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The “**illegal camps/ slum clearance**” newsletter gives an account of DIHAL’s (the French Interdepartmental Delegation for Accommodation and Access to Housing) 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 us contributions about initiatives carried out in your area, write to us at:

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## Headlines

### A new impetus for clearance of illegal camps and slums: publication of the Government Instruction of 25 January 2018

In an instruction of 25 January 2018 sent to Prefects, the Government has set up a new framework of action for public bodies concerning illegal camps and slums. Based on local experiences that have proved effective, the Government has decided to relaunch this policy by affirming **the principles of humanity and respect for the laws of the Republic and by setting a requirement for efficiency, with the aim of permanently reducing the number of such slums**. To reach this objective, the Prefects are asked to implement **territorial strategies for slum clearance**, involving all stakeholders concerned in their territory. These strategies must be based on **programmes of insertion in France within a contractual framework, a reminder of**

**respect for the laws of the Republic and actions for transnational cooperation with the countries of origin of the populations**. As shown by the signing of this circular by eight ministers (Interior, Justice, Europe and Foreign Affairs, Cohesion of Territories, Solidarity and Health, Employment, National Education, Gender Equality), the action must be global, that is, relating at one and the same time to **access to rights** (accommodation, healthcare, education, employment, etc.) as well as **child protection, women’s rights, the fight against crime and against people trafficking, respect for public order and for legal residency**.

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### AN EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE NEW INSTRUCTION

Next 29 March, DIHAL is organising its 61st workshop at the Assemblée Nationale, from 9 am to 1 pm, in partnership with UNICEF France and with the support of Sandrine Mörch, MP for Haute-Garonne on the theme of “Slum clearance: why should we do it?”. The aim is to stimulate action in line with the new instruction, by identifying and highlighting the reasons for taking action to clear slums.

Programme and registration [here](#)



(continued from page 1). It must include measures to prevent illegal camps and slums being set up again. This action must necessarily involve the local communities concerned, whose commitment is essential, as shown by the examples of Strasbourg and Toulouse which have significantly reduced the number of slums in their area. This new instruction from the Government is the result of development work which brought together representatives of the local communities, decentralised State services, associations, providers, researchers and stakeholders in the local area. DIHAL is responsible for monitoring the implementation of this circular and from now on is committed to its mobilisation. On the 5th, 12nd and 13rd of February, the DIHAL has respectively brought together the inter-ministerial steering committee, the national monitoring group and the relevant Departments.



Meetings to present the new instruction to the partners in February 2018

In April will be set up a national committee to monitor territorial strategies for slum clearance.

Link to the text of the instruction [here](#)



## Regional news

### Île-de-France: The Regional Health Agency (ARS in its French acronym) is conducting a vaccination campaign against measles in illegal camps and slums

Faced with the increase in the number of cases of measles in France in 2017 (between 1 December 2016 and 30 November 2017 France declared 497 cases, which made it the 5th country in Europe in terms of the number of cases declared), and with the extension of an epidemic that was already very prevalent in several European countries (in particular Romania, Italy, Germany and Greece), the Regional Health Agency of Île-de-France decided to reinforce its actions to encourage vaccination against this disease in the course of 2018. This is a very contagious viral disease - a sick person can spread the disease to 10-15 people who have not previously been immunised. Furthermore, it may give rise to complications leading to death, especially in children. For these reasons and to prevent contagion, the ARS launched a vaccination campaign in January, aimed at people

living in slums, who are particularly exposed to the disease and its complications. This action is built around a **partnership approach between the ARS, its Departmental delegations, the Prefecture of the Île-de-France, the Departmental Prefectures, local stakeholders and the Red Cross operating on the ground.** This campaign will be the subject of a regular quantitative and qualitative report, and of a more in-depth evaluation some time after the campaign **It is essential for the success of the operation that those working on the ground in the slum areas, as well as the inhabitants themselves, should be the bridges on which this campaign is built, and should work closely, if they do not already do so, with the team from the Red Cross.**

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### End of the second language training session under the POEC in Ile-de-France

After an initial trial undertaken from October 2016 to January 2017, on the initiative of DIHAL and OPCALIA, DIHAL and the Prefecture of the Region decided to widen their approach, aiming to use the POEC ("Collective training for employment") for slum-dwellers by launching a second training session at the end of 2017 with Uniformation. Training was completed on 20 December 2017 for the AFPA centres of Stains, Paris and Saint-Ouen l'Aumône and on 23 January 2018 for the Astrolabe



Closing meeting of the training at Fontenay-sous-Bois

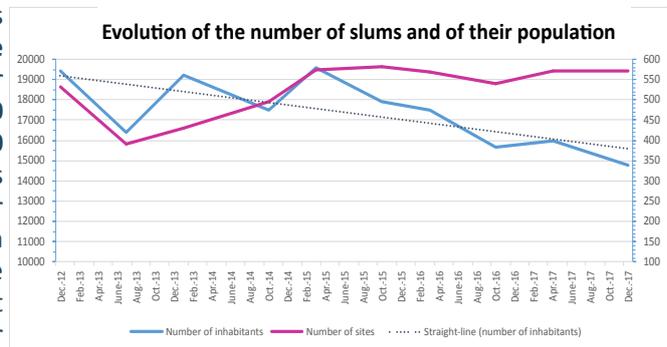
centre at Fontenay-sous-Bois. The figures for the results to date are generally positive, with **over 50% entering the workplace: out of 49 people registered for training 26 were able to find a job, and 23 are actively looking or taking complementary language training,** which proves their determination. This initiative triggered a strong dynamic in terms of partnership and is creating a real opportunity to promote the inclusion of people who live in the camps of Île-de-France.



## DIHAL news

### Tenth national report on illegal camps and slums

In February DIHAL is publishing its tenth national report on illegal camps and slums. The results of this investigation confirm **the downward trend in the number of people living in the camps**. In December 2017 there were therefore **approximately 14,800 people living in slums compared to almost 16,000 in April 2017** and almost 20,000 in March 2015. This figure of 14,800 people living in slums is at the lower end of the variation since 2012, that is, between 15,000 and 20,000 people. Moreover, this decrease is occurring in a context of constant improvement in efforts to carry out a census, shown in particular by the increase in the number of Departments declaring for the first time. These were Ain, Doubs, Indre-et-Loire, Savoie and Manche. The number of sites remains stable (around 570), which marks a trend in the average size of sites towards the camps being smaller. Also notable is **the significant reduction in the number of people in camps in certain Departments which have managed to set up voluntary and partnership policies** to support people with the aim of integrating them.



For instance, in Haute-Garonne, after a 25% decrease in the number of people living in slums and squats between October 2016 and April 2017, the number of inhabitants has therefore once more decreased, this time by 49% (-300 people).

Link to census [here](#)

### Visits to Nantes and Grenoble

On 21 December last, during a visit to Nantes, Sylvain Mathieu, inter-ministerial delegate for accommodation and access to housing, met Johanna Rolland, Mayor of Nantes, and representatives of the 27 districts of the Nantes conurbation as part of the implementation of local urban and social project management. This was an opportunity to recall national approaches to slum clearance and to respond to the main requests that have been made, in particular concerning the possibility of providing security and sanitation on private land and of using the CEOPs.

DIHAL also went to Grenoble on 23 January to meet all the stakeholders involved in the conduct of the MOUS (Urban and Social Project Management) for slum clearance in the city; Matthieu Tupin, Managing Director of the Grenoble-Alpes conurbation together with the CCAS (Municipal Centre for Social Action) of the City of Grenoble, responsible for this MOUS, and the association working to promote support into employment. A site visit to Rondeau also took place, as well as a meeting with families housed over a more widespread area.

### Meeting with the General Direction for Education

On 12 January, DIHAL undertook a review with the Schools Offices of the Education Board of Management. Because of their education often being incomplete and disrupted, the service for children who are very vulnerable must take account of their specific needs. It would be beneficial, in the education authorities

particularly concerned, to encourage training in local initiatives at the level of each establishment or in a network of schools, in order to support the teams of educators (fighting discrimination, specially adapted apprenticeship routes).

### DIHAL participates in a Canopé network workshop on "School and the slums"

On 30 and 31 January, Dihal took part in the "School and the slums" days organised by the Canopé network, a creative network for educational support, and the Education Authority Centre for the education of newly-arrived non-French speaking students (CASNAV in its French acronym) in Lille, for education professionals working for the local authority. The Government's

Instruction of 25 January 2018 was presented at this event. These days also made it possible to present the "Passerelles (= Gateway)" mechanism intended for school students who had previously received very little school education or none at all.

Link to the programme for these days [here](#)



## Europe/International

### Universal Periodic Review of France at the UN Human Rights Council

On 15 January, France was audited in Geneva under the Universal Periodic Review before the United Nations Human Rights Council, an exercise where a country responds to observations and recommendations made by its peers. The French delegation was led by the Human Rights ambassador, François Croquette. Some of these questions concerned the living conditions of the Roma

people and respect for their rights, which allowed the ambassador to highlight the action undertaken to promote insertion and access to common law for slum-dwellers and Travellers.

Link to replay the audit [here](#)



## Partnerships/Networks

### Meeting with the ACINA Association

DIHAL met the ACINA team on 26 January in Val d'Oise and visited a site in Cergy. ACINA keeps watch over all the sites of the Department. It has mapped, specifying the date they were set up, the type of habitation (squat, hut, caravan), the number of occupants, the professions of the people, the number of vulnerable people. The association carries out diagnoses which it extends to general support (social and into employment) for some thirty families



housed in hotels. It also holds weekly surgeries in partnership with the CCAS of Cergy. To date, 55 people have found employment on fixed-term and permanent contracts and in training and 5 families have been housed.

Visit to the Cergy site, Val d'Oise, with the ACINA association

### Meeting with the Reconnect Association

Dihal met on 7 February with the Reconnect association which has developed a solidarity cloud solution enabling the storage and safe sharing of the personal data of very vulnerable people, a solution that appears well-suited to slum-dwellers. Among the working pathways evoked, were information

from Dihal to these partners to explain the application, especially to providers, the inclusion of a presentation sheet in the DIHAL manual, and the development of a Romanian translation of the Reconnect interface.

Link to the Reconnect site [here](#)

### Romcivic spin-off with the association "Les Enfants du Canal (The Canal Children)"

Dihal met on 2 February with the team of the Enfants du Canal responsible for the spin-off of the Romcivic model supported by "France commits". Dihal will in particular

ensure links with its representatives in the territories. The Enfants du Canal were invited **to work for the participation of people in the slum clearance policy.**



## Without comment ... and without prejudice Review of the subjects covered on the Internet and in the press

An article on school refusal in Sucy-en-Brie  
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A research article on life after the slums  
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The 25 January 2018 circular in the press: accelerating the clearing of illegal camps and slums  
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A report by Armandine Penna on France 24  
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At Rezé, near Nantes, the challenge of integrating the Roma  
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Presentation of the book "Amadora, a gypsy child" by Dominique Simonnot  
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Île-de-France CEOP training in the press  
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