



NATIONAL

SUPPORT

FOR

INTERNATIONAL
ACTION

ON THE PART OF

LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES



When it comes to current global issues, the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomes the growing role local and regional authorities are playing in both the northern and southern hemispheres and the need to establish new partnerships, both with **emerging countries** and **France's traditional partners in Africa**, the **Mediterranean area**, the **francophone world** and the neighbouring region of its French overseas territorial communities.

The national government strategy regarding the priorities of local government external action is part of a strong political desire—that France has been defending for several years now—to gain international recognition for the role of local and regional authorities in development policy and the importance of **local governance in achieving the Millennium Development Goals**.

This brochure explains what an important resource decentralised cooperation is because **local and regional authorities can provide technical expertise and skills** and send a political message of improving governance and local democracy.

In Europe, France has been extremely active in stepping up the role of local and regional authorities in development policy in the European Council and Committee of the Regions, as well as the European Parliament.

Decentralised cooperation is a genuine opportunity to **combine the efforts of various players** (local and regional authorities and their groupings, national elected officials' associations, regional and thematic networks, expert groups) by projecting a coherent and consistent international cooperation development plan for local and regional authorities.

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INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT: FROM AID POLICY TO DECENTRALISED COOPERATION POLICY



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR DECENTRALISED COOPERATION (CNCD):

Facilitating dialogue between the national and local governments

The CNCD reports to the Prime Minister's office and brings together all those involved in decentralised cooperation. It is a forum for sharing information and ideas and monitors decentralised cooperation. The Delegation for the External Action of Local and Regional Authorities (DAECT) acts as the Commission's secretariat and is in charge of implementation of its policy and inter-ministerial coordination.



FRENCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AFD):

In conjunction with the DAECT

The increased responsibility given to French Foreign Ministry agencies helps develop project ownership partnerships with local and regional authorities. The AFD, for example, backs decentralised cooperation initiatives in support of a project intended to benefit a foreign authority. Like the DAECT, the AFD provides support to French authorities on specific themes and in priority geographic areas.



DELEGATION FOR THE EXTERNAL ACTION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

(DAECT): Who to contact at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The DAECT defines and implements, in consultation with ambassadors and the CNCD, decentralised cooperation support and development strategy. It serves as a resource and support centre for local and regional authorities, providing legal support, information services, analysis and advice. It also implements a series of tools designed to encourage consistency and information pooling (bilateral meetings, decentralised cooperation portal, publications). For several years, the DAECT has been providing support to local government projects as well as national networks and regional consultation and coordination bodies in the form of calls for proposals.

SUPPORT/PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:

- French Embassies (cultural cooperation and action services)
- The Institut Français
- Ubifrance, Coface, French economic services abroad

INTERNATIONAL ACTION OF LOCAL AND OF REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

ALL INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY-BASED AND COOPERATION

INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS undertaken by French local and regional authorities (regions, departments, municipalities and inter-municipal organisations) with foreign local and regional authorities, including twinning programmes, humanitarian and emergency aid, development projects, technical exchanges, cultural influence initiatives and economic promotion initiatives (business start-up assistance, support for economic players, microcredit).

PUBLIC POLITICAL COMMITMENT

expressed through governance methods and local sustainable development.

AREAS OF ACTION TARGET MAJOR GLOBAL ISSUES

(poverty alleviation, food security, water and sanitation, urban and natural heritage, social cohesion, education and training, human rights promotion, information technologies, etc.).

PARTNERSHIPS FACILITATE GENUINE SHARING OF SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

in a mutual interest-based approach that enhances the expertise of both regions.

LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS: SUPPORTING AND SECURING



Law of March 1982

allows cross-border cooperation across France's land and sea borders (e.g. Nord-Pas-de-Calais/Kent).

Circular of May 1983

creates the DAECT.

Law of February 1992

authorises French local and regional authorities to sign agreements with foreign local and regional authorities and creates the National Commission for Decentralised Cooperation (CNCD).

Law of February 2005 (Oudin-Santini Law)

allows municipalities, public establishments working in inter-municipal cooperation, joint unions responsible for public drinking water and sanitation services and water agencies to allocate up to 1% of their budget for international solidarity and cooperation initiatives.

Law of December 2006

Law on electric power and gas in decentralised cooperation (1%).

Law of January 2007 (Thiollière Law)

reinforces and extends the scope the law of 6 February 1992, ensuring increased legal security for local and regional authorities with regard to recourse based on the notion of 'local interest'.

THE RIGHT STRATEGY FOR PARTNER COUNTRIES: 4 MFA APPROACHES

1

WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The national government encourages support for local governance, sustainable development, local economic development, subsistence agriculture, tackling climate change and, generally speaking, enhancing the skills of local and regional authorities needed to achieve the Millennium Goals.

2

WITH COUNTRIES IN WHICH FRANCE IS UNDER-REPRESENTED

In countries where foreign local partners have expressed the need, France plays a more selective and visible role in better-defined areas of action, focusing on specialised areas of local and regional authorities (water, sanitation, heritage, cultural engineering, digital divide initiatives, vocational training).

3

WITH EMERGING COUNTRIES

Priority is given to innovation, sustainable development, climate-related initiatives and academic and economic cooperation within the framework of partnerships.

4

WITH EUROPEAN LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES AND MORE GENERALLY WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

France hopes to breathe new life into existing cooperation and twinning programmes via the sharing of best practices, partnerships with civil societies and economic cooperation. France is also developing methods that are appropriate for dealing with the situation of new neighbours and the Mediterranean space by further building momentum generated by cross-border cooperation.



INTERNATIONAL ACTION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES: THE CURRENT SITUATION

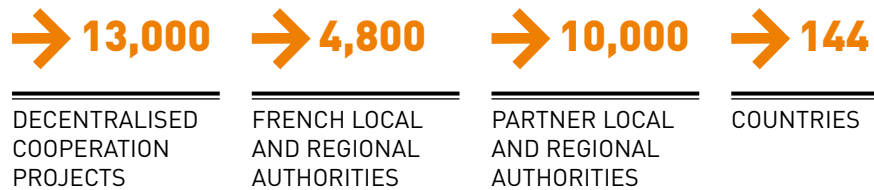


Heritage and urban governance: Veliko Turnovo (Bulgaria) / Bayonne (© ville de Veliko Turnovo)

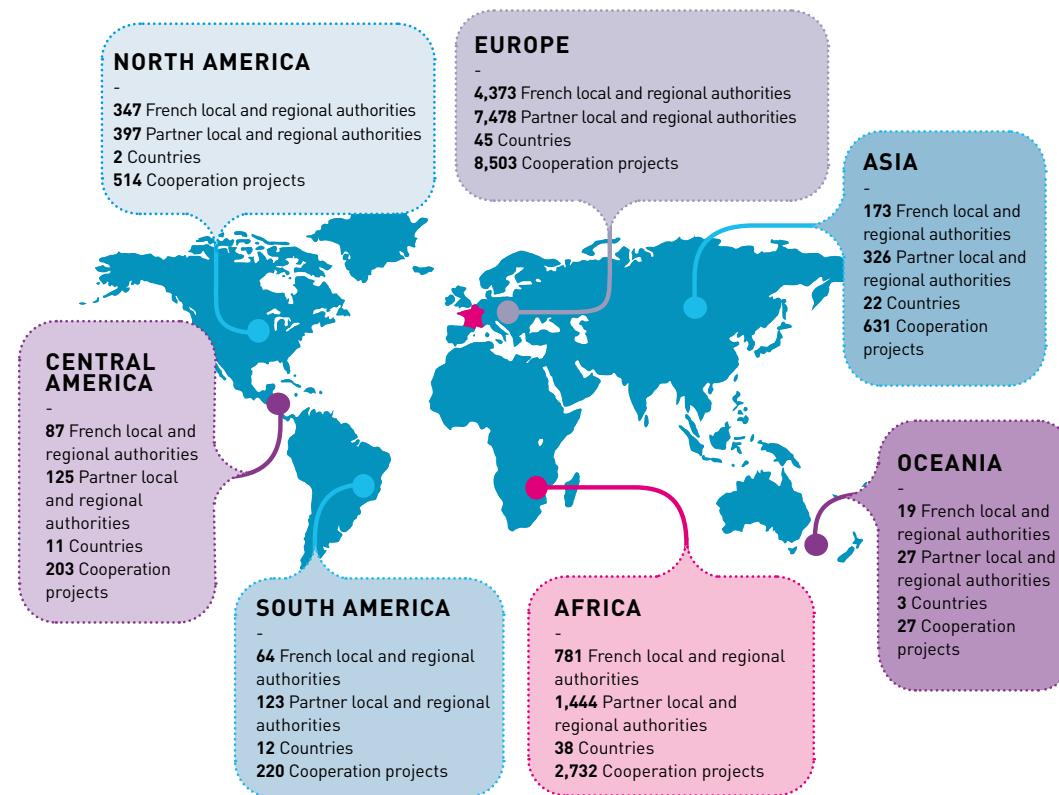


Access to drinking water in Niger - Dankassari/ Cesson-Sévigné (© Réseau Tarbiyya Tatali)

THE FIGURES



MAP OF DECENTRALISED COOPERATION



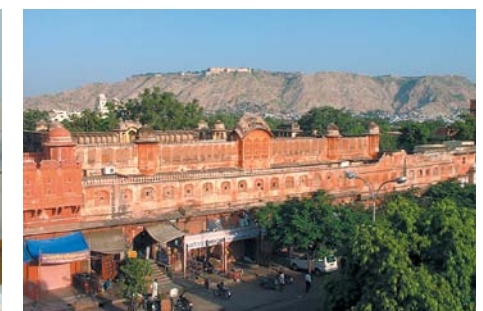
Green and fair economy in Burkina Faso (© Ministère des Affaires Étrangères)



Waste management in Mozambique - Maputo and Matola / Seine-Saint-Denis departmental council (© Conseil Général de Seine Saint-Denis)



Support for health professionals in Mongolia - Aimag of Uvurkhangai/Allier departmental council (© Association APAU)



Jaipur/Midi-Pyrénées region cooperation project (Palace of the Winds, Jaipur, © ANVPAH & VSSP)

THE DECENTRALISED COOPERATION PORTAL ON FRANCE DIPLOMATIE

News and tools designed to help all those involved in decentralised cooperation

LAUNCHED IN 2009 BY THE CNCD, the decentralised cooperation portal has become an inter-ministerial and multi-partner tool providing all those involved in decentralised cooperation current news and e-services. **It first and foremost helps make international action taken by local and regional authorities more visible and understandable.** It also improves the coherency of France's response to global issues, respecting the autonomy of local government management while seeking to improve efficiency and coordination through consultation and networking.

It is a reliable information resource that aims to raise awareness about decentralised cooperation. It provides a series of innovative digital tools (including the French Atlas of Decentralised Cooperation, a Project Exchange and a user-only professional space), **making it a valuable work resource and tool to exchange and pool information.**

A FRENCH ATLAS OF DECENTRALISED COOPERATION

The French Atlas of Decentralised Cooperation is basically a map of all international action taken by French local and regional authorities. A work and networking resource, the Atlas provides a detailed map of all decentralised cooperation projects, information and a set of practical services (information searches, online updates, data retrieval).

E-CALL FOR PROJECTS: ONLINE SUBMISSION AND PROCESSING PROCEDURE

Local and regional authorities, prefectures, embassies, ministries and agencies have user-only access to an area for online submission, consultation and management of calls for projects to support decentralised cooperation.

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REGIONAL AUTHORITIES, EMBASSIES, PREFECTURES, ASSOCIATIONS, MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES...

THIS IS YOUR PORTAL



NEWS AND AGENDA
Major events, legal news, co-financing projects, CNCD initiatives, etc.

THE 'CNCD A LA CARTE' EXTRANET: A PROFESSIONAL AREA FOR REGISTERED USERS

The CNCD extranet provides exclusive information and a series of strictly exclusive tools and services, including the possibility to save, view and manage your favourite news items, select and save maps from our Atlas of Decentralised Cooperation in your personal space, save any data you may have retrieved from the Atlas using the search engine in PDF format and manage your co-financing applications online.

A DECENTRALISED COOPERATION PROJECT EXCHANGE

The decentralised cooperation Project exchange is a platform for exchange that lists concrete project conducted by local and regional authorities in our partner countries that might interest French local and regional authorities. Detailed information is provided on each project, while an interactive country-specific map enables you to view the geographic location of local development projects seeking cooperation.

E-APD: ELECTRONIC DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Faster and simpler, the annual electronic declaration of local and regional authorities' official development assistance makes it easier to evaluate the efforts they are making in terms of development assistance, in international organisations. France is the only OECD member state to have switched to an electronic format for this data provision procedure, which facilitates the administrative tasks of local and regional authorities and provides more reliable data and automatically cross-referenced statistics.

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/cncd

FRENCH ATLAS OF DECENTRALISED COOPERATION

A tool to help make local government external action more coherent and effective



THE FRENCH ATLAS OF DECENTRALISED COOPERATION

is basically a map of all international action taken by French local and regional authorities including decentralised cooperation projects (such as twinning programmes) and all one-off projects and private initiatives. It currently includes close to 13,000 decentralised cooperation projects conducted by over 4,800 French local and regional authorities with over 10,000 local government partners from 144 countries.

The French Atlas of decentralised cooperation meets the readability and visibility requirements relating to local and regional authority initiatives.



THE CNCD ATLAS SERVES AS A SHOWCASE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND IS A VALUABLE TOOL FOR INFORMATION POOLING AND SYNERGY

INTERACTIVE MAP

The Atlas represents an interactive map of projects conducted by local or regional authority, region, department.

POWERFUL SEARCH ENGINE AND DATA RETRIEVAL

A powerful search engine at your fingertips: search by keyword, with multiple criteria (theme, funding, country, French region, town), search by cross-referenced data, map your search results in France and in the partner country and even save your maps in your personal space.

Recherche avancée

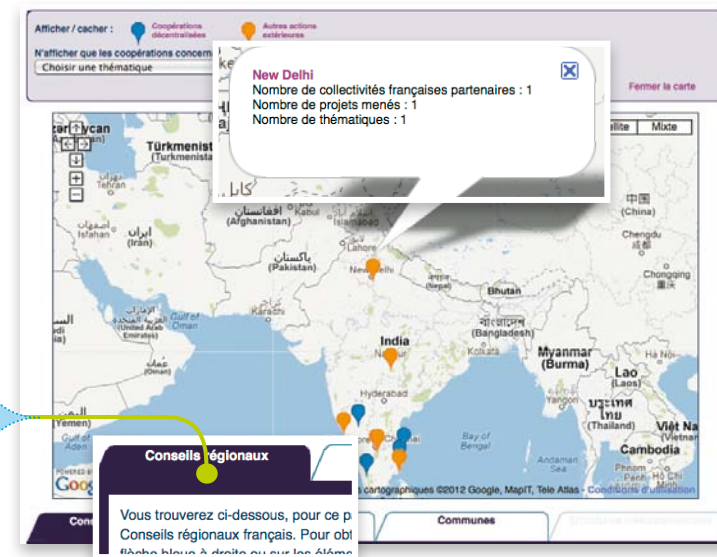


CURRENT SITUATION IN FIGURES

Globally, by continent or by country. You can also find official development assistance (by country, local or regional authority, region, department).

DETAILED LIST OF PROJECTS

The atlas enables users to search by continent, country, region, department or local or regional authority and provides detailed on-screen information on every project conducted (theme, objectives, description, background, context, funding, partners in France and in the partner country, contacts, volunteers for progress).



www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/cncd

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS CO-FINANCED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



ANNUAL AND TRIENNIAL CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs supports decentralised cooperation between French local and regional authorities and foreign local and regional authorities in the framework of agreements, based on the geographical and thematic priorities of national cooperation policy.

SPECIFIC FUNDS TO SUPPORT DECENTRALISED COOPERATION PROJECTS:

National-regional Fund - PACA region and Pays de la Loire region

Franco-Moroccan decentralised cooperation support fund

Franco-Tunisian decentralised cooperation support fund

Joint Franco-Quebec fund for decentralised cooperation to help Haiti.

JOINT CALLS FOR PROJECTS issued by countries to co-finance projects in emerging countries (Argentina, Brazil, India, Mexico, etc.)

A CALL FOR PROPOSALS WITH THE UNDP under the Art Gold ISI@MED (Information Society Initiative for the Mediterranean) programme.

IN TOTAL

NEARLY 350 PROPOSALS WERE CO-FINANCED IN 2011, AMOUNTING TO OVER 7 MILLION EUROS.

Priority areas of local and regional authorities include francophone Africa, China and South-East Asia. There is growing commitment in Latin America and new action in Portuguese- and English-speaking Africa.

PACT2: THEMATIC COOPERATION SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

PACT2 is a new programme that was launched in 2011 to award French local and regional authorities who are interested a three-year “international expertise” label based on clearly identified skills and expertise in a certain area of excellence.

EXPERTISE LABEL



WHO CAN APPLY?

Local and regional authorities or groups of local and regional authorities that can include different local partners (hospitals, universities, competitive clusters, associations).

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS TO THE DAECT

The application consists of three sections: **Description of the local authority's particular skills or expertise** (e.g. waste processing, project management) but also covering a wider range of activities (e.g. implementation of an Agenda 21 item). **Presentation of the local authority's important aspects** (interests, experiences, development). **Description of conditions for action** (time, geographic and working constraints).

PROCEDURE TO MOBILISE “INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE” LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Thematic cooperation missions are conducted at the initiative of a local or regional authority or at the request of a ministry or embassy. These missions can be short-term (attendance of seminars, one-off expert assignments) or longer-term (project management assistance) and do not include permanent support programmes for partner local and regional authorities.

Financing: Travel and accommodation expenses are covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the local authority provides the staff and any local partners or elected officials required to complete the mission. The call for expertise may also include hosting a foreign delegation seeking to benefit from the expertise of a French local or regional authority.

NEARLY 60 LABEL APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED

PROJECT EXCHANGE FOR DECENTRALISED COOPERATION

A decentralised cooperation project exchange presents cooperation and twinning requests from local and regional authorities in our partner countries. French embassies are in charge of managing this project exchange.

A TOOL TO HELP DEVELOP NEW DECENTRALISED COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES

This exchange also improves understanding of the demand among local and regional authorities in our partner countries when it comes to local development projects (urban development, heritage, sustainable development, local public services, water and sanitation, culture, education, health, etc.). It is a valuable tool to help develop new decentralised cooperation opportunities and can help local and regional authorities in Europe and developing countries to find a partner with the common goal of working together to improve the lives of their citizens.

Submitting a project to the project exchange does not involve any funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



WHY HAVE A DECENTRALISED COOPERATION PROJECT EXCHANGE?

The Decentralised Cooperation Exchange is a response to a request made at the Conference of Ambassadors held in 2007. Embassies regularly receive requests for decentralised cooperation with France and the exchange intends to help develop decentralised cooperation opportunities in certain countries where French local and regional authorities are not very or not at all present. France is the only country in the European Union to have a decentralised cooperation exchange.

THE DECENTRALISED COOPERATION EXCHANGE INVOLVES:

- 120 PROGRAMMES

SEEKING COOPERATION

- 95 FOREIGN

LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

- 34 COUNTRIES

SEEKING COOPERATION WITH A
FRENCH LOCAL AND REGIONAL
AUTHORITY

ELECTRONIC DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

As is the case every year, as part of the survey carried out by the Directorate-General of the Treasury and Economic Policy at the French Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry and by the OECD, all local and regional authorities are required under Article L. 1115-6 of the General Code to declare information relating to official development assistance electronically.

e-ODA
Electronic declaration of official
development assistance for local
and regional authorities

The results of this electronic declaration are taken into consideration by the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry and the OECD in an annual report on development-related cooperation, in which the amounts declared by the different local and regional authorities are stated.

It should also be noted that this electronic declaration is a requirement for co-financing from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The information has to be entered online using the electronic declaration from May to June each year.

WHO DOES THE ELECTRONIC DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) ALLOCATIONS TARGET?

It is aimed at all French local and regional authorities (regional councils, departmental councils, public bodies in the field of inter-communal cooperation and communes).

WHY DOES MY LOCAL AUTHORITY HAVE TO ELECTRONICALLY DECLARE ITS FUNDING?

Gathering financial information in this way helps gauge the efforts made on the part of local and regional authorities when it comes to development assistance.

Official development assistance of local and regional authorities was estimated at around €70 million in 2009-2010, nearly three-quarters of which went to the African continent.

THE MAIN PARTNERS: USEFUL ADDRESSES

ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUPS OF FRENCH AUTHORITIES

ADF

Assembly of French Departments
www.departement.org

AFCCRE

French Association of the Council of
European Communes and Regions
www.afccre.org/fr

AMF

Association of French Mayors
www.amf.asso.fr

AMGVF

Association of French Major
City Mayors
www.grandesvilles.org

ARF

Association of French Regions
www.arf.asso.fr

CUF

United Cities of France
www.cites-unies-france.org

THE UNITED CITIES OF FRANCE (CUF) PARTNERSHIP

An agreement between the CUF association and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs gives the association a leadership and coordination mission to promote and coordinate action by local and regional authorities involved in international cooperation. In practical terms, this collaboration involves the coordination of country and theme-specific groups, the organisation of various conferences and publications and the exchange of information relating to DAECT calls for proposals and plans submitted by French local and regional authorities.

REGIONAL SUPPORT STRUCTURES FOR DECENTRALISED COOPERATION

Since the mid-1990s, a number of French regions have put in place regional exchange, support and consultation programmes for decentralised cooperation and international solidarity, at the joint initiative of the national government and various local and regional authorities and/or associations. These networks receive financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/DAECT.

Alsace (Ircod, www.ircod.org),
Aquitaine (Cap Coopération, www.capcooperation.org),
Auvergne (Ceracoop, www.ceracoop.org),
Basse Normandie (Horizons Solidaires, www.horizons-solidaires.org),
Brittany (ABCIS, www.bretagne-solidarite-internationale.org),
Centre (Centraider, www.centraider.org),
Champagne-Ardenne (Reciproc, www.reciproc.fr),
Franche-Comté (Cercoop, www.cercoop.org),
Nord-Pas-de-Calais (Lianes Coopération, www.lianescooperation.org),
Poitou-Charentes (CASHPC, www.casi-poitou-charentes.org),
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (Resacts, www.resacts.com),
Rhône-Alpes (Résacoop, www.resacoop.org).

NETWORKS INVOLVED IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRANCOPHONE REGIONS (AIRF)

is an international organisation which represents regional powers; it currently has more than 146 members, who are themselves representatives of regional authorities in 27 different countries. The aim is to establish the exchange of information and experiences relating to their areas of expertise between members of the association.

www.regions-francophones.com

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRANCOPHONE MAYORS (AIMF)

is a network of local elected officials from 48 countries where French is the official language, the language of communication or a widely used language. An official association of the OIF (International Organisation of La Francophonie), it encourages the exchange of experiences, mobilises francophone regional expertise and funds development projects.

www.aimf.asso.fr

CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONAL

MISSION (MOT) is both an association and an interministerial organisation, responsible for providing operational assistance for cross-border projects. In 2011, for example, it funded the production of a vade mecum on the EGCC (European Grouping of Cross-border Cooperation) with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/DAECT.

www.espaces-transfrontaliers.eu

UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCLG)

is a global organisation that includes local and regional authorities and networks from 136 different countries.

The purpose of the organisation is to mobilise local action with a view to achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. The DAECT is involved in the activities of the UCLG and its Mediterranean Commission, the headquarters of which is located in Marseille.

www.cities-localgovernments.org

REGIONS UNITED/FORUM OF GLOBAL ASSOCIATIONS OF REGIONS (RU/FOGAR)

This organisation covers over 900 regions on five continents and promotes exchange between member regions and new rules of governance at global level, including regional level, ensuring that the voices of the regions are heard when it comes to globalisation.

www.regionsunies-fogar.org

EUROPEAN PLATFORM OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (PLATFORMA)

coordinates the voices of local and regional authorities in European institutions.

www.platforma-dev.eu

EUROPEAN DECENTRALISED COOPERATION PORTAL PUT IN PLACE BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

www.lra4dev.cor.europa.eu/portal/fr/Pages/welcome.aspx



MAIN NETWORKS: THEMATIC AND GEOGRAPHICAL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS AND REGIONS OF ART AND HISTORY AND TOWNS WITH PROTECTED AREAS (ANVPAH & VSSP)

The ANVPAH & VSSP incorporates over 170 towns and regions seeking to share their experiences in the field of heritage protection and promotion policy. An agreement signed with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs helped reinforce the presence of French local and regional authorities in the Balkans, Mali and India.

www.an-patrimoine.org

WATER SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME (PS-Eau)

A network of French and foreign organisations working to improve access to drinking water and sanitation in developing countries.

www.pseau.org

FUND FOR THE PROMOTION OF PRELIMINARY STUDIES, CROSS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES AND EVALUATIONS (F3E)

This association counts as members French NGOs, local and regional authorities and public health institutions and provides assistance in evaluating cooperation projects, producing guides and tools and organising exchange and training programmes.

www.f3e.asso.fr

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF TERRITORIAL SERVICE (CNFPT)

The National Centre for the Management of Territorial Service (CNFPT) is responsible for supporting all local officials in their statutory and professional development, partnering local and regional authorities and anticipating developments in public services so as to ensure appropriate training and an appropriate service offering in 2012.

www.cnfpt.fr

ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION (ARRICOD)

The past twenty or so years have seen an increase in positions relating to European and international affairs within devolved administrations. Since 1994, ARRICOD has contributed to research and ideas relating to developing international relations between local and regional authorities (cross-border, European and international solidarity-based cooperation, diplomacy on the part of the local and regional authorities) and the positions that are created as a result.

www.arricod.fr



FRENCH PARTNERSHIP FOR CITIES AND REGIONS (PFVT)

The PFVT brings together all French players involved in urban cooperation, including administrations, public establishments, local and regional authorities and elected officials' associations, urban development professionals, private companies, NGOs and academic research and training bodies. Its aim is to form a multi-player platform to exchange ideas and information and make the most of urban experiences and cooperation.

pfvt@afd.fr

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF URBAN PLANNING AGENCIES (FNAU)

This organisation comprises 53 public bodies responsible for studying and researching the construction and development of major French cities.

www.fnau.org

FRENCH FEDERATION OF REGIONAL NATURE PARKS

Various exchange and cooperation projects have been developed in Europe as well as Latin America (Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay), the Mediterranean region, Africa and Asia.

www.parc-naturels-regionaux.tm.fr

EUROMED CITIES NETWORK

A group of local and regional authorities at the heart of the EuroMediterranean dynamic.

www.reseau-euromed.org

ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN CITIES CULTURE (AEC)

A network specialising in heritage promotion.

www.avecnet.net

ILE-DE-FRANCE REGIONAL AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND NEW ENERGIES (ARENE)

Established in 1994, the ARENE, a body 'associated' with the Ile-de-France regional council, contributes to the implementation of sustainable development initiatives. It also supports local and regional authorities and regional players in their work, from prospecting and promoting innovation to providing information, raising awareness and organising workshops and forums.

www.arenidf.org

Five

French local and regional authorities on five continents

Cooperation/ Authorities

Sharing skills and expertise to promote sustainable and solidarity-based development

Coherence/ Coordination

Coordinating local government external action with national government initiatives

CNCD Commission/ Consultation

A platform for dialogue and consultation between local elected officials' associations and local government networks

Collaboration

Local elected officials' associations and local government networks for international solidarity

Contribution

Support for the decentralisation process and improving local governance



Convergence

A comprehensive, crosscutting, multi-level and multi-partner local approach

Knowledge

Exchange, transfer, pooling

Co-financing

National government financial support for decentralised local government cooperation projects

Communication/ Mapping

Making actions visible and understandable on the decentralised cooperation portal

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