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The "Slum Clearance" newsletter reports on Dihal's work to clear slums. More broadly, it also provides information on current events in this field. To subscribe, unsubscribe or send us contributions about initiatives carried out in your area, write to us at: [pole-resorption-bidonville.dihal@developpement-durable.gouv.fr](mailto:pole-resorption-bidonville.dihal@developpement-durable.gouv.fr)



## Headlines

### Slum clearance included in the *National Strategy to Combat Poverty*

During his presentation of the *National Strategy to Combat Poverty* on 13 September 2018, the President emphasized that this strategy fully integrated the clearance of slums. This strategy is focused around five major commitments to combat poverty: **Measure 2 of the Strategy is entitled "Guaranteeing the fundamental rights of children every day"**. This measure in particular facilitates action to improve the living and

housing conditions of children in order to reduce the hardships they are suffering, to help families to extricate themselves from their situations quickly and to promote sustainable schooling. **In this context, the President reaffirmed his target of clearing all slums within five years, recalling that one of the major challenges of this strategy remains the access of minors to fundamental rights.**

The action to monitor slum clearance is co-ordinated with the *National Strategy to Combat Poverty* through joint work lead by DIPLPEJ (the Interministerial Delegation for the prevention of and fight against child and youth poverty) to develop mixed mobile care patrols (by facilitating contracts between various departments and the government). These care patrols will specialize in child protection and will intervene as early as 2019 in 15 cities to better prevent situations that undermine children's rights and to provide them with better protection. Find the strategy [here](#).



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Emmanuel MACRON presenting the strategy on 13 September 2018

## 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the *National Commission for Monitoring Slum Clearance*

The second meeting of the *National Commission for monitoring slum clearance* was held on 7 November 2018 under the chairmanship of Dihal. It included a presentation on the implementation of slum clearance under the *National Strategy to Combat Poverty* (see above) by the Interministerial Delegation for the prevention of and fight against child and youth poverty. Three departmental correspondents also provided a **review of their actions and of the territorial strategies being implemented on their territories : Rhône, Isère and Haute-Savoie**. The 11<sup>th</sup> national review was also presented (see below). Lastly, there was a review of the work of the thematic groups set up by the National Commission (access to healthcare, decentralized

cooperation, hate speech on the internet, etc.) The next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of march 2019.



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## Publication of the results of the 11<sup>th</sup> national survey of slums and squats in metropolitan France

Since 2012, Dihal has carried out a national survey every six months on the number of slums and squats present in metropolitan France. This survey is based on the data provided by Dihal's departmental correspondents. It was released in October and it covers the situation observed on 1 July 2018 ; it is also the first survey since the directive of 25 January 2018. **16,090 people were registered on 497 sites spread over 41 departments**. Of these 16,090 people, 4,186 minors were identified (on 306 sites). The five most affected departments, comprising 46% of all the people surveyed, were: Seine-Saint-Denis (12% of the people surveyed), Loire Atlantique (12% of the people surveyed), Bouches-du-Rhône (8% of the people surveyed),



**ÉTAT DES LIEUX DES BIDONVILLES EN FRANCE MÉTROPOLITAINE AU 1<sup>ER</sup> JUILLET 2018**



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Gironde (7% of the people surveyed) and Nord (7% of the people surveyed).

In addition, 33% of the people live in Île-de-France. The number of people living in slums increased slightly compared to the previous survey. This is explained by better information provided by the departmental correspondents, which can be attributed to the impetus created by the directive of 25 January 2018.

For the first time, the survey provides a regional view of the distribution of shanty towns throughout metropolitan France thanks to the publication of departmental files.

The survey is available [here](#).

## Dihal, recipient of an award from the *Fabrique numérique* program for its project to develop a platform dedicated to slum clearance

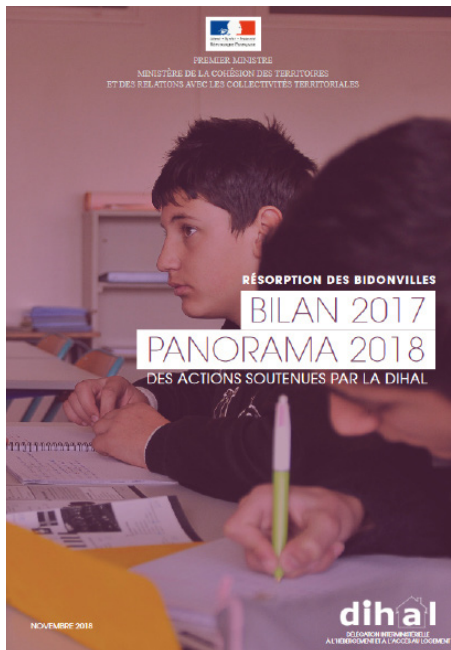
Dihal is one of the **eight winners selected to participate in *Fabrique numérique*, the business incubator run by the Ministry of Territorial Cohesion and Relations with local authorities and the Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition**. The project presented by Dihal consists in developing a digital platform for slum clearance. Its development began in mid-November and is part of a specific process, which aims to launch an initial release of the platform shortly (with a beta version 2 to 3 months later), while

ensuring that the process is truly iterative (the tool is constantly evolving on the basis of user feedback). For this, Dihal is receiving the support of a coach and a developer.

This project is meant to facilitate the monitoring of slum clearances: if you are a departmental correspondent or operator, you can send us your request to participate in this project, so that Dihal can contact you at the different stages of its development. More information on *Fabrique numérique* [here](#).

## Publication of the 2017 Overview – 2018 Outlook for actions supported by Dihal

The 2017 Overview – 2018 Outlook for actions supported by Dihal has just been published. Thanks to the directive of 25 January 2018, national annual funding of 3 million euros is now dedicated specifically to support slum clearance actions in order to help residents move into housing and to facilitate their sustainable integration into society. This funding is only part of the financing that comes from various public, and even private, stakeholders, but it acts as leverage to enable current best practice to be developed and enhanced. The 2017 Overview recorded **73 actions carried out by 46 operators and involving 3,600 families or 11,300 people**. Of these, 5,275 were children of school age – an increase of 46% from 2016. In addition, 4,680 people are benefitting



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from comprehensive social support. Thanks to the actions supported by Dihal, the General Directorate for Social Cohesion, and the Directorate for Housing, Urbanism and Landscape, since 2013 a total of 12,610 people have been accommodated or housed thanks to social support, of which 5,132 have gained access to independent housing, more than 2,800 have found a job and 7,075 children have been placed in schools. Between 2016 and 2017, the number of persons accessing housing is increasing by 15% and the number of persons finding a job by 26%.

The 2017 Overview is available [here](#).

## Editing the “Slum clearance” extranet and call for documents

The “Slum clearance” extranet was presented at the second meeting of the *National Commission for Monitoring Slum Clearance*. It will make it possible to share the contact details for the stakeholders involved in slum clearance, documents produced by Dihal (reviews, action tracking and the files and information used to share best practice), documents produced by partners and operational documents

that are useful for project leaders. **Thank you for sending us useful documents** (temporary occupancy agreements, contracts with families, social support public procurement documents, etc.) **that will be anonymized and made available on the extranet**. To access the extranet and to share documents, send a message to [pole-resorption-bidonville.dihal@developpement-durable.gouv.fr](mailto:pole-resorption-bidonville.dihal@developpement-durable.gouv.fr).



## Regional News

### Stabilizing the *Louis le Débonnaire* site in Metz: a partnership that is proving its worth

On 19 September, Dihal went to Metz to attend the Steering Committee of the *Louis le Débonnaire* site and to take part in a visit to the site, which is run by *Amitiés Tsiganes*. The *Louis le Débonnaire* project is a **project that supports people on site to make the gradual transition towards housing, thanks to a partnership between the city, the government and the Abbé Pierre foundation**. People living on the site had not been included in any previous integration program.

This stabilization program, which is intended to last three years, is entering its second year and is already showing positive results. **8 of the 16 families initially present on the site have been housed**, 3 of the 8 remaining families have already taken the necessary steps and **the site has not experienced any new influx of people not included in this program**. During

the Steering Committee, a question was raised concerning the end of the program: it was confirmed that the site would be closed at the end of the three-year experiment, as originally planned. However, **a complete evaluation is yet to be produced by Jean-Baptiste DAUBEUF** (University of Lorraine), and the people will receive continued support in their housing after their exit from the site.



The Louis le Débonnaire site

## Inauguration of the *Charles Michel* social residence in Saint-Denis: transitional housing for families from in the *Voltaire* site

On 25 September, the *Charles Michel* social residence in Saint-Denis was formally opened in the presence of families. The city of Saint-Denis has carried out major reconstruction work after taking ownership of the building. Within this residence, **17 dwellings were reserved for several families occupying the *Voltaire* site**, and the remaining twelve dwellings were intended for families leaving unsuitable housing. Its

management is now provided by *Alteralia*, which develops a comprehensive social support system for both families in the *Voltaire* territory as well as those who have been integrated into social housing. It aims to allow the families to leave the *Voltaire* site. The objective is to clear this site, in particular by using the dedicated social housing places under the title of “sas” or social support service.

## A training course aimed at facilitating access to jobs in the cleaning industry in Grenoble

The Grenoble-Alpes metropolis has set up the **FLIP project “French as a Foreign Language and level one qualification for the cleaning profession” for people with low employability**, including people living in squats and slums. This project was launched on 18<sup>th</sup> October on the national day of the cleaning profession as part of a POEC or “Collective operational

preparation for employment” initiative (this POEC is financed by the Employment Centre, OPCA Transports and services and the Grenoble-Alpes metropolis) and unites all the government services, particularly Direccte, and stakeholders in the employment sector. A local partnership and an exemplary initiative to develop the territorial slum clearance strategy.



## Partnerships/Networks

### Enhanced cooperation with the Mission for the protection of women from violence and the fight against human trafficking

On 4 October, Dihal met with Elisabeth Moiron-Braud, Secretary General of MIPROF (Mission for the protection of women from violence and the fight against human trafficking), to discuss the three key pillars of their shared working perspectives. As part of the *Crime Prevention Strategy 2018–2022*, Dihal first proposed **the creation of mediator/contact positions in connection with some of MIPROF’s**

**training actions.** Dihal is also involved in developing the new *National plan of action against human trafficking*, which is expected by the end of 2018. Finally, **discussions regarding underage marriage continue** while a booklet on this subject is being prepared by Dihal.

<http://stop-violences-femmes.gouv.fr/>

### “Employment” day on 4 October in Villeurbanne

On 4 October in Villeurbanne, Dihal attended the conference entitled: “*What levers and means of action are there for homeless people without employment?*”, organized by CNDH Romeurope and its member associations in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region. This meeting was aimed at removing barriers between various issues (social, employment, health), as well as promoting exchanges and multidisciplinary.



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## Europe/International

### The 16<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of CAHROM held in Strasbourg

Dihal travelled to Strasbourg between 15 and 19 October to participate in the *Dialogue with Roma civil society* as well as to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of CAHROM. These work meetings allowed Dihal

to evaluate the projects developed by the Council of Europe, in particular Romact, but also helped to identify the key themes of the next CAHROM meeting, which will be held in Toulouse next June.

## The 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the *National Roma Contact Points* of the European Commission

On 8 and 9 October, Dihal went to the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the *National Roma Contact Points* in Brussels. It focused on the topic of inequality in terms of health and access to housing for the Roma populations across the European Union. In addition, Věra Jourová,

European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, reminded attendees of the importance of the fight against hate speech against Roma people, especially on the internet.

## A call for projects from towns and cities for ERDF funding from Urban Innovative Action (UIA): applications by 31<sup>st</sup> January

Under the “*Urban poverty*” heading of this call for projects, towns, inter-municipal associations and groups of more than 50,000 inhabitants can apply for a project of between 3 to 4 years from the date of approval of the application, **for up to €5 million** (with co-financing of at least 20% of the overall cost of the

project).

Dihal is available to provide any additional information to towns, inter-municipal associations and cities who are interested. For more information: <https://uia-initiative.eu/fr/call-proposals>

## Bilingual health booklets (2018 edition): a useful tool for facilitating access to healthcare

**Bilingual health booklets have been made available in 15 different languages, including Romanian, to facilitate information sharing between health and social professionals.** Recently updated et re-edited this year, the booklets explain the French healthcare system, and give useful information on everyday life,

including procedures and rights to healthcare.

PDownload here: <http://inpes.santepubliquefrance.fr/collections/livrets-bilingues.asp>

Order here : <http://moncoupon.santepubliquefrance.fr/>



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

- [A tool for communities to mobilize financial support developed by the project \*State start up\*](#)
- [Conference “The professional success of the Roma” organized by the association \*Rencont’roms Nous!\* in Toulouse](#)
- [The Radio France Philharmonic Orchestra plays for migrant children living in slum areas helped by the association \*Les enfants du canal\*](#)
- [UNCCAS welcomes the action of the Metz CCAS](#)
- [Le Parisien presents an exhibition on the “la zone” slum at the Lumière des Roses gallery in Montreuil](#)
- [Water in southern countries: action being taken by the NGO \*Eau et Vie\* and the Suez Foundation](#)
- [In Lyon, families leave the I2E insertion zone, and this program is being considered as a success by \*France info\*](#)
- [In Marseille, the Fondation de France supports the action of Jane Bouvier and is being honoured by \*The Provence\*](#)
- [Lockers made available to the homeless in Montreuil](#)

## 8 avenue Lénine, a fifteen-year documentary on a Romanian family living in Paris

The story of 8 avenue Lénine, directed by Anna Pitoun and Valérie Mittheaux, starts in 2012 and follows the life of a Romanian woman, from living in a slum on the outskirts of Paris to her first apartment. Over a period fifteen years, we witness the struggles of the family seeking at all costs to integrate, despite discrimination and prejudice.

A print booklet has been published online in open-access, for those wishing to organise debates after screenings. The documentary will be in theaters until mid-december. The directors have taken part in several radio and TV-shows, including 28 Minutes on the Franco-German station Arte – see replay : (replay [here](#)). Plus d'informations : <http://www.8avenuelenine.com/>

