

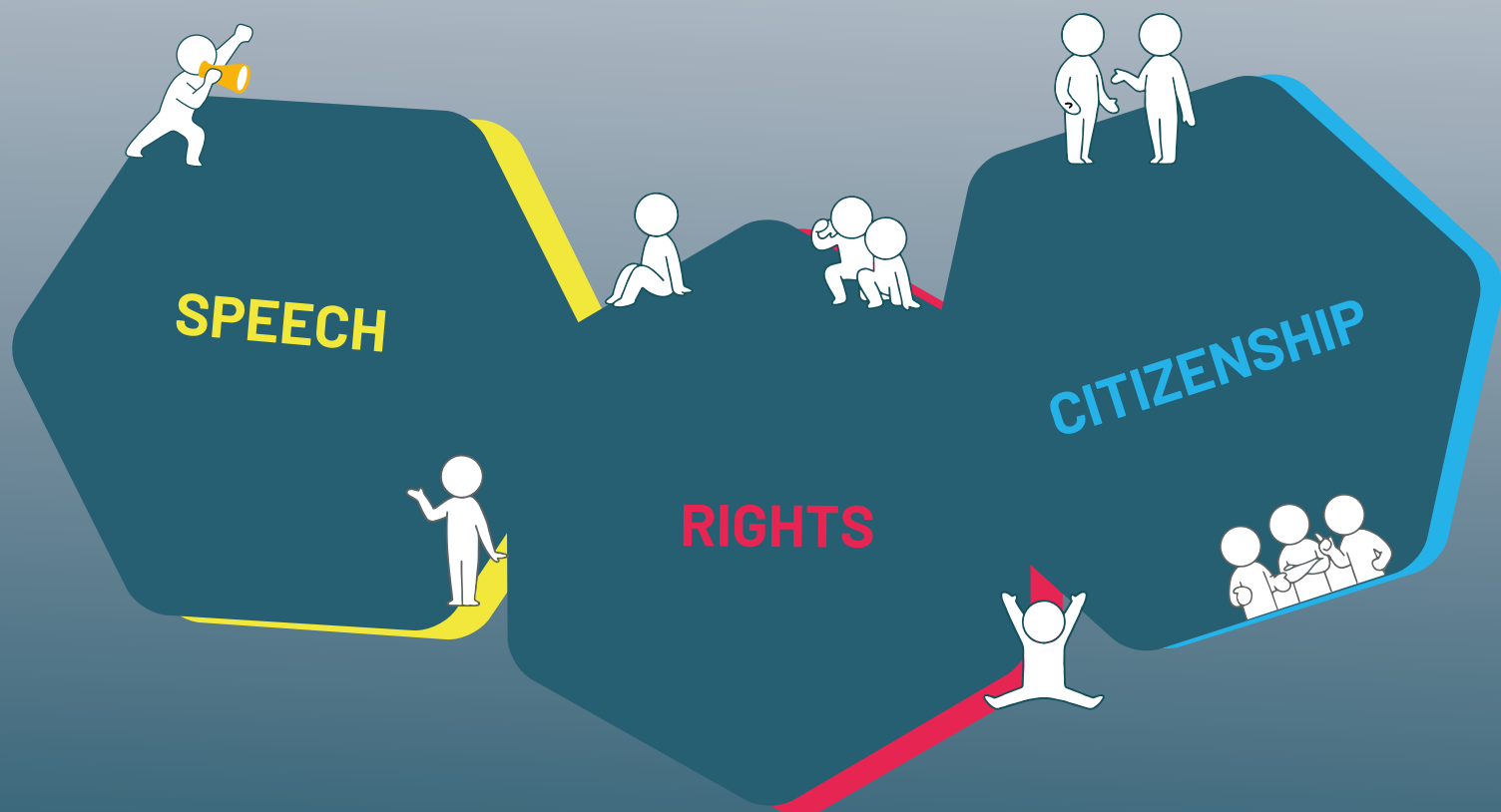


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DES VILLES ET TERRITOIRES ACCUEILLANTS

GUIDANCE FOR A WELCOMING FRANCE

2024



*Committed territories
to inspire local policies !*

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“ **In 2023 and 2024 many Local and Regional Governments have increased their efforts to provide emergency housing in France.** The various levels of local governments have come up with innovative solutions to face the growing number of homeless people neglected by the State which has jurisdiction. Together with several cities, we finally decided to launch a collective legal action, ‘L’Ultime recours des Villes’, not only to demonstrate the unprecedented resources deployed, well beyond our core competencies, but above all to denounce the systemic problem of emergency accommodation in France.

We, local authorities, are also a force to be reckoned with for finding solutions to help people in vulnerable situations find a positive way out, and we reiterate our desire to work together with the State and the other stakeholders to offer a dignified response that is tailored to people's situations.

Our elected representatives and local officials have stepped up their work on all aspects of the inclusion of people living in precarious conditions, including exiles, and are increasingly taking account of the expertise of the primarily concerned people.

We are proud that this guide can illustrate, through everything that is being done, our commitment to unconditional welcome! ”

“ **Today, the local level represents a reason to hope for, in the face of disastrous national and European policies.** Local French authorities have mobilised strongly against the bill ‘to control immigration and improve integration’, which made no sense in terms of local needs. Even after the bill was passed, we continued our [efforts before the Constitutional Council](#), and we are proud that national preference is and will remain unconstitutional!

In Europe, the Asylum and Migration Pact voted through recently is a clear demonstration of a renunciation of the humanist values that founded our continent. Yet many of us, local stakeholders on the front line in welcoming people seeking refuge, have warned of the harmful effects of the securitization of EU's borders. Through the Alliance Migrations, ANVITA put forward a [European manifesto](#) on that matter in June 2023.

The realities of our territories are denied, in favour of xenophobic rhetoric and hatred of others. This rhetoric, which originated on the far right, is now embodied by several small groups throughout Europe. This has led to threats and acts of violence, with Callac and Saint-Brévin being the best-known examples in France.

Today, and through this guide, we are taking inspiration from the local situation to say that it is possible to offer a dignified welcome for people seeking refuge! ”



Each year, the ANVITA guide 'For a Welcoming France' aims to highlight the inspiring practices of its members in terms of unconditional welcome.

ANVITA uses the term 'inspiring practices' rather than 'good practices'. These practices, which can be improved upon, are intended to inspire other territories through their successes, but also sometimes through the difficulties encountered. This guide is intended to be representative of the diversity of its member territories, without aiming to be exhaustive. Finally, this guide highlights the practices of local authorities outside the network, associations and organisations working in this area. The collection period is from January 2023 to April 2024.



This guide is aimed at a wide range of audiences: local authorities as members, to help them get to know each other better; other local authorities looking for inspiration; local stakeholders wanting to make suggestions to their local authority; and anyone else interested in welcoming areas.

Because of its comprehensive approach, this guide is intended to be of use both to local authorities starting to think about an hospitality policy and to those already involved in the process and looking to develop it further. This global approach is our main recommendation: even if it is possible to pick and choose from this collection, it should be noted that the actions presented have a stronger meaning and impact when they are carried out jointly.



The Association Nationale des Villes et Territoires Accueillants (National Association of Welcoming Cities and Territories) is a network of municipalities, inter-municipalities, departments, regions and elected representatives committed to unconditional and dignified reception in France.

Founded in 2018 by 9 cities, it now has 86 local authorities and more than 50 individual elected representatives. It works to create room for the exchange of inspiring practices and political mobilisation to translate unconditional reception into the implementation of national policies, by involving local stakeholders, who are on the front line of reception and integration.



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are targets established within the UN framework for the period 2015-2030. They were designed by governments, for governments. Local authorities around the world have taken them up and submitted Voluntary Local Reports to the UN. At the last mid-term review session in May 2022, some government delegations attended with local authority representatives.

This guide therefore shows all the actions taken by local authorities to achieve international goals. This year, the fight against climate change as well as defence for women and LGBTQI+ people's rights in migration are two SDGs highlighted in this report.

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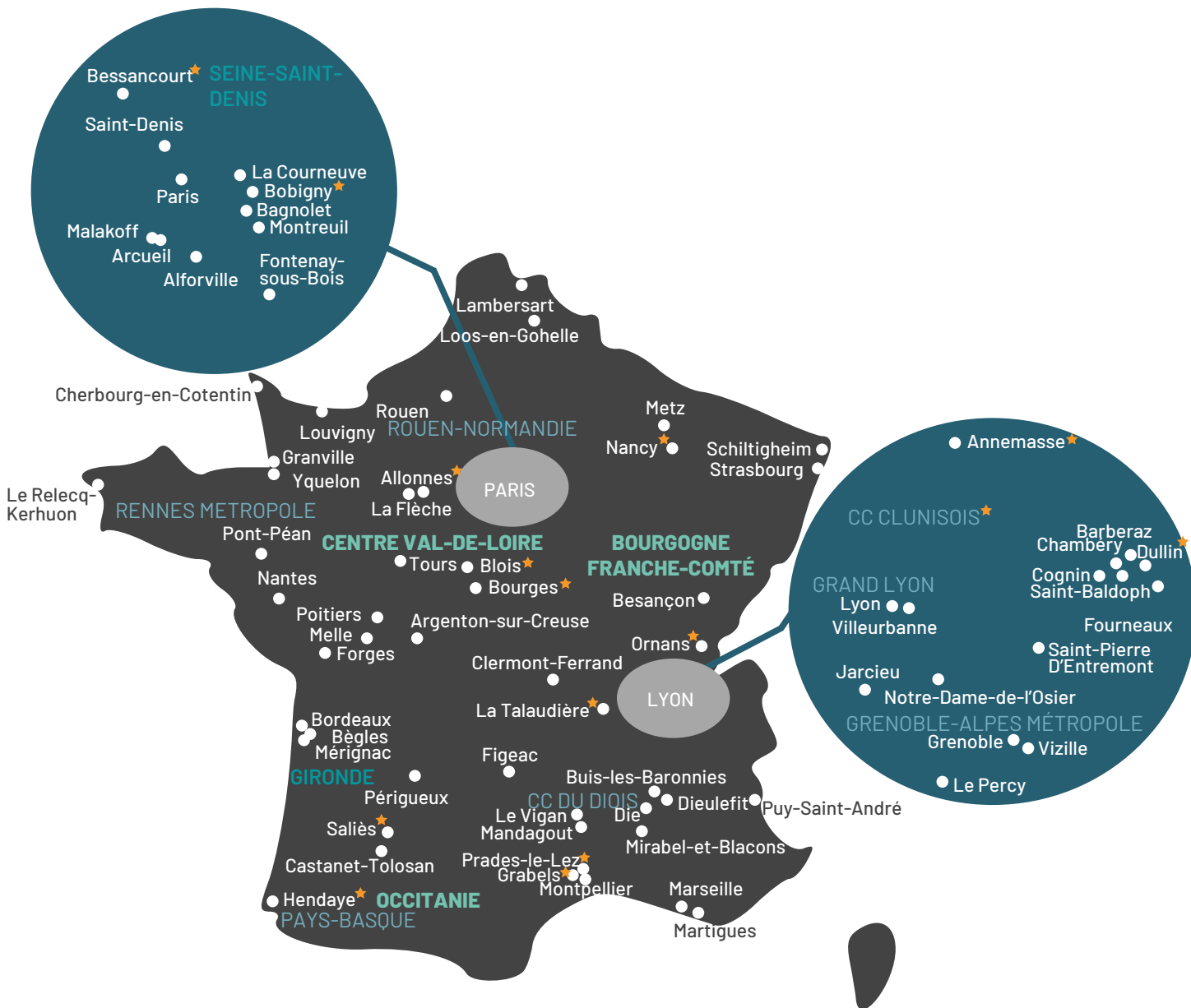
74 MUNICIPALITIES

2 DEPARTMENTS

7 INTER-MUNICIPALITIES

3 REGIONS

*The number of members changes every month, so please check the latest list at www.anvita.fr



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GLOSSARY

A

AAP : Appel À Projet - Call For Projects

ABS : Analyse des Besoins Sociaux - Analysis for Social Needs

ANVITA : Association Nationale des Villes et Territoires Accueillants - National Association of Welcoming Cities and Territories

ANSA : Agence Nouvelle des Solidarités Actives - New Agency of Active Solidarities

AMI : Appel à Manifestation d'Intérêt - Call for Expression of Interest

ARDHIS: Association for the Recognition of Homosexual and Trans People's Immigration and Residence Rights

ARS : Agence Régionale de Santé - Regional Health Agency

ASE : Aide Sociale à l'Enfance - Child Social Assistance

AVUF : Association des Villes Universitaires de France - French University cities association

B

BPI : Bénéficiaire d'une Protection Internationale - Beneficiaries of International Protection

C

CAU : Collectif des Associations Unies - Collectives of United Associations

CCAS / CIAS : Centre Communal / Intercommunal d'Action Sociale - Communal/Intercommunal social action centres

CHU : Centre d'Hébergement d'Urgence - Emergency Accommodation Centre

CIDFF : Centre d'Informations sur les Droits des Femmes et des Familles - Information Centre about Women and Family's Rights

CPAM : Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie - Local Health Insurance Funds

CPRI : Conférence Permanente des Relations Internationales - Permanent Conference of International Relations

CTAI : Contrat Territorial d'Accueil et d'Intégration - Territorial Reception and Integration Contracts

D

DiAir: Délégation interministérielle à l'Accueil et à l'intégration des réfugié-es - Interministerial Delegation for the Reception and Integration of Refugees

DIHAL : Délégation Interministérielle à l'Hébergement et à l'Accès au Logement - Interministerial Delegation for Accommodation and Access to Housing

E

ECM : Éducation à la Citoyenneté Mondiale - Global Citizenship Education

EHA : Eau, Hygiène, Assainissement - Water, Hygiene, Sanitation

EPCI : Établissements Publics de Coopération Intercommunale - Public Establishments for Cooperation between LRGs

F

FALC : Facile à Lire et à Comprendre - Easy to Read and to Understand

FCPE : Fédération des Conseils de Parents d'Élèves - Federation of Parents and Students Councils

FEANTSA : Fédération Européenne des Associations Nationales Travaillant avec les Sans-Abris - European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless

FLE : Français Langue Étrangère - French as a Foreign Language

G

GISTI : Groupe d'Information et de Soutien des Immigré-es - Information and Support Group for Immigrants

H

Hébergement d'Urgence pour Demandeur-ses d'Asile - Emergency Shelter for Asylum Seekers

I

ICE : Initiative Citoyenne Européenne - European Citizens' Initiative

M

MEnS : Migrants dans l'Enseignement Supérieur - Migrants in Higher Education

MNA : Mineur·e Non Accompagné·e - Unaccompanied Minor

O

ODD : Objectifs de Développement Durable - Sustainable Development Goals

OSIM : Organisation de Solidarité Internationale Issue des Migrations - International Solidarity Organizations for Migration

P

PJL : Projet de loi - Bill of law

S

SI : Solidarité Internationale - International Solidarity

U

UCLG : United Cities and Local Governments

UNAOC : Alliance des civilisations des Nations Unies - United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

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PROMOTING ANOTHER VISION OF MIGRATIONS

Promoting a different vision of migration means changing both the paradigm and the way in which public policies are implemented. This makes it possible to work horizontally with a wide range of stakeholders. It is a matter of learning to co-construct with those primarily concerned, of reaching out to people and changing the narrative around reception and inclusion.



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Providing the local authority with tools

For effective reception policies, it is crucial to identify vulnerable people, list their needs and train the staff responsible for welcoming them.

OBSERVATORY: The local authorities of **Montpellier** (34), **Rennes Métropole** (35), the Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93) and **Villeurbanne** (69) have set up observatories to identify discrimination in their areas. **Seine-Saint-Denis** also has an Observatory on Violence against Women with a work group dedicated to violence against exiled women.



NUIT DE LA SOLIDARITÉ: This year, ten Cities in the ANVITA network organised a Solidarity Night: **Alfortville** (94), **Bagnolet**, **Bobigny** (93), **Bordeaux** (33), **La Courneuve** (93), **Lyon** (69), **Marseille** (13), **Montpellier** (34), **Paris** (75), **Saint-Denis** (93) and **Tours** (37). Thanks to the commitment of citizens and associations, this initiative is making it possible to count the number of people living on the streets, in squats or informal settlements, to have a better understanding of their needs.

DIAGNOSTICS AND MAPPING: ANVITA produced a diagnosis and two mappings for the **Centre-Val-de-Loire** Region with Le Group'. One was an inventory of local measures and means of action relating to reception, and the other the milestones in the training pathway of a newcomer allophone woman. Similarly, a diagnostic study was carried out in preparation for a CTAI in the Drôme region, in conjunction with the **Communauté de Communes du Diois** (26), and the Municipalities of **Die** and **Dieulefit**.

TRAININGS: Several local authorities offer their staff or elected representatives training courses on migration issues, including **Bobigny** (93), **Bourges** (18), **Grenoble Alpes Métropole** (38) and **Paris** (75). ANVITA has provided training in **Chambéry** (73), **Rennes Métropole** (35) and **Strasbourg** (67).



Cross-disciplinary and multi stakeholders cooperation

Welcoming people is a cross-cutting issue, and public policies in this area must be developed with all stakeholders.

THEMED EVENTS: As part of *Modus Operandi's* reflections on reception in the Trièves, **Le Percy** (38) took part in a forum on welcoming areas with other stakeholders from the region. The **Occitanie** Region's call for projects includes a section on support for local authorities, groups of local authorities and reception facilities to help welcome BPI people or asylum seekers. The **Centre-Val de Loire** Region has a Standing Conference on International Relations, which provides a forum for the co-construction of public policies on a

range of issues, including the reception of new arrivals of exiles.

THEMED EVENTS: The 'Fabriques' organised by the DiAir and LAB'r are multi-stakeholders working sessions on various themes relating to the reception of BPI people. The **Centre-Val de Loire** Region and the Cities of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), **Grenoble**, **Notre-Dame-de-l'Osier** (38) and **Poitiers** (86) have all taken part.

DID YOU KNOW?



Rural and urban authorities can draw up a territorial cooperation contract: enshrined in the [Act of 22 July 2019 creating the National Agency for Territorial Cohesion](#), it can be used to carry out solidarity projects.



Networking: here and there

Networking at both local and international level is necessary to generalise the sharing of dignified and unconditional reception practices.

ANVITA NETWORK: The Municipalities of **Allonnes** (72), **Annemasse** (74), **Bessancourt** (95) **Blois** (41), **Bobigny** (93), **Bourges** (18), Communauté de Communes du **Clunisois** (71), **Dullin** (73) **Grabels** (34), **Hendaye** (64), **Ornans** (25), **Nancy** (54), **Prades-le-Lez** (34), **Saliès** (81), et **La Talaudière** (42) have joined the ANVITA network. The Cities of **Bordeaux** (33), **Fontenay-sous-Bois** (94), **Melle** (79), and **Villeurbanne** (69) were elected to the vice-presidency and **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) **Forges** (17), **Martigues** (13) et **Rouen** (76) to the executive board.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS: International networks create frameworks for regular exchanges that enable the work on specific themes. The Cities of Paris (75) and Lille (59) are involved in **Rainbows Cities**, an international network fighting discrimination against LGBTI+ people. The **Eurocities** network, which includes **Grenoble Alpes Métropole** (38), **Lyon** (69), **Marseille** (13), **Nancy** (54), **Paris** (75), **Rennes Métropole** (35) and **Strasbourg** (67), has a dedicated group working on migration and integration questions.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM: The Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93), assisted by ANVITA, is involved with nine other European territories in the **WELDI** project: 'Welcoming and Empowerment for Local and Dignified Integration', part of the URBACT programme. It aims to create a forum for the exchange of best practices of dignified welcome between local authorities. **La Courneuve** (93) organised the 2023 **Intercultural Dialogue of Cities** with the UNAOC, which brought together representatives from all over the world, including the City of **Allonnes** (72), on the theme of sport as a vehicle for dialogue.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: Numerous Cities are creating decentralised cooperation partnerships with foreign territories, such as the Municipalities of **Bordeaux** (33) and Douala in Cameroon, **Bourges** (18) and Korosten in Ukraine, **Chambéry** (73) and Taroudant in Morocco, **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) and Kremenchouk in Ukraine and **Marseille** (13) and Cotonou in Benin.



MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

13 CLIMATE ACTION



People living in very precarious conditions are the most affected by the effects of climate change, public policies must be designed to meet these challenges.

Locally, local authorities can take action by offering shelter solutions during extreme weather events, such as the City of **Tours** (37), which opened a family shelter during storm Ciaran. The Cities of **La Courneuve** (93), **Lyon** (69), **Nantes** (44) and **Poitiers** (86) have requisitioned premises to provide emergency accommodation during periods of extreme cold. The City of Poitiers also makes cool places available during heat waves.

Local authorities around the world also rallied to support Türkiye, Syria and Morocco after strong earthquakes, including **Besançon** (25), **Chambéry** (73), **La Courneuve** (93), **Lyon** (69), **Marseille** (13), **Montpellier** (34), the **Occitanie** Region, **Paris** (75), the **Seine-Saint-Denis** Departmental Council and **Strasbourg** (67).

At the 14e summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Geneva, the French presidency chose the theme of climate change and migration. The Cities of **Paris** (75) and **Poitiers** (86) were part of the French delegation, thanks to the Mayors' Mechanism.

CARRYING A POLITICAL MESSAGE



In reaction to current events

Local authorities are speaking out and taking action after news reports of hostile speeches and action against the welcoming of migrants.

FAR-RIGHT: Local authorities have sent their support for welcoming communities victims of attacks by the far-right. The Municipality of **Pont-Péan** (35) signed the letter of support for the mayor of Callac from the 'Réseau des Territoires Accueillants 35' (RTA35). The ANVITA network organised a discussion entitled 'After Callac : how to support hospitality project leaders', with the participation of **Vox Public**, the **Merci fund** and the Mayor of **Luzy** (58). Alongside 40 associations, ANVITA issued a press release in solidarity with the Mayor of **Saint-Brévin-les-Pins** (44) following his resignation after being subjected to violence by the extreme right. The Town of **Granville** (50) also sent him a letter of support.



SUPPORTING HOSPITALITY: The Mayor of **Saliès** (81) has written a letter to the Mayors of the Department of Tarn to support the creation of a Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers, following the stance taken by the Mayor of **Lavaur** against the reception of migrants. The City and associations of **Jarcieu** (38) supported families threatened with deportation by organising a press conference for their regularisation.

JUSTICE : The association MRAP Montpellier and the City of **Grabels** (34) organised a meeting in support of Mimmo Lucano on his appeal date, who has been convicted for having welcomed migrants in Riace (Italy) where he was the Mayor. Furthermore, ANVITA supported the Mayor of Grabels, threatened after this event, by sending our guidance 'to prevent and react against far-rights, for welcoming cities' (which is available upon request).



By carrying a campaign

Joining movements and campaigns enables territories to convey a common political message.

HOMELESSNESS: In 2023, the City of **Bordeaux** and the department of **Gironde** (33) signed the **Declaration of the Rights of Homeless People** initiated by the Fondation Abbé Pierre and Feantsa, The Cities of **Lyon** (69), **Strasbourg** (67) and **Villeurbanne** (69) are also signatories.



as the City of **Malakoff** (92), which organised an event in support of the organisation. Some local authorities, such as the Department of **Gironde** (33) and **Prades-le-Lez** (34), have hosted exhibitions on rescue operations in the **Mediterranean Sea**, while others, such as the **Occitanie** Region, have supported the organisation of awareness-raising events for pupils.

EUROPEAN MANIFESTO : In response to the Asylum and Migration Pact, some 50 local governments and organisations, including ANVITA, drew up a **Manifesto 'For European policies based on rights and dignified reception'**, which was presented to the European institutions at the Reception Policies Meeting 2023 in **Strasbourg** (67).

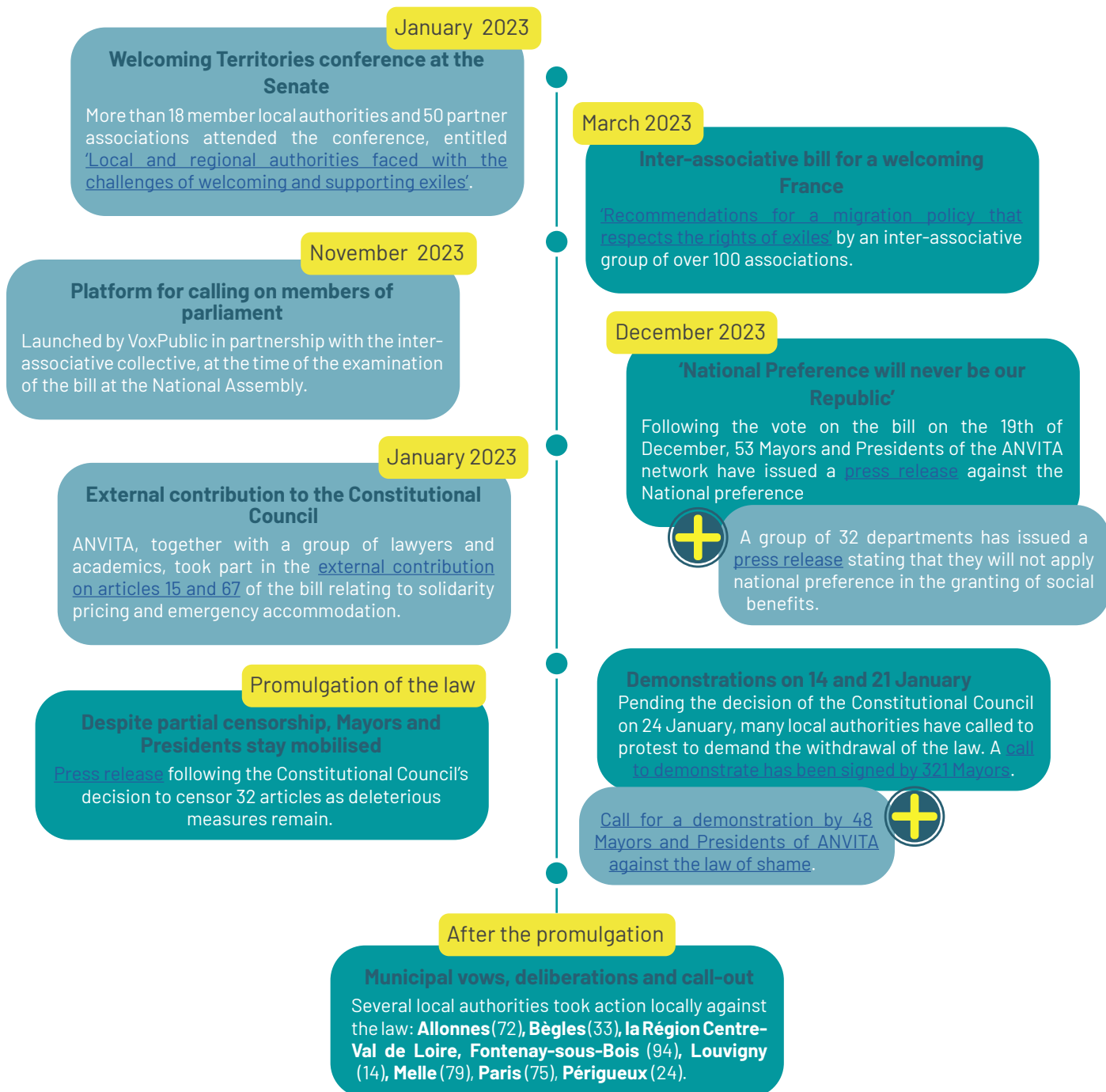
PRESS RELEASE: During the regional meeting of welcoming territories in the Great West of France, organised by ANVITA and the City of **Bordeaux** (33), Cities of **Bègles** (33), **Bourges** (18), **Centre-Val de Loire**, **Figeac** (46), **Gironde** (33), **Hendaye** (64), **La Flèche** (72), **Melle** (79), **Mérignac** (33), **Nantes** (44), **Communauté d'Agglomération du Pays Basque** (64), **Poitiers** (86), **Saliès** (81), **Strasbourg** (67) and **Tours** (37) warned the government at a **press conference of the worsening living and reception conditions for exiles**.

SOS MÉDITERRANÉE: Many local authorities have given their support to the association SOS Méditerranée, such

Advocacy: Asylum and Immigration law

From the end of 2022 to its promulgation on 26 January 2024, ANVITA closely followed the process of the Asylum and Immigration Law, marking a period of strong mobilisation. Numerous actions were taken as part of the association's advocacy. Let's take a look at the most significant moments.

+50 local authorities involved



Overview of local authorities committed to the issue:

Alfortville, Allonnes, Arcueil, Bègles, Besançon, Bobigny, Bordeaux, Bourges, Castanet-Tolosan, Région Centre-Val de Loire, Cherbourg-en-Cotentin, Clermont-Ferrand, Die, Figeac, La Flèche, Fontenay-sous-Bois, Fourneaux, Forges, Département de Gironde, Granville, Grenoble Ville et Métropole, Guillestre, Louvigny, Lyon Ville et Métropole, Malakoff, Mandagout, Marseille, Martigues, Melle, Mérignac, Montpellier, Montreuil, Nancy, Nantes, Notre-Dame de l'Osier, Paris, Le Percy, Périgueux, Poitiers, Pont-Péan, Prades-le-Lez, Rennes Métropole, Rouen Ville et Métropole, Saint-Denis, Saliès, Département de Seine-Saint-Denis, Strasbourg, La Talaudière, Tours, Villeurbanne.



Offering a (inter)cultural agenda

Cultural events can be an opportunity to raise public awareness on migration and intercultural issues.

ASSOCIATIVE FESTIVALS: For the past seven years, the Passerelle association has been organising the 'Les murs ne servent à rien' festival, supported by the Town of **Dieulefit** (26). On the agenda: screenings, exhibitions, conferences to reflect on migration differently. The **Federation of African Women's Initiatives in France and Europe (IFAFE)** celebrated its 30th anniversary with a two-day event featuring a film screening, a fashion show and exhibition stands, supported in particular by the Town of **Arcueil** (94).

EXHIBITS: The City of **Bobigny** (93) has organised the exhibition 'I arrived here', which won the first participatory budget prize of the City. The exhibition recounts the life stories of families from Bobigny with an immigrant background, with the aim of passing on their heritage. The City of **Tours** (37), as part of its 'Tours d'accueil' festival and the International Day of Refugees, organised a street photography exhibition featuring portraits of refugees.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATIONS: March marks both Women's Rights Day and Combating Racial Discrimination Day, and some local authorities have decided to celebrate them together. To mark the date, the City of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) dedicated its 'Egalité c'est toute l'année' programme to these two dates. The City of **Montreuil** (93), for its part, hosted the exhibition 'Pathfinders of humanity: faces and journeys of women in the Mediterranean' by SOS Méditerranée, as did the City of **Villeurbanne** (69) as part of the Hospitality Biennale.

EQUALITY WEEK: The City of **Allonnes** (72) organised an intercultural evening with meal and shows as part of its Anti-Discrimination Week. For its part, the City of **Strasbourg** (67) decided to open an 'Espace Égalité' dedicated to raising children's awareness through a fun trail on equal rights issues.

AGENDA OF INTERNATIONAL DAYS





Informing and communicating

Information plays a crucial role in raising people's awareness on migration issues and combating preconceived ideas.

SCREENING: The City of **Prades-le-Lez** (34) organised a film-debate in partnership with ANVITA for the release of Ken Loach's film 'The Old Oak', which tells the story of the arrival of Syrian refugees in a village in England. Tangente Distribution and the City of **Rouen** (76) also organised a screening of the documentary 'Avec les mots des autres' by Antoine Dubois, which follows the encounters between a precariousness and psychiatry team and asylum seekers. **Mirabel-et-Blacons** (26) hosted and supported the **Rencontre Ad Oc' documentary festival**, with 17 documentaries on committed themes such as exile and solidarity.

RADIO: Awareness can also be raised via the air; the Alpi association has produced a **podcast on homelessness and the exhaustion of associations**, supported by the City of **Villeurbanne** (69) and presented at the 'Biennale de l'Hospitalité'. The City of **Mandagout** (30) took part in a **radio programme on its commitment** as a welcoming city within the ANVITA.

CONFERENCES: The 'Journées Solutions Solidaires', organised by the Department of **Gironde**, the City of **Bordeaux** (33) and 60 other partners, took place on the theme of **solidarity-based ecology**. They featured **round-table discussions and workshops** on food solidarity, access to housing, mobility, migration, etc. The 'Biennale de l'Hospitalité', organised by the **Metropole de Lyon**, the City of **Lyon** and **Villeurbanne** (69), featured more than **90 free events on the issues of precariousness and exile**. ANVITA took part in several workshops on welcoming people.

MUNICIPAL BULLETINS: Local authorities can communicate on their political commitment through their municipal newspapers. The City of **Melle** (79) has highlighted **unconditional welcoming** in the editorial of its March 2023 bulletin, while **Fontenay-sous-Bois** (94) has announced its **commitment to decent and dignified housing for all**.



Taking over the public space

Local authorities can take action to make public spaces accessible and welcoming to all through toponymy (names of open public spaces) or by offering activities to discover the area.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY: To mark the occasion, the Cities of **Barberaz** (73), **Bourget du Lac**, **Chambéry** and **Cognin** (73) and their associations organised a number of activities in their streets, including a **migration rally to help people discover the area** and workshops to raise awareness of discrimination in public spaces.

APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC SPACES: The City of **Besançon** (25), through its CTAI and its '**Parcours de vie, Parcours de ville**' initiative, is organising visits to the city's heritage for exiled people, to help them find their way around. The Montreuil Malian Women's Association, supported by the City of **Montreuil** (93), offers **narrated walks on their life's journey**, going back over the key places in their history. Once a year, the City of **Figeac** (46) offers a **welcome reception for new arrivals**, with a tour

of the historic centre followed by a meeting with elected representatives and representatives of associations.

BIENNALE: The Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93) organised its first **Multitude Intercultural Biennale** to highlight the multicultural nature of the region and the mosaic of people who make it up. Numerous events were organised throughout the department, with the aim of taking over the public space with parades, shows, walks and street exhibitions.

POSTER CAMPAIGNS: To mark International Day Against Racial Discrimination, many Cities have decided to show their commitment by putting up billboards. The Cities of **Bordeaux** (33), **Grenoble** (38) and **Strasbourg** (67) have all launched anti-racism campaigns.

Recommendations



Diagnosis of the residents and their needs.



Support (either logistical, financial or political) for local stakeholders. Consider this support on a long-term basis.

Training local stakeholders involved in receiving and accompanying people in precarious situations.



Dedicate a period of time to the themes of welcome and solidarity: exchanges, cultural events, working sessions, debates, training for public services, etc.

Co-construction of a multi-year local authority plan for the duration of the mandate.



Running a dialogue and coordination platform bringing together the various stakeholders: local authority, associations, public services, individuals concerned, research, trade unions, employers, etc.



Communicate on the local authority's commitment: awareness-raising campaign, public meetings, local authority newspaper, etc.

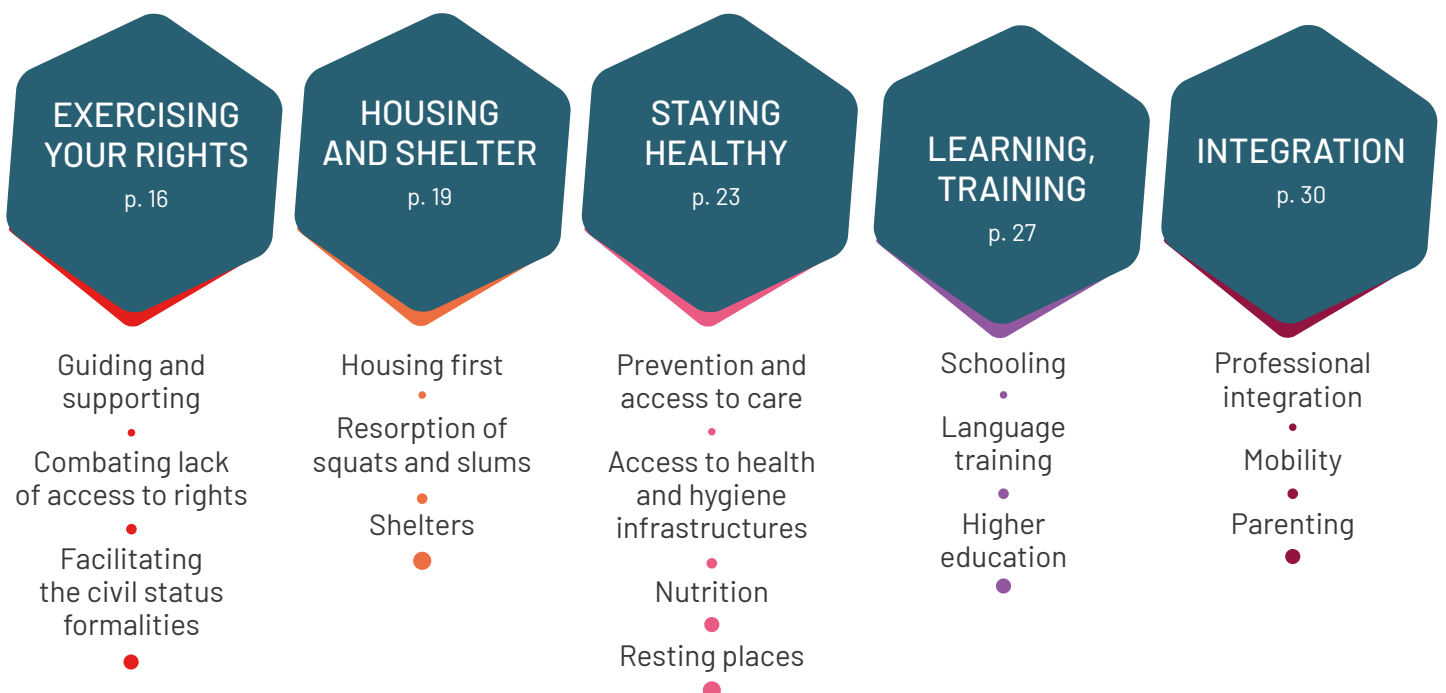


Design public spaces to be inclusive.



ENCOURAGING UNCONDITIONAL ACCESS TO RIGHTS

Promoting unconditional access to rights for local authorities echoes the [charter of unconditional welcome](#) relative to the membership of ANVITA. The State is competent concerning exiles' welcoming conditions. By working with the State or compensating for its weaknesses, local stakeholders, including local authorities, have a major impact on the reception and inclusion conditions of vulnerable groups. This scope of action is proper to the cities' own voluntarism which is the highlight of this part.





Guiding and supporting

Guiding and supporting are two primordial keys to grant exiles the possibilities to resort to their rights.

SOCIAL EMERGENCY GUIDE: With their CCAS' help, numerous local authorities produce social emergency guides for people in extremely precarious situations. They list all the services and assistance to meet these public's urgent needs. The Cities of **Lyon** (69), **Metz** (57), **Nantes** (44), **Rouen** (76) and **Villeurbanne** (69) update their guides each year and provide them in many languages to favour its accessibility.

SUPPORT: Local authorities can also bring their support to local associations which produce welcoming guides for exiled people, such as the 'guide d'accueil pour les personnes exilées' made by the Youth and Community Centre of Martigues and supported by the City of **Martigues** (13).

RESOURCES SITES: The association 'House of Migrations' (MaMi) in Rennes temporarily opened a space for unconditional welcome and support of exiles. The project, supported by the City and **Métropole de Rennes** (35), aims to become a permanent structure. The federation of bicycle delivery cooperatives, Coopcycle, in conjunction with local associations supported by the Cities of **Bordeaux** (33) and **Paris** (75), has opened spaces dedicated to rest and social, legal and medical support for bicycle delivery people with incomplete rights through "maison des livreurs/courriers" (house of delivery drivers).

ITINERANT SERVICES: To reach audiences distant from orientation places and community services, itinerant services are set up to promote access to rights on all the territory. The Communauté de **Communes du Pays Diois** (26) has a France Services space and has set up a mobile service to provide support and access to the rights of people far from public services.

SUPPORT FOR EXILED WOMEN: The 'Maison des Femmes' (Women's House), supported by the City of **Paris** (75), is an initiative dedicated to the unconditional welcome and support of women to promote their empowerment. On another hand, the association **Promofemme** won in 2023 the price 'Bordeaux Terre de Solidarités' from the City of **Bordeaux** (33) for its support to exiled women on many axis: access to rights, administrative procedures, socio-professional insertion. Besides, linguistic workshops and social times are also proposed.

TOOLS: The Erasme Laboratory of the **Lyon Metropolis** (69) has developed the 'collaborative digital tool' 'Géorienté' which lists and updates all the aid and services offered by the social structures present in the metropolitan area. Aimed at helping professionals, it allows better orientation of their audiences and the creation of a dense network of solidarity.

DIGITAL INCLUSION: The City of **Argenton-sur-Creuse** (36) has opened a France services space to facilitate administrative procedures. This place has an IT reception with a digital mediator to support and train the public. The **Métropole de Lyon** (69) is implementing a strategy for digital inclusion by promoting access to equipment, connection and developing the digital skills of the public. Emmaüs Connect opened a digital solidarity space in Bordeaux with the support of the Department of **Gironde** (33). The City of **Saint-Baldoph** (73) also offers free digital training in its third place 'La Parenthèse'.





Combating lack of access to rights

Local authorities can support people who fight for access to their rights in many ways.

ZERO NON-RECOURSE TERRITORY: Via the 'Zero non-recourse territory' call for projects launched by the State, 39 LRGs are engaging in experimentation in order to fight against non-recourse. This is the case of **Gironde** (33), **Grenoble** (38), **Marseille** (13), **Lyon Métropole** (69), **Montpellier** (34), **Paris** (75) **Strasbourg** (67), **Saint-Denis** and the **Département de Seine-Saint-Denis** (93).



AUTONOMY: Following the Asylum and Immigration Law, 32 Department Presidents, including **Gironde** (33) and **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93), expressed themselves publicly against the discriminated application of the personalised autonomy allowance (APA). On this matter, the City of **Nantes** (44) dedicates a part in its 'welcoming guide for foreign residents' welcoming guide for foreign residents

LGBTQ+ RIGHTS: Driven by their commitment to stand for LGBTQ+ rights, the City of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), **Lyon Metropole** (69) and the City of **Paris** (75) support MAG Jeunes LGBTQ+.

CCAS SOCIAL ASSISTANCE: Local authorities can guarantee discrimination-free access to the facultative benefits that is provided through their CCAS, as the City of **Nancy** (54) did. They can also allocate a more important budget to their CCAS in order for them to offer a broad range of actions; that is the case of **Bordeaux** (33), **Paris** (75), **Poitiers** (86) and **Vizille** (38).



PACT AGAINST EXCLUSION: The City of **Paris** (75) and its partners have launched the second part of its Pact against Exclusion which establishes a set of guidelines for action in favour of vulnerable groups. Its objectives are multiple: changing the way we view precariousness, developing local support services, ensuring effective access to rights and guaranteeing continuous support for people.



Facilitating the civil status formalities

Facilitating the civil status formalities for exiled people is a major step for the access to their rights.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Cities of **Bordeaux** (33) and **Langersart**(59)ensure the accessibility of administrative procedures for all by using the FALC writing method for documents relating to civil status. The City of **Lyon** (69) offers the translation of administrative files to facilitate procedures for all audiences.

SUPPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS: The City of **Paris** (75) supported the ARDHIS association for its study on life journeys of binational and foreign LGBTQ+ couples, which particularly investigated access to Civil Solidarity Pact (PACS) and to marriage. The association 'Amoureux au

ban public', supported by the City of **Paris** (75), organised a dance in the city hall to denounce the precarious administrative situation of binational couples.

PROOF OF ACCOMMODATION: They are delivered depending on resource conditions which are not specified by the decree which determine them. LRGs therefore have the possibility of adjusting these criteria to promote inclusion. For example, the City of **Poitiers** (86) refers to the standards of the Defender of Rights and Family Reunification to issue them.

Recommendations

Support to local stakeholders (provision of premises, equipment, subsidies, communication, etc.)



Provision of interpretation, including by volunteering of the concerned people.

Translation of communication materials into the languages spoken on the territory, and using the FALC.



Removing administrative barriers to the domiciliation of persons.

Creation or financial support of an information and orientation platform (digital, paper, application, ...)



Creation of support positions, public writers, etc.

Reception and information point(s) in the territory, such as a "residents' centre" or via the France Services system.



Outreach programs (soup runs, itinerant buses, ...) in squats, slums, associations providing welcome centres, etc.



Working with the main people concerned so that the tools created correspond to their needs



Housing first

Public housing policies aim to bring people into sustainable and affordable common law systems. The LRGs play an essential role in identifying vacant land, providing and creating social housing.

FIGHTING AGAINST POOR HOUSING: As part of the 'Housing First' territorial – State cooperation plan, the **Metropole of Lyon** as well as the Cities of **Lyon** and **Villeurbanne** (69) initiated the Helsinki Challenge, aiming to halve the indicators of poor housing and homelessness, drawing on the experience of the Finnish city. Several territories have launched the 'rental permit', a tool for monitoring the viability of housing available for rental, like the Cities of **Besançon** (25), **Bordeaux** (33), **Marseille** (13), **Montpellier** (34), **Le Vigan** (38) or more recently **Grenoble** (38). It is in the light of this ambition that the first National Day of the Network of Cities against Substandard Housing was held at the end of 2023, which included the mobilisation of the Cities of **Marseille** (13) and **Saint-Denis** (93).



PROVISION: The City of **Poitiers** (86) houses 12 exiled families, either through housing assistance or through the provision of its municipal housing. On a rural scale, the Municipality of **Forges** (17) provided municipal housing for an exiled family, thanks to an agreement with the association Solidarité Migrants La Rochelle.

RECOURSE DALO: To be able to fight against the non-recourse to the Entitlement to Enforceable Housing (DAHO/DALO) by its residents, the City of **Grenoble** (38) has set up a Mobile Legal Team made up of workers peers, supported by lawyers attached to the University of Grenoble Alpes, who work to assert this right for the people concerned.



Resorption of squats and slums

Policies to reduce informal living spaces ensure decent housing for all, thus strengthening social cohesion.

SLUMS-FREE TERRITORY: The City and **Metropolis of Montpellier** (34) and a consortium of associative stakeholders are committed to the 'Montpellier Zéro Bidonville' program. This aims to pool strategic approaches to develop an effective action plan for the resorption of slums in the region by 2027. In a co-construction approach, three working groups have been set up: around employment and professional integration, health and educational issues, and finally accommodation and housing.



COMMITTED COMMUNITIES CLUB: Conjunctly with the ANVITA, the CNDH Romeurope runs an informal network of officials mobilised in the development and deployment of projects aimed at reducing squats and slums. Many territories are represented there and use efficiently this network, in particular the Cities of **Bordeaux** (33), **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), **Lyon** (69), **Marseille** (13), **Mérignac** (33), **Montpellier** (34), **Nantes** (44), **Saint-Denis** (93), **Strasbourg** (67) and **Villeurbanne** (69).





Shelters

Faced with the housing crisis, shelter remains a prerequisite for any process of support towards housing and is the basis of the first stage of a reception policy. Unconditional shelter is a State responsibility. However, locally, stakeholders observe every day the increase in emergency situations and homelessness.

PROVISIONS: Many LRGs mobilise their vacant land stock with the goal of making it available, temporarily or more permanently, for emergency accommodation. In the same way, the City of **Bordeaux** (33), the Abbé Pierre Foundation, ATIS and their partners are supporting the 'mobilisation mobilisation of vacant stock and sustainable residential pathways' program. For their part, the City and the CCAS of **Rouen** (76) provide apartments and houses to two local associations which accommodate around forty adults and children. On a rural scale, the Municipality of **Saliès** (81) has provided communal housing to accommodate resettled people. Another example: the 'Temporary Urban Roofs' project, co-constructed by a group of public stakeholders including the Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93), which is developing temporary modular housing solutions. In this context, an emergency accommodation centre (CHU) for isolated women with children was set up.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN: Since November 2023, the 'Halte des Femmes' in Villeurbanne has offered 33 m² accommodations for single women and mothers with children, with an integrated parental space open to the neighbourhood. This project, led by the ALYNEA association, benefits from the support of the State, the **Metropolis of Lyon**, the City of **Villeurbanne** (69) and private partners. The **Marseille** establishment 'Chez **Simone**' managed by the SOS group and with the support of the City of Marseille (13), welcomes and offers medical, social and professional support to around sixty women in very precarious circumstances.

SHELTERING YOUTH: First in 2020, then in 2022, the **Metropolis of Lyon** (69) opened 'Les Stations', two CHU managed by Le Mas association which house young people waiting for the recognition of their minority. The system offers language courses, medical and psychological monitoring, support and guidance, social bonding activities, etc. Furthermore, the City, the CCAS of **Rouen** (76) and their partners launched the 'Logements Tremplins' experiment in order to accommodate and support 12 young people leaving the ASE (child welfare service) who have found employment but are waiting for residence titles.

SOLIDARY ACCOMODATION-SHARING: The Cities of **Paris** (75) and **Strasbourg** (67) subsidise the Caracol association, which offers solidary and intercultural shared housings. Many are facilitating its action, like the City of **Montreuil** (93) which helped to recruit roommates, or the **Metropolis of Lyon** (69) which made property available for the installation of a project. For its part, the City of **Poitiers** (86) has an accomodation-sharing project with individual leases in social housing for BPI people.

SUPPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS: Numerous communities subsidise or work closely with the local associations 'Cent pour Un (Toit)', which house families and people with incomplete rights situation in such territories as the Municipalities of **Forges** (17), de **Poitiers** (86) or even **Relecq-Kerhuon** (29).

DID YOU KNOW?



In its last [Annual Report about Poor Housing Condition](#) in France, the Abbé Pierre Foundation counts 330,000 homeless people, including the alarming number of 3,000 children.

Advocacy for unconditional accommodation and housing

Irregular settlements, 115 saturated, insufficient social housing: the challenges to be met are numerous for communities, which must compete in inventiveness and investments to respond to them. Faced with the progressive disengagement of the State from shelter and housing policies, ANVITA and its member territories are mobilizing:

+25 committed communities

January 2023

United Associations Collective (CAU)

ANVITA becomes the 40th member of the CAU, bringing together the main organizations combatting homelessness and defending the right to housing. The 2023 annual press conference warned of the [state of emergency in accommodation and housing](#).



March and April 2023

Mobilization against the so-called 'anti-squat' Kasbarian-Bergé law

Signature by ANVITA of a [letter from the CAU intended for parliamentarians](#) then, upon adoption of the law in June, of an external contribution intended for the Constitutional Council to alert on the violations of rights induced by this law.



ANVITA organized a webinar to decipher the law for its member territories.

June 2023

Ile-de-France loosening policy

Faced with the saturation of emergency accommodation systems in the Ile-de-France region, policies to direct homeless people to the "SAS d'accueil régionaux" have been initiated by the Government. On June 1, 2023, ANVITA sent a [letter to the Prime Minister](#) so that a consultation dynamic could be launched.



Following the absence of a response, on July 17, 2023, 34 Mayors and Presidents sent a [letter to Emmanuel Macron](#) to alert him of the situation.

August 2023

Children on the street

The CAU, UNICEF, the FCPE, Ecole pour Tous and the Lyon collective Jamais Sans Toit, [publish annually a barometer of the number of children on the street](#) on the eve of the start of the school year: up to 3,000 children on the street have been counted.

Many communities supported the "Zero children on the street" mobilisations.



September 2023

European campaign for housing for all

The **Métropole de Lyon** (69), Housing Europe, Feantsa and Urban Intergroup called for a renewed European ambition in terms of housing for all before the European institutions, in a [joint declaration by European Mayors](#).

October 2023 and February 2024

Cities' final recourse: contentious approach

Faced with the scale of the emergency accommodation crisis, five cities have launched compensatory remedies against the State: Bordeaux (33), Grenoble (38), Lyon (69), Rennes (35) and Strasbourg (67). The objective is twofold: to acknowledge the systemic failure of the State in terms of emergency accommodation and to obtain reimbursement of costs incurred by communities outside their jurisdiction. These appeals were [formally filed on February 15, 2024](#). A five-party conference with the Mayors concerned was held.



A platform and a [letter to Emmanuel Macron](#) were sent. Several communities supported the 5 Mayors' approach.



DID YOU KNOW?

The unconditionality of emergency accommodation is guaranteed in art. L345-2-2 of the CASF. However, it is regularly called into question (prefectural decisions, practices violating rights, measures of the Asylum and Immigration law - ultimately censored). This unconditionality is reaffirmed by court decisions, as was the case by the [Administrative Court of Toulouse on February 29, 2024](#).

Overview of the communities involved on the subject:

Arcueil (94), Besançon (25), Bordeaux (33), Bourges (18), Clermont-Ferrand (63), Fontenay-sous-Bois (94), Grenoble, Grenoble Alpes Métropole (38), La Courneuve (93), Le Percy (38), Louvigny (14), Lyon Ville et Métropole (69), Marseille (13), Mérignac (33), Montpellier (34), Nancy (54), Nantes (44), Paris (75), Poitiers (86), Prades-le-Lez (34), Rennes Métropole (35), Rouen, Métropole Rouen Normandie (76), Strasbourg (67), Tours (37) and Villeurbanne (69).

Recommendations



Inventory of available land in the area.

Provision of available housing.



Creation of accommodation spaces.



Signature of temporary occupancy agreements.



Dialogue and joint work with the State to develop permanent housing and accommodation solutions.

Securisation then resorption of irregular settlements.



Call on the government to ensure effective shelter for people.



Support for citizen hosting and local associations



Prevention and access to care

Preventing and facilitating access to care for vulnerable and precarious people is essential to favour their health and well-being, and to answer to public health issues.

EMPOWERING: Since 2018, the Department of **Gironde** (33) and the ARS Nouvelle Aquitaine have launched the 'Coordo santé MNA 33' which fosters multi-stakeholders collaboration and develops resource tools for professionals helping young unaccompanied minors. As part of the working group on the issues of ageing immigrants led by **Val-de-Marne** (94) and ANVITA in 2023, the 'Practical Guide to Interculturality' was created to raise awareness among stakeholders from medical-social to intercultural approach. Finally, within the framework of the **Local Health Contract** of the City of **Bourges** (18), training in intercultural mediation and on the trauma of exile was offered to professionals.

ACCESS TO RIGHTS: The Cities of **Chambéry** (73), **Bobigny**, **La Courneuve** (93) or even **Mérignac** (33) recently set up **municipal insurance**. Besides, the Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93), linked to the CPAM, produces and takes care of the **medical check-ups** of unaccompanied minors upon their admission. During the debate about the Asylum and Immigration Law, the City of **Périgueux** (24) defended the **State Medical Assistance** (AME) in a **deliberation** voted by the municipal council.

CARE: Many local authorities **support care and resource**

centres that are specialised in exiles' **mental health**, such as the **Occitanie** Region with the **Frantz Fanon Centre** or the **Lyon Metropolis** (69) with **Orspere-Samdarra**, which is the National observatory on the subjects of mental health and social vulnerabilities. The City of **Tours** (37) supports the **Open Door Centre**, which offers **general and specialised medicine**, pharmacy and social support for access to rights for people without health coverage.



MENSTRUAL HEALTH: The association Support and Help and the City of **Rouen** (76) have organised a **collection of menstrual protections and hygiene products** for Ukrainian exiled women. Such an action was set up by the City and CCAS of **Lyon** (69) and 'Règles élémentaires'; the donations were given to associations fighting against precarity.

FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS: For World HIV/AIDS Day in 2023, the City of **Paris** (75), **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93) and their partners launched '**Life takes over HIV**', an **information campaign** on treatments and screening. Aimed at the general public, the campaign includes communications for groups particularly affected: **LGBTQ+ people, exiles and sex workers**.



Access to health and hygiene infrastructures

Guarantors of public health, municipalities and Intermunicipalities ensure access to health and hygiene structures for residents facing situations of vulnerability and precariousness.

ACCESS TO WATER AND HYGIENE: Many territories set up **public baths and social launderettes**. For example, this is the case of the Cities of **Bordeaux** (33), **Lyon** (69),

Saint-Denis (93) or even **Strasbourg** (67). The installation and renovation of **water fountains** is also a fundamental prerequisite.

DID YOU KNOW?



The **transposition into French law of the European directive 2020/2184** defines municipalities or their EPCL as the competent authority for populations experiencing 'difficulties accessing drinking water'.



Nutrition

Access to quality, healthy, varied nutrition is a major issue for public health, especially concerning people in precarious situations.

COORDINATION: As part of the [Diagnosis of Food Insecurity in Ile-de-France](#) carried out by ANSA and the Research Center for the Study and Observation of Living Conditions (Crédoc), a [working group is being held on access to food](#). It explores three themes: local cooperation, assistance logistics and food for families staying in the hotel. This group brings together various institutional and associative stakeholders, including [Seine-Saint-Denis](#) (93) and [Paris](#) (75).



FOOD INSURANCE: As part of its [Territorial Food Plan \(PAT\)](#), [Seine-Saint-Denis](#) (93) is launching with Action Against Hunger a [‘sustainable food cheque’](#), experimental grant of €50 for six months, to which is added social and nutritional support. Under the impetus of civil society, certain territories are experimenting with the [‘Caisses commune de l’alimentation’](#), an innovative form of social protection: the Municipality of [Dieulefit](#) (26), the Department of [Gironde](#) alongside the Cities of [Bordeaux](#) and [Bègles](#) (33) or even the Cities of [Montpellier](#) (34) and [Tours](#) (37).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: In a context of social emergency, many LRGs have provided [additional financial support to their CCAS and CIAS](#), public institutions at the heart of food assistance policies. This is for example the case of the City of [Strasbourg](#) (67) which [doubled the envelope devoted to food support](#), of the City of [Nancy](#) (54) which created [new exceptional food grant](#) or even of the City of [Tours](#) (37) which voted for an [exceptional social shield](#) aimed in particular at strengthening food assistance. At the same time, and in the face of the critical situation of the associations, exceptional grant has been allocated to them, as is the case for example from the City of [Bordeaux](#) (33) to the Restos du Cœur and the Food Bank.

ACCESS TO PRODUCTS: Via their participatory budget, several territories support [‘Les frigos solidaires’](#), an association which promotes the collection and provision of food via a refrigerator installed in a public space or a business. Recently, this is the case for the Cities of [Lyon](#) (69) and [Nantes](#) (44). Similarly, the Municipality of [Figeac](#) (46) supports the local association [‘Les Amis du Freego’](#). LRGs can also [support social and solidarity grocery stores](#), as is the case of the City of [Saint-Denis](#) (93) for [MARHABA](#) or [Strasbourg](#) (67) for [La Caravelle](#).

DONATIONS: More and more LRGs are [donating surplus food from their administrative restaurants to authorised associations](#). In 2023, the City of [Grenoble](#) (38) reinforced this system, in conjunction with seven local associations. The Cities of [Bordeaux](#) (33), [Besançon](#) (25) and [Nantes](#) (44) have set up [‘nourishing gardens’](#) in their green spaces with a view to donating them.

DISTRIBUTION: In a dual logic of facilitating access to food and culture, the Bordeaux association [‘Le Garage Moderne’](#) offers [solidarity breakfasts](#) in cultural places, in response to the [AMI](#) launched by the City of [Bordeaux](#) (33).

THIRD PLACES: The City of [Villeurbanne](#) (69), linked with its partners, [has set up ‘L’Archipel’](#), a [third place for food and social activities](#). The place offers the production and distribution of meals, shared kitchens, social services and a community café. The [Committed and Solidarity House of Food \(MESA\)](#) brings together Lyon’s stakeholders in the fields of sustainable food and the fight against precariousness to provide a cafeteria, a restaurant, a grocery store and offer workshops. It is supported by the City and [Metropolis of Lyon](#) (69).



Resting places

Day reception facilities constitute essential spaces to guarantee the well-being of exiled people. These places provide both respite and access to various services.

UNCONDITIONAL: After a year of experiment, 'La Trêve', a day care centre and intercultural resource space supported by the City of **Strasbourg** (67), will continue in new buildings. This place of respite offers essential hygiene services every day of the week.

Open to the neighbourhood and the city, the place also encourages the meeting and integration of all. 'La Petite Pause', located in the premises and co-supported by the CCAS of the City of **Grenoble** (38), is a place of respite, conviviality and fun activities for anyone without shelter possibilities. Open on weekends, the place is supervised by a team of professionals and supported by volunteers. Another example: that of the **day centre** of the City of **Martignes** (13), a friendly and unconditional place, where digital access and support and socio-cultural activities are offered. Outside of urban areas, smaller municipalities are also getting involved, such as in **Buis-les-Baronnies** (26) where the municipality supports the **Intervalle association** which manages a day centre.

WOMEN: The City of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) inaugurates the '25-Gisèle Halimi', a reception centre dedicated to women, especially the ones suffering a situation of vulnerability, precarity and/or violences. The space offers diverse services linked to access to rights, parenting, health, gender equality, and fight against sexual and sexist violences. For its part, the City of **Montpellier** (34) is working on the opening of a new reception centre for single women with children, where a permanent service will be available for access to rights, childcare, parenting assistance, professional integration and rehousing assistance, etc.

YOUTH: The **TAMO space**, run by CEMEA Pays de la Loire, welcomes young exiles aged 16 to 25, with the support of the Department of Loire-Atlantique and the City of Nantes (44). Open on weekday afternoons, it offers cultural and group activities, as well as social and school support, free of charge and without registration. Its objectives are to reduce exclusion, to support young people towards autonomy, and to provide a space for relaxation and exchange.

WELCOMING HOUSE IKAMBERE

The Ikambere association has a **Welcoming House** for women living with HIV. This place, located in Saint-Denis (93), offers unconditional welcome for exiled, precarious women suffering from HIV. It provides social and therapeutic support, as well as shared meals and collective workshops to promote people's well-being and self-esteem. Support for professional integration is also offered by a counsellor.

Recommendations



Creation/ support to multidisciplinary health centres, with care areas, information points and hotlines to help people access their health rights.



Financial and material support for food aid organisations.

Creating social links through cuisine and shared meals.

Granting of optional CCAS assistance.



Coordination of local food assistance.



Ensuring access to water, hygiene and sanitation for all.





Schooling

Education is a profound vector of social inclusion. City halls have a legal obligation to ensure that real access is guaranteed for all.

AFTER- AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL: In response to the Asylum and Immigration law, the City of **Paris** (75) passed a vote reaffirming its guarantee for 'the unconditionality of the reception of children in children's activity centres and school canteens'. Many LRGs are implementing social and solidarity pricing. In 2023, the City of **Tours** (37) expanded its prices in canteens. In **Fontenay-sous-Bois** (93), students registered for after-school reception benefit from a free daily breakfast.



supply kits for all students in public schools. The City of **Strasbourg** (67) subsidises the project carried out by Secours Populaire and Caritas for baskets of school supplies at lower prices.

SCHOOL MAP: In connection with its Observatory of school demography and educational success and its metropolitan solidarity project, the **Metropolis of Lyon** (69) aims to develop the school map with the aim of promoting social diversity. **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) has taken control of school registrations in order to better distribute allophone students between establishments.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: At the beginning of the 2023 school year, the City of **Marseille** (13) provided free school

DID YOU KNOW?



Decree No. 2020-811 of June 29, 2020 specifies that the only documents that can be asked in support of a request for school registration are those proving the identity of the child, of the responsible persons and the domicile.



Language training

As a vector of social cohesion, learning French is at the heart of the inclusion of allophones and/or newly arrived people in the territories.

ORIENTATION: In order to strengthen and offer adapted language courses, the City of Strasbourg (67) has created the online platform 'Bonjour Strasbourg', an orientation portal towards the French learning offer. **Metz** (57) supports 'La Maison du FLE', a place of welcome, exchange, orientation, training and an educational resource centre for stakeholders and learners.

association, which notably organises FFE cafés in a municipal library. The City of **Saint-Denis** (93) supports Fable-Lab, a linguistic mediation association which offers picture books for learning French. **Poitiers** (86) finances everyday French language workshops via its CTAI, run by Indigo formation.

SUPPORT: Many LRGs subsidise socio-cultural centres or associations which provide literacy or FFE courses, like the Municipality of **Buis-les-Baronnies** (26) with the Family Association 26, or the City of **Blois** (41) and the **Centre-Val de Loire** Region with Maison Bégon. The City and **Metropolis of Lyon** (69) support the ERIS

FIGHT AGAINST ILLITERACY: The Occitanie Region finances the LECTIO-Illiteracy system, training which aims to consolidate language skills in everyday life or in the professional environment. In order to strengthen its policies in this area, the Centre-Val de Loire Region has commissioned a survey to measure illiteracy and digital illiteracy in its territory.



Higher education

The resumption or continuation of studies of foreign people, especially exiles, is crucial for their social and economic development. LRGs can support this movement via various means.

SUPPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONS: The City of **Paris** (75) finances the **MEnS**, a network of establishments committed to welcoming students in exile which brings together more than 50 universities in France. The City also participates in the association's college of institutional partners. For its part, the City of **Strasbourg** (67) financially supports **AFEV** for mentoring actions between young people from refugee families and university students. Finally, the Departmental Council of **Gironde** (33) supports the **AIME** university collective (Reception and Integration of Migrant and Exiled People).



SUPPORT OF THE DU PASSERELLE: The **Bourgogne-Franche-Comté**, **Centre-Val de Loire** and **Occitanie** Regions provide financial support for the **Passerelle University Diplomas (DU)** of their universities, these specific study programs intended for exiled students generally including the exemption from registration fees, French courses, cultural activities,



administrative, social and psychological support, as well as assistance with resuming studies.

EXCEPTIONAL SCHEMES: In 2022, the **Occitanie** Region granted exceptional grant to the Paul-Valéry University of Montpellier in order to set up the **Ukraine Occitanie 2022-2023** project. This project aimed to promote and support the return to study of exiled students from Ukraine.

NIGHTS OF STUDENTS FROM THE WORLD: These intercultural celebrations, originally launched by the City of **Lyon** (69) and supported by the Association of University Cities of France (AVUF) and the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), are an opportunity for Cities and higher education establishments to demonstrate their hospitality towards foreign students. In 2023, such events were for example held in **Besançon** (25), **Lyon** (69), **Marseille** (33), **Rouen** (76) et **Strasbourg** (67).



WORKING GROUP (GT) – RECEPTION OF EXILE STUDENTS

In 2022, ANVITA hosted its **GT#4 dedicated to the issues of education and professional integration** of exiled people. A work session was then devoted to higher education.

In order to further explore this question, ANVITA, AVUF and the MEnS network have been collaborating since 2023 to think about possible cooperation between local authorities, associations and universities in welcoming and training students in exile. The aim is to equip them in this area and facilitate the pooling of resources.

As part of its work, several LRGs from the ANVITA and AVUF networks were mobilised:

Besançon (25), **Bordeaux** (33), **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), **Montpellier** (34), **Nantes** (44), **Poitiers** (86), **Rouen** (76), **Strasbourg** (67) and the **Occitanie** Region.

Recommendations



Unconditional schooling in the territory and its educational structures.



Offering solidarity pricing or even free access to canteens, after-school centres, and transports.



Coordination of language services on the territory.



Setting up/supporting school mediation schemes for non-allophone children and children in precarious housing situations.



Training and awareness raising of local library staff about intercultural and welcoming issues.

Mobilisation and support to young exiled students on the territory.

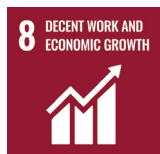




Professional integration

Exiled people encounter many peripheral obstacles and impediments to their professional integration. Their access to employment is legally conditioned on their administrative status. It is therefore necessary to develop tools and services to make their integration easier.

INSERTION OF EXILED WOMEN: Some Information Centers on the Rights of Women and Families (CIDFF) in Île-de-France offer support for the professional integration of women with particular attention paid to women beneficiaries of minimum social benefits and those who experienced migration. This is particularly the case of the Parisian CIDFF supported by the City of **Paris** (75) and that of Seine-Saint-Denis supported in particular by the LRGs of **Bobigny, Bagnolet, La Courneuve, Montreuil, Saint-Denis** and the Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93).



FOOD SERVICE: The Marie Curry association, supported by the City of **Bordeaux** (33), opened a restaurant aiming at professional integration of exiled women and promotion of their culinary heritage, passed down by generations of women. The association also trains interested people in entrepreneurship.



The Refugee food festival, born from a citizen initiative, sets up shop each year in many cities in France on the occasion of International Refugee Day. The initiative allows collaboration between refugee chefs and local restaurants. Many LRGs support it, in particular the **Bourgogne-Franche-Comté** and **Centre-Val de Loire** Regions, **Bordeaux** (33), the Metropolis and the City of **Lyon** (69), **Marseille** (13), and **Tours** (37). Le Recho association organised a second edition of the **Itinéraires Solidaires festival** in conjunction with the City of **Bourges** (18) with many events planned on the themes of sustainable cuisine and hospitality.

CTAI: The **Centre-Val de Loire** Regional Council has signed a CTAI with the State relating to the professional integration of newly arrived people. It is based on seven axes: language learning for professional purposes, access to qualifications, access to professional training, removing obstacles preventing access to training and employment, creating and professionalising ecosystems of stakeholders on these subjects; implementing actions to promote the integration policy, continuing to broaden the scope of the contract through the Commission Paritaire Régionale Interprofessionnelle. To accomplish these missions and create links between the different stakeholders, a project manager dedicated to the coordination of the CTAI was recruited.

SOCIO-ESTHETICS: The **Joséphine** association has opened solidarity beauty salons in **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), **Paris** (75), and **Moulins** (03). Supported by LRGs, these salons offer a socio-professional integration path for women through support in the reappropriation of their image. The association **La Cravate solidaire** supports people in professional (re) integration by fighting against discrimination linked to appearance. It offers different sessions: image and HR coaching, socio-esthetics, digital workshops, etc. It has around ten branches in France supported in particular by the LRGs of the ANVITA network, this is the case for the branches of **Bordeaux** (33), **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), **Lyon** (69), **Marseille** (13), **Metz** (57) and **Paris** (75).





Mobility

Access to public or individual means of transport is fundamental to enable people's autonomy as well as their social and professional inclusion.

GREEN MOBILITY: The City of **Die** and the **Communauté de Communes of Pays Diois** (26) support the Dromolib association which provides group lessons to learn how to cycle safely. The City of **Loos-en-Gohelle** (62), through its CCAS and the Initiative Solidaire association, offers a **reduced price for precarious people for bike rental**, as well as bike repair workshops. To encourage carpooling, a **carpooling platform** has been launched in the Vallée des Entremonts supported among others by the City of **Saint-Pierre-d'Entremont** (73).

FREE TRANSPORT: The Cities of **Arcueil** (94), **Bourges** (18) and **Figeac** (46) have made their **public transport completely free**. For its part, the **Rouen Metropolis** (76)

offers **free transport on weekends**. **Rennes Metropole** (35) has implemented **solidarity pricing** based on resources. The Metropole de **Lyon** (69) offers a **free solidarity subscription for asylum seekers**, while the **Occitanie** Region has established a **solidarity rate for regional train travel for asylum seekers and BPIs**.

RURALITY: LRGs can improve their **on-demand transport service** in rural areas in order to enable the social and professional integration of exiled populations. The **Occitanie** Region has strengthened access to this service for asylum seekers and BPIs. For its part, the City of **Saint-Baldoph** (73), via its CCAS, has set up a solidarity shuttle service since 2023.

DID YOU KNOW?



ANVITA participated in an **external contribution to the Constitutional Council** to report the numerous violations of rights contained in the Asylum and Immigration Law, particularly on mobility issues. Article 15 intended to rewrite article L.1113-1 of the transport code to exclude undocumented people from price reductions on transport tickets. This article was censored by the Constitutional Council, considered unconstitutional.



Parenting

Parental support services are essential for the integration of exiled people, providing considerable support to parents. They also promote children's well-being and their adaptation to a new environment.

RESPITE PLACES: The CCAS of the City of **Grenoble** (38) has opened 'L'étincelle', a **place of respite and sharing intended for parents with children**. This place offers an unconditional welcome and allows families to play, relax and be supported by professionals. Likewise, the City of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) inaugurated the '**Mille Formes**' artistic initiation centre, accessible free of charge to families with children aged 0 to 6 years. This centre encourages artistic exploration for children and those accompanying them, thus promoting the creation of social bonds and providing a space for rest. Finally, the City of **Bourges** (18) and its CCAS have a **health-parenting space**, bringing together social and medical structures as well as a rest area.

WORKSHOPS: The City of **Tours** (37) offers **free discussion times on parenting** for parents of children aged 0 to 6 years with health and early childhood professionals. The Bordeaux association Zeki, supported by the City, offers **sociolinguistic workshops for parents with low autonomy** with the aim of then being able to actively participate in their children's school life.

CHILD CARE CENTRE: The City of **Tours** (37), through its CTAI, offers the **reservation of places in early childhood structures** for the children of refugees and newly arrived people. On this subject, **Rennes Métropole** (35) has revised the pricing of its child care centre to promote access to precarious families.

Recommendations



FACILITATING INCLUSIVE LOCAL CITIZENSHIP

Local authorities ensure the principle of inclusive local citizenship in their territory, by facilitating access to civil, cultural and political rights for all of their residents.



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BEING RECOGNIZED AS CITIZEN OF THE TERRITORY



Education for world citizenship (ecm) //

The civic engagement of residents of a territory can be played out in a transnational movement between “here” and “there”. LRGs can encourage and raise awareness of this citizenship open to the world.

INFORM: Via its [resource centre](#) focused on Education for World Citizenship (EWC) named ‘[Via le Monde](#)’, the Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93), empowers, supports and encourages the stakeholders of its territory in their intercultural and international solidarity (SI) projects “here and there”.



SUPPORT: Many local authorities are launching AAPs or intervention regulations aimed at SI stakeholders in their territories. These grants support [international and local actions of ECM](#). This is done in particular by the **Bourgogne-Franche-Comté**, **Centre-Val-de-Loire** and Occitanie Regions. The territories can also establish precise award criteria, like the City of **Strasbourg** (67) which in 2024 placed emphasis on [women's rights and gender equality](#).

RAISING YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARENESS: [Tandems Solidaires](#) is a multi-actor ECM system in schools, notably supported by the **Bourgogne-Franche-Comté** Region and financially supported by the City of **Besançon** (25) in its municipal schools. In the same way, the City of **Annemasse** (74) encourages citizenship open to the world for its young residents through awareness-raising

and civil society mobilisation actions.

EVENTS: The [Festival des Solidarités](#) (Festisol) is an international highlight driven in France by around twenty organisations, which promotes united citizenship open to the world. The **Bourgogne-Franche-Comté**, **Centre-Val de Loire** and **Occitanie** Regions, the Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93) and the City of **Paris** (75) are permanent partners. The celebration has already received the support of several Cities, including **Besançon** (25), **Lyon** (69), **Malakoff** (92), **Montreuil** (93) or even **Nantes** (44). The City of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) for its part participated in the [Forum ‘Migrations move the world’](#), a space for multi-stakeholder exchange around the SDGs organised as part of the ODDyssée project. In the same context of the ODDyssée project, the J'M prize offered financial support as part of the Lafi Bala festival, for the holding of a thematic stand on internally displaced persons in Burkina Faso. The City of **Chambéry** (73) supports each year the Chambéry Solidarité International association in the organisation of the festival.

EDUCATION FOR WORLD CITIZENSHIP



Education for World Citizenship is an educational frame of reference defined by UNESCO which puts the Human back in the centre of relationships, in our interconnected and globalised world. It focuses on the stakeholders’ commitment to peace, human rights and sustainable development. It supports the United Nations’ SDG, by accelerating social, ecologic and economic transitions. On the occasion of the fifth European Congress on the ECM organised by the Council of Europe and the ECM European Network in November 2022, the [Dublin Declaration](#) was ratified, committing the European governments to reinforce their action on the matter by 2050.



institutional sponsorship ceremony

Institutional sponsorship ceremonies are symbolic and convivial events when a citizen becomes an exile's sponsor.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS' DAY: Every year, ANVITA invites its network to celebrate December 18 with the simultaneous organisation of **institutional sponsorship ceremonies**. In 2023, the member Cities of **Barberaz**, **Chambéry** (73), **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), **Cognin**, **Dullin** (73), **Grenoble** (38), **Louvigny** (14), **Lyon** (69), **Montpellier**, **Prades-le-Lez** (34), **Rouen** (76), **Tours** (37), **Villeurbanne** (69) et **Paris** (75), but also the non-member territories of **Annecy** (74) or **Le Bourget-du-Lac** (73) have committed themselves with the support of their local associative partners. In total, more than 160 men, women and children were sponsored on this occasion. The Cities of **Bordeaux** (33) and **Perigueux** (24) supported the initiative by organising highlights in their territories.

THEMATIC CEREMONIES: In order to promote good understanding and common interests, the City of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) highlighted the **values of sport** for its 2023 ceremonies. Alongside human rights defenders, sports associations and clubs have been particularly invited to sponsor people and encourage their practice of sports.

TARGET AUDIENCE: This year, the City of **Martigues** (13) and its associative partners organised their first institutional sponsorship ceremonies. On this occasion, **six unaccompanied minors** were sponsored. This approach is anchored in their civic, cultural and sporting experience in the city.

TRAINING FOR SPONSORS: After launching and widely disseminating a call for volunteers among its population, the City and the CCAS of **Montpellier** (34) organised an **information and training meeting for future sponsors**. A **help sheet** has been developed to guide sponsors. At the end of the ceremony, the CCAS remains available to support the pairs via a **dedicated email address**.

SPONSORSHIP CARD: For the second consecutive year, the APAVIA association and the Town Hall of **Vigan** (30) organised the institutional sponsorship ceremony of 20 exiled people. On this occasion, they received a **card allowing them access to the region's heritage places**.



Local citizenship card

Local citizenship cards are innovative tools allowing all residents of a territory to be recognized as fully citizens. They can also facilitate or even open up access to various local services.

DEVELOPMENT: The City of **Paris** (75) voted for a **deliberation** at the start of 2024 in which it commits to develop its existing citizen card, mainly based on the values of participatory local democracy, into a broader system of **access to rights** which would also be **accessible to exiles** aged over six.

EXPERIMENTATION: In November 2023, on the occasion of the 'Biennale de l'Hospitalité' and as part of their European Cities4Refugees program, the City of **Villeurbanne** (69) officially distributed its first **local citizenship cards**. Open to natural and legal persons linked to the city, it notably allows symbolic recognition of

the citizenship of all and facilitated access to resources on access to rights. This experimental version aims to be enhanced by other services over time.

UNIVERSAL PASSPORT: On the international day of the fight against racial discrimination and for fraternity between peoples, on March 21, 2024, the City of **Montreuil** (93) gave **universal passports to two members of the sans-papier collective** inside the city hall. Created by the Organization for Universal Citizenship (OCU), this passport promotes the free movement of people and inclusive citizenship.

TAKING PART IN ASSOCIATIVE, CULTURAL AND SPORTS LIFE



Involvement in an association

LRGs can support the full participation of exiled people in community life, which represents a strong vector of social ties and self-management.

DIASPORAS ASSOCIATIONS: LRGs can support OSIM (International Solidarity Organizations Resulting from Migrations) in their territories (subsidies, provision of premises, etc.). This is particularly the case of the City of **Nantes** (44) with Mémoire de l'Outre-mer or the City of **Bordeaux** and the Department of **Gironde** (33) with AQAFL (Aquitaine Afrique Initiatives). This support can also be regional: **Centre-Val de Loire** subsidises Centraider, the regional network of diasporas.

City of **Saint-Denis** (93) supported the event organised by FORIM for International Women's Rights Day 2024, which highlighted the actions and voices of women from diasporas. Finally, the City of **Schiltigheim** (67) regularly invites the Africa Bégué association to its cultural and community events.

VALORIZATION OF VOLUNTEERING: The City of **Bordeaux** (33) created the Bordeaux Terre de Solidarité Prize which rewards 28 citizen and associative initiatives each year. In 2023, this honour ceremony celebrated four 'favourite' actions. The City of **La Flèche** (72) gave medals to nine local volunteers for their actions.

EVENTS: The City of **Paris** (75) and the International Association of Francophone Mayors organised in March 2024 a day of round-table discussions on 'Diasporas, city diplomacy: Challenges and Opportunities'. The

DID YOU KNOW?



Freedom of association for foreign individuals is guaranteed by the law of October 9, 1981.



Social relations

People in vulnerable and precarious situations are particularly affected by isolation and exclusion. Many actions aim to ease this.

SUPPORT FROM STAKEHOLDERS: The Department of **Gironde** (33) has launched a call for local initiatives (AIL) for social development. In a logic of promoting the exercise of citizenship and social innovation, it finances actions that promote social bonds, inclusion, autonomy and living and doing together.

cooked a meal during an intercultural and supportive neighbours' celebration.

AROUND FOOD: In order to ensure the cultural and culinary diversity in its territory, the Municipality of **Ornans** (25), the AMIGO association and the CASOLI solidarity café organised a 'flavours of the world' picnic. For International Migrants Day 2023, the City of **Melle** (79) and its partners invited local stakeholders and those primarily concerned to share a meal. In **Barberaz** (73), CHU residents and local residents

(THIRD) PLACES: Socio-cultural centres or associative cafés are essential places of conviviality. 'Le Fait tout' is organised by and for residents, where socio-educational actions, activities, participatory meals, etc. take place. The project benefits from financial support from the City of **Montreuil** and **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93), from which it received its AAP. Since 2024, the City of **Paris** (75) has dedicated new equipment to the House of Refugees, a gathering place dedicated to the social inclusion of exiled people where cultural activities and language courses intersect. The City of **Puy Saint-André** (05) is developing a new place to live in its municipality to promote social ties among its residents.





Sport and culture

Access to sporting, cultural and artistic practice is an essential factor for the good and better living of people in vulnerable and precarious situations.

AMBASSADOR CITY: Rich in its commitment to the promotion of books and reading for all, the City of **Strasbourg** (67) is UNESCO's **World Book Capital 2024**. Its program is structured around five axes, notably 'Refuge City', in which the City reaffirms culture and reading as levers of peace, defence of human rights and interculturality. In this context, Strasbourg is a partner of **Bibliothèques Sans Frontières** (BSF) for their 'My bag of books' action for refugee children. The City of **Bourges** (18) has included its labelling as **European Capital of Culture 2028** in the values of solidarity and change in the narratives around migration.

CALL FOR PROJECTS (AAP): Territories can support the initiatives of their local stakeholders in terms of inclusive access to culture and sport. It is in this perspective and in response to the national strategy for the prevention and fight against poverty that the **Metropolis de Lyon** (69) launched its AAP 'Culture(s) et Solidarités', which supports cultural projects with a social aim. In 2023, young unaccompanied minors were, for example, able to participate in the **artistic creation of a theatre play** in conjunction with the **Compagnie Désoblique** and the **Terramies** association. In the same way, the Departmental Council of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93) launched the AAP 'Inser'Sport' in order to support innovative actions for people on integration paths, far from sports practice.

J'M PRIZE: The 'J'M – Youth and Migrations' Prize is an initiative deployed as part of the '**ODDyssée – Migrations move the world**' project. It aims to support local and international actions to raise awareness of the links between migration and SDGs. This technical and financial mechanism benefited from the support of the project's associative partners as well as

the Cities of **Lomme** (59), **Clermont-Ferrand** (63) and **Chambéry** (73). For example, the Senegalese student association of Clermont-Ferrand was rewarded for its **play aimed at deconstructing bias about migration**.

HIGHLIGHTS: Several LRGs are celebrating June 20, **International Refugee Day**, with a general public event promoting meetings between local residents and exiled people through various sporting, cultural activities and artistic performances. This is for example the case of the **day organised annually** by the **Metropolis Rouen Normandie**, joined in 2024 by the City of **Rouen** (76); or **PASS'SPORT Festival**, a highlight supported by Isère associations and assisted by the City and **Metropolis of Grenoble** (38). The Department of **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93) hosted the first edition of the **Refugee Solidarity Olympiad** in 2023. Led by the Departmental Olympic and Sports Committee 93 and supported by reception structures and local sports clubs, the event brought together more than 70 exiled participants around various sports activities.

FREE ACCESS: Many territories are **making their cultural establishments free of charge** in order to promote access for all. Recently, this has notably been the case of the Cities of **Marseille** (13), **Nantes** (44) and **Rouen** (76) for **registrations in their municipal libraries**.

ARTISTIC REPRESENTATION: On the occasion of the signing of a CTAI between the City of **Metz** (57), its CCAS and the Prefecture in 2023, a **forum theatre performance on access to rights** was produced by different associative people concerned in the territory.



PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL POLITICAL LIFE



Voting rights and eligibility

Alongside civil society, local authorities are historic stakeholders in the fight to win the political rights of their foreign citizens.

ADVOCACY: At the call of the European network Voting Rights for All Residents, of which the collective 'J'y suis J'y vote' is a member, many European mayors have signed the [Declaration for the right to vote of their foreign residents](#) in local elections. Around thirty French territories are signatories, a majority of which are members of ANVITA: **Alfortville**, **Arcueil** (94), **Bagnolet** (93), **Barberaz** (73), **Bobigny** (93), **Bourges** (18), **Castanet-Tolosan** (31), **Fontenay-sous-Bois** (94), **Grenoble**, **Grenoble Alpes Métropole** (38), **La Flèche** (72), **Le Percy** (38), **Lyon** (69), **Malakoff** (92), **Marseille** (13), **Nancy** (54), **Nantes** (44), **Paris** (75), **Pont-Péan** (35), **Saliès** (81), **Saint-Denis**, **Seine-Saint-Denis** (93), **Schiltigheim**, **Strasbourg**

(67), **Villeurbanne** (69) and **Yvelon** (50). This Declaration was officially launched during the [International Day for Voting Rights for All](#).

HIGHLIGHT: **Rennes Métropole** (35) organised a [symposium](#) dedicated to '[Racisme, le choix collectif d'en sortir](#)' on March 22, 2024, in order to inaugurate its [Metropolitan Discrimination Observatory](#). A round table moderated by the ANVITA team on '[Citizenship of non-national people: right to vote and participation in local life, enlightening initiatives](#)' brought together the City of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), the collective J'y suis J'y vote, and a researcher from Sciences Po School.

DID YOU KNOW?



68% of the French population says they are in favour of foreigners' right to vote in local elections. Source: Harris Interactive Institute for la [Citizenship Letter, 2023](#).



Appeal

Like any citizen of a territory, exiled people can participate in questioning the competent public authorities on the various subjects that concern them.

STREET PARLIAMENT: Inspired by an initiative in Brussels, a consortium of undocumented people gathered in associations and collectives set up a [Street Parliament](#), a parliamentary hearing staged in public space by exiled people in response to the [Law Asylum and Immigration](#). This [mobilisation and awareness-raising](#) action, supported by ANVITA, aims to make audible and visible the words, experiences and demands of the primary people affected by these policies. Such a mobilisation took place in [July 2023](#) with the help of the City of **Paris** (75). A [replication kit](#) is available to local stakeholders with a view to spreading the initiative to other territories.

EUROPEAN CITIZEN INITIATIVE: Launched by students from a Rennes college, this '[Dignity in Europe](#)' (ICE) aims to challenge the European Commission in favour of a dignified reception of migrants via the establishment of binding reception standards based on the human rights and the establishment of a new distribution mechanism. The approach received the support of numerous European organisations and citizens, in particular from the City and **Metropolis of Rennes** (35) who actively participated in the [ICE organising committee](#) and brought it before the European institutions.



Consultation and co-construction mechanisms

Involving foreign citizens in the development and conduct of public policies is a local democratic imperative which contributes to their legitimacy, as well as the valorisation of their practical knowledge.

POLITICAL PROGRAM: Adopted in March 2023, the



new **Metropolitan solidarity project** of the **Metropolis of Lyon** (69) was built in a collaborative approach of consultation and co-construction with social and medico-social professionals, local associations and the residents. The **Evaluation and Participation Group for Inclusion (GEPI)**, a space for citizen participation around Metropolitan social and inclusion policies, was notably mobilised. The Municipality of **Melle** (79) has set up a project group dealing with unconditional welcome bringing together elected officials, associations and the primary people concerned. Such a real advisory committee, this group promotes networking and the sharing of information.

COLLABORATION: In 2024, Cities of **Clermont-Ferrand** (63), **Lyon** (69) and **Grenoble Alpes Metropolis** (38) embarked on the **Resilient cities project** supported by PLACE network, which advocates the resilience of local democracies through collaboration between newcomers and local elected officials. Through training and workshops, the objective is to open up better participation of people in local democratic bodies.

TERRITORIES OF INTEGRATION: In order to develop a strong CTAI with the needs of new arrivals, the **Rouen Normandy Metropolis** (76) distributed online and in person a form translated into five languages. Ultimately, around twenty people were identified to be involved in the implementation and governance of the contract. The objective is in particular to organise multilingual

participatory workshops, based on the model of the social life councils of medico-social establishments.

NIGHT OF SOLIDARITY: In 2023, the City of **Bordeaux** (33) strengthened the scientific committee of the **Night of Solidarity** by integrating new partners. Thus, three volunteers living in homelessness situation joined the external steering committees. In conjunction with the CCAS services, they actively contributed to the development of the questionnaire, the planning and training of agents and the awareness-raising of volunteers.

CITIZEN ASSEMBLY: With European funding, **Grenoble Alpes Metropolis** (38) launched its **AGORA project**, the Academy for the Participation of Refugees, in 2023. During one year, 16 voluntary refugees met to assess the existing Metropolitan policies, programs and systems in terms of reception and integration. This work also feeds into reflections on the themes to be prioritised in the CTAI.

DEBATE: In the context of debate of the Asylum and Immigration Law, a **local citizen's Convention on immigration** was organised early in 2024 by diverse organisations from Blois. Political leaders, association representatives and concerned citizens met to discuss the issues linked to immigration and the actions that could be implemented. On this occasion, the City of **Blois** (41) and the **Centre-Val de Loire** Region defended an inclusive and humanist approach to reception.

INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATORY OF PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY – IOPD

The **IOPD** is an international network of Cities, organisations and research centres focused on local participatory democracy. As a partner of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the IOPD receives financial support from six local authorities around the world, including the Cities of **Grenoble** (38) and **Lyon** (69). In 2023, the 'Good practice in citizen participation' prize was awarded to the City and Metropolis of **Rennes** (35) for the ICE.

Recommendations



Financial and material support for the creation of associations for people primarily concerned.



Promoting access to sports and culture for people with incomplete rights.



Removing external impediments to ensure the effective participation of exiled people in reflection spaces.



Advocating for granting foreign people the right to vote and stand for office in local elections.



Integrate diaspora associations into consultation and co-construction forums.

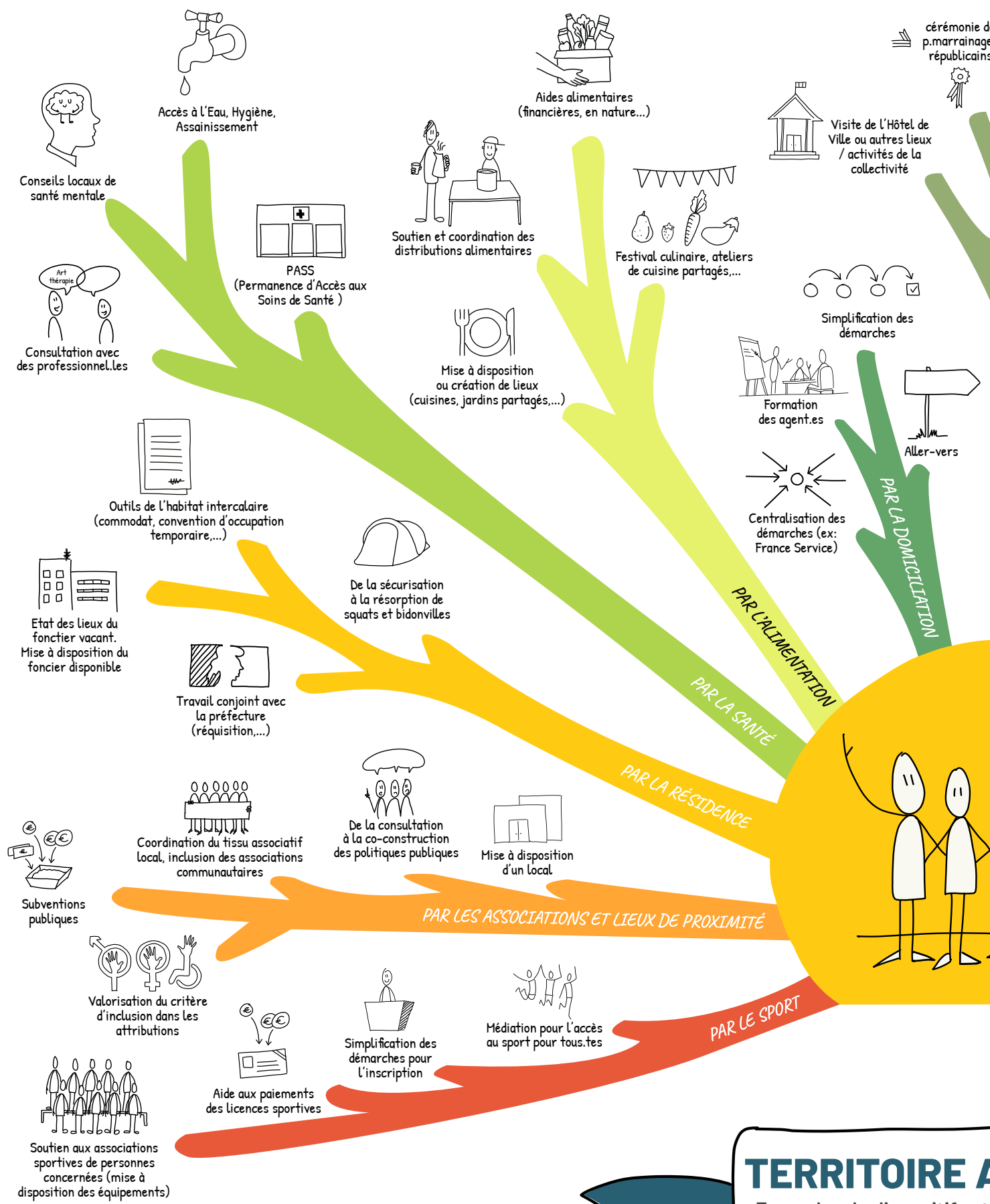


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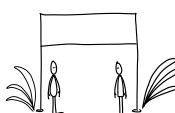
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Accueil des nouveaux arrivant.es

 Aide / Gratuité de la cantine, du périscolaire, des transports scolaires

 Médiation scolaire, préscolarisation dans les bidonvilles

 Conseil local de la jeunesse

 Co-construction d'évènements à destination de la jeunesse


 Carte de citoyenneté locale

 Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité
Scolarisation inconditionnelle

 Couloirs universitaires

 Tarification solidaire aux loisirs


 Formation des travailleurs.secs sociaux

 Permanence juridique, équipe juridique mobile, caravane d'informations des droits

 Ville amie des enfants

 Garde d'enfants pour participation des parents

 Ecrivain.es publics, traducteur.rices pour l'accompagnement des démarches

 Création d'outils, de plateforme numérique

 Crèche municipale

 Soutien à la formation professionnelle

PAR LA SCOLARISATION

PAR LA PETITE ENFANCE

PAR LA JEUNESSE

PAR L'ACCÈS AUX DROITS

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PAR LA MOBILITÉ

PAR LA CULTURE

 Soutien à la régularisation par le travail

 Missions Locales

 Chantier d'insertion, formation d'apprentissage

 Coordination des cours de FLE, recensement de l'offre, équivalence niveaux de langues

 Soutien aux acteurs

 Aide au permis de conduire

 Ateliers de conversation

 Aides financières à la mobilité douce (vélo,...)

 Création d'outils

 Tarification solidaire Gratuité des transports (en commun, régionaux,...)

 Evènements festifs et de sensibilisation

 Temps de rencontre culturelle entre citoyen.nes

 Coordination de co-voiturage en zone rurale

 Soutien à la création et à la programmation de l'offre culturelle offerte par les premier.es concerné.es

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 Offre d'un nombre de places aux bénéficiaires des associations

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