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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

9th national survey of illegal camps, large squatter settlements and slums

Since 2012, the DIHAL has produced a **national survey of encampments, slums and large squatter settlements in France** every six months. This census is based on the feedback from the DIHAL’s departmental correspondents. It does not provide data on the ethnic origin of populations. The results of the 9th national survey, which was launched in April 2017, include data on roughly **16,000 people** dwelling within **571 sites** in mainland France. **The number of minors** is known for two-thirds of the illegal camps, where this population accounts for **more than a third of the inhabitants**.

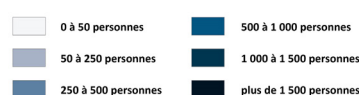
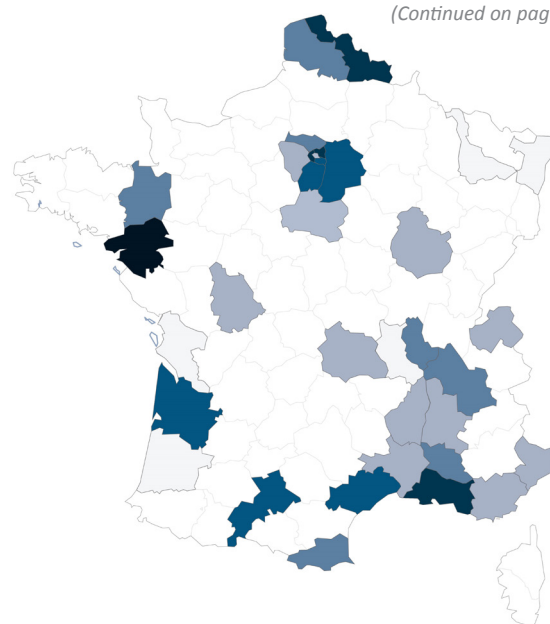
38% of all illegal camp residents in France live in the Ile-de-France region, where 20% of the sites included in the census are located. The **five most affected departments** account for about **45% of people included in the census**. The Loire-Atlantique and Seine-Saint-Denis departments comprise 12% and 9% of the enumerated population throughout the country respectively. The Bouches-du-Rhône, the Nord and the Hauts-de-Seine departments each comprise about 8% of the census population.

The number of inhabitants living in encampments, slums and squatter settlements has remained **stable overall** since 2012, **ranging from 15,000 to 19,000** people. This new census shows a marginal increase

of 2.5% compared to the last one in November 2016.

Several departments experienced increases. The Loire-Atlantique department experienced

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Territorial distribution of the census population

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a 12% increase in the population (reaching a total of 1,974 people in April 2017). In several departments, the increase can be explained by **changes in methodology** (e.g., better knowledge on the ground, more thorough diagnosis, etc.), such as in the departments of Var, Vaucluse and Hérault.

Declines in some departments make it possible to emphasise **the continuation of the clearance strategy**, such as in Haute-Garonne (a decrease of 25% with 611 people enumerated).

[See the full memorandum "April 2017 census".](#)



In the territories

Feedback from the Integration through Employment and Education (I2E) scheme in the Rhône department: an example of co-financing with the State and European funds

The Integration through Employment and Education (I2E) scheme was set up by the Rhône prefecture in 2015 as part of an approach to anticipate and prepare for the dismantling of three main slums in the Lyon metropolitan area. This arrangement **resettled some forty households (180 people) in two integration villages (Saint-Genis-Les-Ollières and Saint-Priest) as well as six families in individual homes in Villeurbanne and Vaulx-en-Velin.**

This ambitious rehousing and follow-up scheme centres around three different axes: literacy, comprehensive social support and professional insertion. **Co-financed by the State, the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Regional and Economic Development Fund (ERDF),** this action underscores the need to mobilise all European and national actors in the slum clearance policy. **The State contributes up to 60%, while the European funds contribute 40% of the financing.**

The results obtained are very encouraging. Nearly all children attend school. 80% of the households supported in the integration villages by the

association Habitat et Humanisme have benefited from measures that support employment (e.g., recruitment interviews, open-ended contracts, fixed-term contracts, etc.).

A MOUS (Urban and Social Management) project is scheduled to launch in 2017 to improve the coordination of all actors on the ground.

> [To find out more: DIRECCTE's article](#)

> [Article on the I2E scheme in Témoignage Chrétien](#)



A family in the I2E scheme

Source: DIRECCTE

The Romcivic programme steering committee for the Les Enfants du Canal association

The Les Enfants du Canal association held its steering committee for the Romcivic programme on 31 May 2017, which was attended by Jérôme Normand, project manager at the prefecture of the Ile-de-France region and the DIHAL. The positive effects on the professional insertion of young people from slums in the civic service were commended. In 2016, the scheme welcomed **35 young volunteers in the civic service. This enabled 860 actions to be carried out among families living in slums.**

The project supporting and helping the schooling of children living in slums has allowed 83 children to be followed up, with more than 360 school support actions carried out in 2016.

Based on the results obtained by the Les Enfants du Canal, DIHAL will organise a workshop **on 14 September to encourage access to the civic service for young people living in slums.**



Dihal news

Assessment of the experiment conducted in partnership with OPCALIA: a springboard for professional insertion

The DIHAL recently carried out a full assessment of the OPCALIA* experimental scheme in conjunction with an Operational Preparation for Collective Employment (POE-C) with the aim of promoting the

integration and professional insertion of people living in slums. Fully funded by OPCALIA, this experiment welcomed **14 unemployed adults from European Union Member States** living in illegal

* Inter-branch and inter-professional accredited joint collection body (OPCA)

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camps and having jobseekers status. Of the 14 trainees (guided by the ADOMA, ACINA and Les Enfants du Canal operators) who participated in the training, **2 trainees secured a fixed-term contract** in the laundry sector, **4 were guided towards qualifying training** in the construction and green spaces industry, **4 were guided towards an**

integration company (3 of which were recruited by Humando) and 4 improved their level of French through French for Foreigners (FLE) courses in order to pursue their integration into the labour market under the best conditions. A new group of trainees should benefit from this scheme in the autumn.

Two Harvard students at the DIHAL to conduct research on slums

The DIHAL is hosting two Harvard University students this summer, Cassandra Agbayani and Emilé Radytè, both of whom are conducting qualitative research on slum clearance policies and practices in France. One student is examining the different pathways to integration and empowerment of marginalized communities. The other student is focusing on stakeholder coordination and policy impact within the framework of the 26 August 2012 circulaire. On June 20, a research seminar was held at Sciences Po for other Harvard University students investigating issues related to "Roma" inclusion in France. The purpose of the seminar was to provide a high-level overview of the history and current situation of

slums and illegal settlements in France as well as to introduce organizations actively working to address this issue.



Seminar at Sciences Po with Harvard students



Europe / International

13th meeting of the CAHROM (Council of Europe expert group) in Prague

The DIHAL, represented by Manuel Demougeot, participated in the 13th meeting of CAHROM from 1 to 3 June 2017 in Prague. At the request of the Council of Europe, two presentations were made by France: one on the latest developments concerning Travellers, in particular the Equality and Citizenship Act, which made it possible to repeal the statutory provisions specific to the Act of 3 July 1969; the other on the launch of a working group on early marriages. In addition, part of the debate was devoted to the care of the newly arrived "Roma" migrant populations. The DIHAL welcomed the inclusion of this theme in the agenda and **underscored the need to specifically address the issue of the mobility of marginalised intra-European populations**, separately from that

of Roma populations in general. Several countries, notably Spain, Italy and Great Britain, gave a favourable response to the importance of the transnational outlook on this subject. **The next CAHROM meeting will be held in Strasbourg from 24 to 27 October.**



CAHROM meeting in Prague

Meeting with the actors of the EU Roma network in Madrid

On 6 and 7 June, the DIHAL participated in the EU Roma network. Launched in 2007 with the joint initiative of the Fundación Secretariado Gitano (FSG), a Spanish NGO responsible for the development and monitoring of policies and projects aimed at gypsies since the end of the 1960s, **the network brings together 15 countries** on the basis of a dual representation of the national focal point for Roma inclusion and the ESF managing authority.

The objective of the network is to **share expertise and experience on ESF mobilisation**, as well as lobbying the European Commission. Steps have been taken to extend the network to new members (Germany, France, Ireland), and to set out lines of action for the post 2020 period, which will correspond to both a new ESF programme and a new period for national Roma integration strategies. [Visit the EU Roma Network website](#)



Network / Partners

Series of meetings with associations on slum clearance guidelines

In the past few weeks, the DIHAL has met with several partner associations to take stock of slum clearance actions. These meetings were also an opportunity to discuss the strategy to be followed in the years to come in order to achieve the objectives set. In particular, the DIHAL met with:

- > **The Abbé Pierre Foundation** on 6 June 2017, represented by Florian Huyghe;
- > **Amnesty International** on 12 June 2017, in particular with Julie Heslouin in order to take stock of certain territorial actions (notably in Montpellier, Toulouse and Rezé);

> **Romeurope** on 13 June 2017, represented by Umberto Guerra, Marcel Courthiade and Vanko Dauvergne-Rouda at the INALCO premises; this meeting provided an opportunity to better understand the missions and objectives of the association;

> **Médecins du Monde and the Romeurope National Human Rights Collective** on 14 June 2017, represented by Mathieu Quinette and Manon Fillonneau respectively, to discuss the slum clearance strategy and remind everyone of the situation in Toulouse.

Meeting with the Association Ecole et Famille (School and Family Association)

On 9 June 2017, DIHAL met with the Association Ecole et Famille, which develops training initiatives for networking between all educational players in a territory. The DIHAL will follow the collaboration

between the Association Ecole et Famille and the Toulouse, Lyon, Marseilles and Nantes Local Education Authorities, in favour of the schooling of children living in slums.

Working meeting with the Habitat et Humanisme Association

On 24 May 2017, the DIHAL met with the Habitat et Humanisme Association, represented by Lionel Pourtau, from the "Entreprendre pour humaniser le dépendance" ("Entrepreneurship to humanise

addiction") division. Habitat et humanisme operates the two integration villages in the Lyon suburbs (I2E) and wishes to develop offers in other territories.



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

The inauguration of the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC) in Berlin:

<http://www.coe.int/fr/web/portal/-/the-european-roma-institute-for-arts-and-culture-launches-in-berl-1>

Suspension by the administrative tribunal in summary proceedings of a decree concerning an encampment in Bobigny:

<http://www.leparisien.fr/bobigny-93000/bobigny-un-sursis-pour-les-familles-du-campement-rom-09-06-2017-7035054.php>

Find out more about RomArchiv, the digital archive of Roma culture and art:

<https://blog.romarchive.eu/>



Publication of the book "De l'accueil à l'autonomie" ("From reception to autonomy") by the Roma community of Gardanne on the action carried out on the Puits Z encampment:

[Follow this link to find out more about the book](#)