is the entry point of ACINA's action, but it also opens up approaches to schooling, domiciliation or even referral to special structures.

[ACINA's website](#)

### Partnership with Harvard University and the François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Foundation

For three years now, the FXB Foundation and Harvard University have been organising research-action courses for Harvard students in the field of health and human rights in France, particularly in the field of slum clearance. Having already been in

liaison with teaching manager Myriam Zuber for 3 years, this year DIHAL will **host a trainee in June and July to work especially on evaluating slum clearance projects**.

### Education and Action Week organised by DILCRAH in March 2017



The French Inter-ministerial Delegation for the Fight against Racism, Anti-Semitism and Hate against LGBT Persons (DILCRAH) is organising a week of education and action against racism and anti-Semitism from 18 to 26 March 2017. Associations, schools and even universities

will be mobilised to combat prejudice. The different operators can propose projects in the form of debates, workshops, forums or meetings in order to promote tolerance and mutual enrichment.

<http://semaine21mars.tousuniscontrelahaine.gouv.fr/>



## Without comments ... and without prejudice Review of the subjects relayed on the Internet and in the press

Article by Bernard Devert in *Témoignage Chrétien* on the relocation of families from slums in Lyons to Luzy in Nièvre:

<http://temoignagechretien.fr/articles/la-fragilite-semence-dhumanite>

The "Rencontres Tsiganes" association speaks about the stigma surrounding the Roma people and highlights some exemplary cases on the road to success:

<https://www.rencontrestsiganes.asso.fr/2017/01/marseille-ces-roms-sur-le-chemin-de-la-reussite>

### "From the slum to employment": report by BFMTV on the results of the OPCALIA project

BFMTV followed one of the beneficiaries of the OPCALIA training (see Newsletter no. 23). This report shows the positive contribution of this training through a partnership between the associations, the French National Agency for Adult Vocational Training (AFPA) and the State:

[Link to the BFMTV report](#)



Report extract

Source: BFMTV

The law of 27 January 2017 relating to "Equality and Citizenship" extends France's winter truce on evictions from "inhabited places": <http://romeurope.org/spip.php?article1702>

CNDH Romeurope has published its annual report with 20 proposals for a policy of inclusion for people living in slums and squatters settlements: <http://romeurope.org/spip.php?article1702>