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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: pointcontact.campements@developpement-durable.gouv.fr



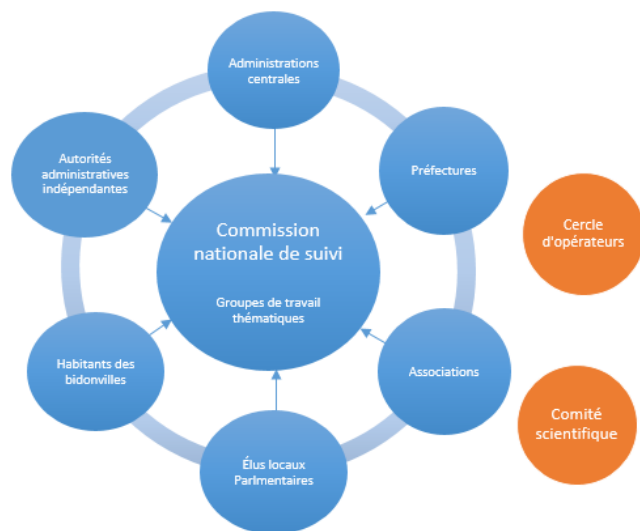
Headlines

A new circular on slums, but what’s next?

Focus on the national scheme established by DIHAL for monitoring slum clearance

The instruction of 25 January 2018 aiming to give new impetus to the clearance of slums sets out a new framework for action by public authorities, with a **new ambitious goal: a sustainable reduction in the number of slums and the number of people living in them**. The challenge is to bring together and mobilise the stakeholders involved in the application of this circular. This was one of the goals of the workshop which was held on 29 March at the National Assembly (see boxed text on page 2). The challenge is also to strengthen support for the territories and to consolidate the monitoring of progress of field activities. Under the terms of this instruction, DIHAL, on the basis of the work that it has already undertaken, is in charge of this monitoring. To this end, it will set up a national monitoring system which is focused on 3 areas:

1. - **updated bodies for management, consultation and sharing of best practices**: by this summer DIHAL will establish a **national commission for monitoring slum clearances**, consisting of around forty people representing central government, administrative centres, local and national elected representatives, associations, independent administrative authorities and slum inhabitants. It will be responsible for monitoring



the progress of territorial strategies, measuring progress made towards the clearances goal and making recommendations for action. It will meet 3 to 4 times a year. This commission will decide on the creation of **thematic working groups** in order to regularly monitor a specific aspect of the clearance policy

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(for example, the mobilisation of European funds, education, employment, support on the sites and sanitation, the fight against discrimination, transnational cooperation, etc.) or promptly shed some light on a matter (the issue of early marriages, for

example) in order to make technical recommendations. DIHAL will also regularly bring together a group of operators to enable the exchange of best practices and the funding and construction of support models.

Finally, a scientific committee consisting of around ten researchers and experts will be dedicated to observing and evaluating existing actions.

2. - a reinforced tool for monitoring and evaluating clearance operations :

the monitoring of actions supported by DIHAL will be consolidated thanks to

the annual funding of 3 million Euros. To this end, in March DIHAL entrusted an assignment to Eliette de Lamartinie, an engineering student of bridges, water and forests, who will work at the end of June.

3. – a resources and support unit for territories :

DIHAL's "slums clearance" division has been strengthened with the arrival of a project manager, Sophie Jacquemont, whose responsibilities include establishing and managing a resources and support unit for territories which will meet stakeholders' technical requirements, providing them with a database available on the extranet and offering awareness and training modules. Support for territories and monitoring will also result in regular site visits.

Workshop on 29 March: "Slum clearance: why take action?"



On 29 March the 61st DIHAL workshop on "Slum clearance: why take action?" was held at the National Assembly in partnership with UNICEF France. The next issue of the Newsletter will cover this event which brought together over 200 people, including operators, elected representatives and State representatives. Several people who lived in slums and who came from Toulouse, Lyon and Strasbourg, as well as Amadora Lingurar, took part. Highlights of the event can already be found on Twitter, on the DIHAL and Unicef France accounts or using the hashtag #BidonvillesPourquoiAgir [#SlumsWhyTakeAction].
Twitter link here



In the territories

Assessment of family support operations in Triel-sur-Seine (Yvelines)

At the end of 2013 the SOLIHA association was commissioned by the State and the Departmental directorate for social cohesion of Yvelines to implement a MOUS integration, focused on comprehensive and individualised social support (access to rights, school attendance, healthcare pathway, access to employment). Since 2015, mobilisation around access to employment has gained momentum, notably through a partnership with DEFI services, an intermediary association contracted by the State as a social enterprise. SOLIHA has also accompanied youths to the local mission

[community aid project for young people] to help them deepen their knowledge of the French language and the job market. **For known families, since 2013 45 out of 51 people identified as being able to have access to a job achieved this objective between 2015 and 2016.** This approach guarantees the opening of a file at the Family allowances fund and medical coverage and represents an important means for gaining more autonomy in terms of administrative procedures, the approach and appropriate behaviour in the professional world.

Launch of the third language training session for jobseekers living in slums in Île-de-France

Following the overall positive assessment (more than 50% found work) of the second training session which finished at the end of December, the regional prefectures, DIHAL, OPCA Uniformation and Paris City Hall decided to renew and expand the system of operational preparation for employment (POEC) for inhabitants of illegal slums in Ile de France. Following a phase of candidate selection by partner

associations, six training sessions, each consisting of 15 people, will begin in April in the AFPA (Paris, Stains) and ASTROLABE (Fontenay-sous-Bois) training centres. **Two sessions have been specially designed for the illiterate members of the public in order to address the problems of people living in slums more effectively.**

Dialogue with the territories as part of the 2018 distribution of funds from the national budget dedicated to slums clearance

Since 2013, an annual national appropriations budget has been specifically dedicated to support territorial operations to clear slums and to help support their inhabitants to become integrated. The government has decided to renew this budget of 3 million Euros for the year 2018 to support the implementation of the new instruction of 25 January 2018. **A note from DIHAL was sent out at the beginning of March to all of the prefects inviting them to put forward their requests for funding before 13 April. Regarding territories that received funding in 2017, the monitoring of supported actions is carried out in the context of video conference exchanges.** Requests for funding will be reviewed from mid-April and the territories will be notified about the funding that they will be granted at the beginning of May.



Video conference with Haute-Garonne on 6 April 2018

T h i s budget is only a part of the total funding for these operations (other funding may come from the State, regional authorities, the European Union or from the private sector). It is intended to play a leveraging role to mobilise other funding and act as a catalyst for engaging local partnerships.

Strengthening the “slums clearance” division

The “slums clearance” division team has been strengthened with **the arrival of a project manager, Sophie Jacquemont**, who joins two interns, Rym Khedjari and Walid Rahmouni as well as Béatrice Dupoux, education and children’s rights advisor and Manuel Demougeot, division director and chief of staff at DIHAL. Alexandre

Viscontini, advisor employed to take action on professional integration issues, and until **June Elette de Lamartinie, engineering student at the École des ponts et Chaussées** is in charge of creating a tool for enhanced monitoring and evaluation of clearance operations.



Europe/International

A call for projects from the European Commission to improve the inclusion and participation of EU citizens in mobility

The European Union has launched a call for projects, open until 26 April 2018, to improve the inclusion of mobile citizens and their political and social integration. The objective is to support and strengthen Member States’ efforts to address the challenges linked to intra-European mobility and the effective exercise of free movement of citizens and their family members. Projects aimed at development, exchanges and the sharing of

best practices at different levels of government (national, regional, local) as well as those supported by civil society organisations and all those directly supporting the participation of the EU’s mobile citizens in the civic and political life of their host society with information and advice may receive European co-funding. [Link to call for projects here](#)

Meeting of national contact points in Brussels

On 15 and 16 March the national contact points of the European Commission for National Roma Integration Strategies met in Brussels. The first day was dedicated to a discussion about the assessment of the European framework and post-2020 prospects, which was attended by representatives of civil society. The national points of contact met the following day to discuss, in particular, the monitoring tools



Brussels, 16 March

for the various national strategies established by the European Commission. **DIHAL recalled that one of the main issues at stake was the mobility of impoverished European citizens in the Union. Regarding the monitoring issues, it defended the principle of subsidiarity** for monitoring national strategies in order to adapt to the diversity of configurations within the Member States.



Partnerships/Networks

Meeting in preparation for the second phase of the study “From the slum to the city” carried out by Trajectoires

In November 2015, DIHAL and the Abbé-Pierre Foundation supported the carrying out of a study “From the slum to the city” which was conducted by the Trajectoires association, on the pathways to integration of 50 migrant people who lived in slums, distributed in 7 regions of France. Three years, later, DIHAL and FAP wanted to follow up this research in order to update the information on these people’s situations and to showcase their views on their pathways. The first phase of this new study involved finding these people and getting back in touch with them in order to define the dimensions and lines of work. A meeting took place on 20 March with Olivier Peyroux, Alexandre

Le Clève and Evangeline Masson-Diez from the Trajectoires association as well as Florian Huyghe at the Abbé-Pierre Foundation in order to take stock of this first phase. **It showed that 38 of the 50 people involved in the previous study had been found and interviewed.** Three components were selected for the follow-up study: administrative status, citizenship (taking into account the schooling of children, access to employment and voluntary and associative participation) and identity strategies and the relationship to the community and the community of origin.

[Link to the Trajectoires study here](#)

Partnership with Harvard University and the FXB Foundation

This year Harvard University, in partnership with the FXB Foundation, will place more interns in France, in collaboration with DIHAL. **Four interns will be welcomed this summer, with two new ones:** one of them will be linked with DIHAL’s division for welcoming migrants and refugees, **and** the other three interns will be based in the territories where the slum clearance operations are being conducted.

Three areas of research were defined with the cities of **Nantes, Grenoble and Toulouse in order to measure the impact of the instruction of 25 January 2018 in the territories, respectively: empowerment and position of women; integration pathways and the “Housing first” scheme; access to healthcare.**

[Link to the FXB Foundation site](#)



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

In Liberation, the portrait of young Slavi, 12, who went from a slum to a social hotel in Seine-Saint-Denis
[Click here](#)

RFI report on the slums of Nantes
[Click here](#)

In Neon Mag, integration for Denisa and Jozsef in Île-de-France by the civic service. [Click here](#)

Radio broadcast of the Romcivic volunteers with Les Enfants du Canal
[Click here](#)

A study on the perception of slum dwellers by inhabitants of Montpellier

In 2017 the AREA association conducted the first study carried out in France on the perception of slum dwellers by inhabitants of Montpellier, in partnership with the research and studies laboratory in sociology and ethnology [LERSEM] at the Paul Valéry University and with support from the Abbé-Pierre Foundation. Contrary to popular belief, it transpired that 72% of Montpellier inhabitants believe that it is possible to integrate slum inhabitants in the town and 90% reject the idea of expulsion as a solution.
[Link to the study here](#)

