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The "illegal camps/ slum clearance" newsletter gives an account of 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. To subscribe, unsubscribe, or send your contributions to initiatives in your territories, write us at: pointcontact.campements@developpement-durable.gouv.fr



Headlines

Allocation of "DIHAL" 2017 appropriations: priority given to the involvement of local authorities

Since 2012, in addition to the resources mobilised under common law (including overnight accommodation), an annual national package of appropriations (€ 3 million in 2017) is devoted specifically to supporting actions to dismantle illegal camps. The follow-up of these actions and the examination of requests for funding from the prefectures are carried out by the DIHAL in close collaboration with the Directorate-General for Social Cohesion (DGCS) and the Directorate for Housing, Urban Planning and Landscapes (DHUP). From 23 January to 5 April, the DIHAL conducted an annual cycle of exchanges with the relevant departments. Sixteen video conferences and two trips to the territories were conducted.

As regards the follow-up of the actions supported in 2016, the cycle of exchanges with the territories made it possible to confirm the continuation of the dynamics undertaken in application of the circular of 26 August 2012 and to report overall positive results in terms of integration and access to rights. According to an assessment that is still partial and provisional, thanks to the actions supported in

2016, more than 3,500 people have been able to access housing or accommodation, more than 1,700 children have attended school and more than 700 people have gained employment.

It also appears that certain territories are engaged in a multi-annual, global, partnership action aimed at dismantling illegal slums and camps. Some of these territories have achieved a complete resorption, such as Strasbourg and Maxéville in Meurthe-et-Moselle.

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Source: DIHAL

To achieve this objective, the commitment of local authorities and the quality and scope of their partnership with the State are key elements, as was seen in Strasbourg, Toulouse, Nantes, Dijon and Metz.

Following these exchanges, DIHAL proposed a distributions of 2017 appropriations dedicated to anticipating and supporting illegal camps and slum clearance. For this year, particular attention was paid not only to the results achieved in 2016 and

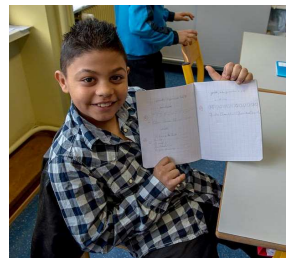
to the number of people living in encampments and slums, but also and especially to **whether or not there was a partnership strategy that involves local authorities**. Indeed, a dynamic management of these appropriations has been prioritised so that they fully play their role as a lever and catalyst. This is why clear support was given to territories where there was a local strategy with local authorities.



In the territories

Renewal of the Strasbourg Urban and Social Management Project (MOUS) to extend the accompaniment of the families coming from the encampments

On 7 April 2017, a steering committee of the Urban and Social Management Project (MOUS) took place in Strasbourg on slums. Through this MOUS, the city of Strasbourg was able to announce in November 2016 that there were no more slums in its territory. A new roadmap is proposed for 2017, in particular to provide a solution for families who are still housed in the integration areas of the City of Strasbourg, and to allow families who wish to return to Romania to do so.



Source: The city of Strasbourg

Portraits from the MOUS report in Strasbourg

To watch: a documentary on slum clearance in Strasbourg: "Why can't they be integrated?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0bGK4aOO14>



DIHAL news

Training for the facilitation of French-language learning workshops for parents

On 31 May 2017, DIHAL is organising a training day on French-language learning workshops built around parenthood. This day is aimed at **professionals and volunteers who provide French language courses to adults living in slums**. An online registration tool is available.

To register, please visit: <https://www.inscription-facile.com/form/jvTvouoqJJyfve0x8vle>

Establishment of working groups on "early marriages" in slums

Following the meeting of 8 March on the presentation of two reports on the issue of early marriages among slum populations (see Newsletter No. 25), DIHAL is organising three thematic working groups on the following dates:

- **18 May:** "Childhood protection" group (informing and raising awareness among professionals in departmental and municipal services and strengthening worrying information is handled).

- **16 May:** "Prevention and information for young people and their parents" group.
- **23 May:** "Training of professionals" group (Youth Judicial Protection Service, police, social workers, educators).

These groups bring together experts and professionals, while respecting the diversity of actors (local authorities, the State, operators and associations).

Arrival of Alexandre Viscontini, labour and employment advisor

Alexandre Viscontini took up his duties at DIHAL on 10 April 2017, as an advisor on labour and employment issues. In this capacity, he will participate in the work of the "illegal camps and slums" division, in particular in connection with the DGEFP (the French General Delegation for Employment and Vocational Training), the DIRRECTEs (French Regional Directorates for Enterprise, Competition, Consumer Affairs, Labour and Employment), the Opcalia project and the integration through economic activity, in support of actors in the field.



Europe / International

11th meeting of the contact points organised by the European Commission

On 23 and 24 March, the 11th meeting of the national contact points of the European Framework for Roma Inclusion was held in Brussels, organised by the European Commission in Brussels. The meeting, which was chaired by the new Head of Unit, Szabolcs Schmidt, had an agenda for the mid-term review of the Framework for Roma Inclusion and a reflection on the evolution of this framework after 2020.

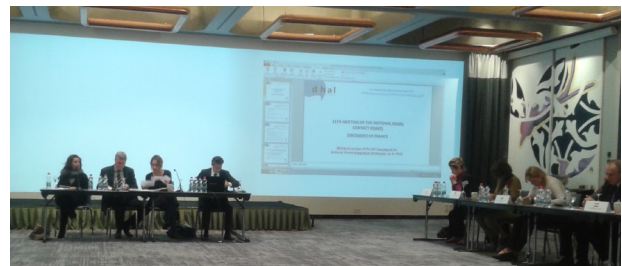
The meeting was an opportunity for DIHAL to present France's position on the inclusion of Roma to its partners, in particular the fact that the French State cannot carry out ethnic statistics or set up public policies on the basis of ethnic criteria. However, France wishes to continue the fruitful dialogue that

Publication of the DIHAL 2015-2016 activity report

The DIHAL has published a 2015-2016 activity report, which reviews the results obtained in previous years on all DIHAL missions.

[View the activity report brochure](#)

has taken place with its European partners and the European Commission, explaining that it is possible to promote policies for the integration of very marginalised populations, in particular those who live in slums. It also calls for a common framework with a clear focus on marginalised and migrant European populations.



DIHAL presents the French position at the points of contact meeting

The 4th CAHROM meeting on the draft recommendation for improving Roma and Travellers' access to justice in Europe

The 4th meeting of the working group of members of CAHROM (Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers' Issues) on improving Roma and Travellers' access to justice in Europe was held in Paris on 10 April. The process of preparing this recommendation was launched in 2016 to combat anti-Gypsyism and direct or indirect discrimination, in particular in access to justice in Europe. This meeting provided an opportunity to finalise the

project, taking into account the latest comments and proposals from the Member States of the Council of Europe, notably Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands and Greece. The Draft Recommendation should be validated at the next CAHROM meeting in Prague in May.

Review of ROMED's operational programme

The seminar on the ROMED operational programme co-piloted by the Council of Europe and the European Commission was held in Brussels on 28 March. Participants included envoys, members of the Commission and the Council, representatives of Member States, ROMED national teams, and Roma mediators.

Between 2011 and 2017, the programme has trained approximately 1,500 mediators in 22 countries and 500 municipalities.

A detailed report is available in English only at the following address: <http://coe-romed.org/content/resource-3441>



Network / Partners

Meeting with the “La voix des Roms”

On 3 April, DIHAL received Diane Brossard from the association “La voix des Roms” (Voice of the Roma), who requested an interview to present the association’s work, which is made up of

three divisions: a Roma legal assistance division, a community actions division and an analysis division, which produces studies on individual cases.

Informal exchange with the French National Consultative Commission of Human Rights (CNCDH)

On 31 March, the DIHAL participated in an informal hearing before the French National Consultative Commission of Human Rights (CNCDH) on the recommendations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) with a delegation

of several administrations. DIHAL was able to respond to the various questions and recommendations of the ESCR Committee concerning the evacuation of slums and the evaluation of the inter-ministerial circular of 26 August 2012.



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

Anti-Roma racism, the fight against racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia was denounced in the report of the French National Consultative Commission of Human Rights.

The French National Consultative Commission of Human Rights (CNCDH) has published its report on the fight against racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia. This report highlights that the tolerance index has not declined in France since 2014 (in other words, prejudice is falling in France). This study focuses on anti-Roma racism and indicates that people who feel that Roms do not want to integrate in France has decreased from 77% in 2014 to 54.3% in 2016.

[Consult the "Essentials" of the CNCDH 2017 Report](#)

A European anti-Gypsyism alliance

Associations that wish to do so can be part of the "anti-Gypsyism alliance" to combat anti-Roma racism.

www.antigypsyism.eu

The “Integration through Education and Employment” (I2E) scheme in Lyon on the TV network France 3

<http://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/auvergne-rhone-alpes/rhone/st-genis-ollieres-vie-du-village-insertion-1224473.html>



School mediation: the many functions of school mediation

The Federation of Associations for Supporting the Education of Gypsy Children in Difficulty (FASET) has published a series of videos on the theme "Pathways to Educational and Social Mediation". Watch the first episode on school mediation with the Roma - What is mediation?.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGPz9CxePhg>