

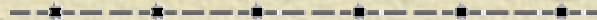
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***The French Platform for Disaster Risk  
Reduction, activating stakeholders***

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« activating stakeholders »***

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## *The “Advisory Board for Prevention of Major Natural Hazards” (1/2)*

- ✦ **under the responsibility of the Minister of Ecology and Sustainable Development**
- ✦ **Its Secretariat is headed by the Delegate for Major Risks, who is the focal point for ISDR**
- ✦ **No specific resources**

## ***The “Advisory Board for Prevention of Major Natural Hazards” (2/2)***

- ✦ Many ministries represented as well as delegates from civil society**
- ✦ Institutional support and meeting point for exchange and coordinate**
- ✦ Makes proposals for changes and new action which will respect the prerogative of ministries and institutions concerned**
- ✦ Action placed in the larger context of sustainable development**
- ✦ Successor of the French Committee for IDNDR**

## ***Introducing the AFPCN (1/3)***

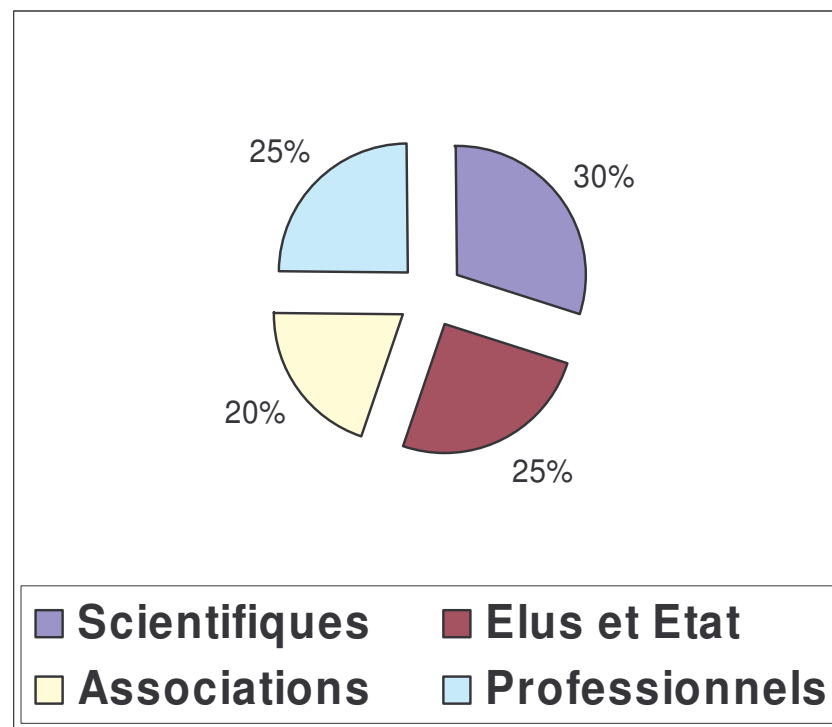
- ❖ **an independent association and forum for civil society**
- ❖ **is a member of the Advisory Board**
- ❖ **under convention (agreement) with the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, as operator (sub contractor) for local, national and international activities related to disaster reduction.**
- ❖ **activities organized by members on a voluntary basis, with the administrative support of one part-time staff member**

# ***Introducing the AFPCN (2/3) about 100 members***

## **Organisations and partners :**

- **Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable (convention)**
- **Public research and expertise organisations**
- **Trade associations :**
  - **insurance**
- **Companies**
  - **Reinsurance**
  - **Tourism**

## **Individuals**



## ***Introducing the AFPCN (3/3)***

### **Mission statement**

- ✦ contributes to the increase of knowledge and to ensuring its dissemination**
- ✦ strengthens the role of civil society as actor and participant in the process of disaster risk reduction**
- ✦ develops bilateral initiatives and exchanges**
- ✦ positions national endeavours in an international context, particularly the European and regional context, as defined by ISDR**

## ***Main activities of the AFPCN (1/2)***

- ✦ **Increasing and disseminating knowledge (Scientific committee):**
  - **Feedback and lessons learned exercises and conferences:**
    - **Katrina: what lessons for Europe?**
    - **Commemorating the 1856 floods in France**
    - **Working group on « history and memory »**
  - **Geographic information** (hazard, asset and risk zoning) **and GIS as a tool for risk management** (conference, white paper)
  - **Working group on the economy of risks**

## ***Main activities of the AFPCN (2/2)***

- ✦ **Strengthening the links between the State and civil society:**
  - **Mediation in difficult / specific situations**
  - **Networking with associations:**
    - **Cross memberships with thematic & regional associations**
    - **Exchanges and joint projects**
    - **« Associations Day »**
  - **Training: a day of training for magistrates**
  - **Stimulating debates on draft legislation:**
    - **draft Directives :**
      - **Flood Risk Management**
      - **INSPIRE**
    - **The evolution of the PPR process and its evaluation**

# ***Improving the commitment of DRR stakeholders in France***

## **✦ In 3 civil society components:**

- Public – NGOs – Associations**
- Education and research**
- Private sector**

## **✦ Qualitative assessments of :**

	initial commitment
	improvement with AFPCN inter alia

*See the 3 next slides*

# NGOs & Associations as DRR stakeholders in France

<i>Thematic Associations</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Culture	■	■			
Nature and environment protection					
Sustainable development	■	■			
Civil defence	■	■	■		
Humanitarian aid	■	■	■	■	
Scientific societies	■	■	■		
<i>Stakeholders Associations</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Victims	■	■	■	■	■
Consumers					
Professionals (eg. Risk managers, etc)	■	■			
Trade associations	■	■			
General interest service suppliers	■	■	■	■	■
Local authorities	■	■	■		
Elected staff of institutions	■	■	■		

# ***Education and research as DRR stakeholders in France***

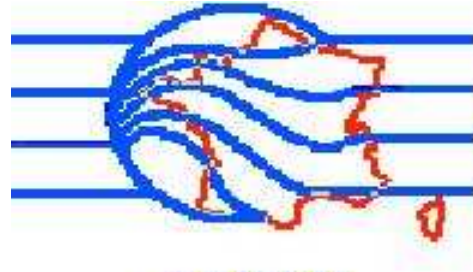
<b><i>Sectors</i></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Primary education</b>	■	■			
<b>Secondary education</b>	■	■	■	■	
<b>Superior education</b>	■	■	■	■	
<b>Research</b>	■	■	■	■	■
<b>Public health services</b>	■	■			

# ***Private sectors as DRR stakeholders in France***

<b>Sectors</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Insurance and reinsurance</b>					
<b>Banking and investment services industries</b>					
<b>Real estate professions</b>					
<b>Civil works and construction</b>					
<b>Transportation networks</b>					
<b>Utilities networks</b>					
<b>Other industrial and commercial</b>					
<b>Service suppliers (other than risk and geo experts)</b>					
<b>Health services</b>					

## ***Conclusion: AFPCN creating value for DRR***

- ✦ Interdisciplinary scientific committee**
- ✦ Bridge and open forum between public and private stakeholders**
- ✦ Stimulating civil society commitment**
- ✦ Act as a « network of networks » for domestic and international cooperation on DRR.**



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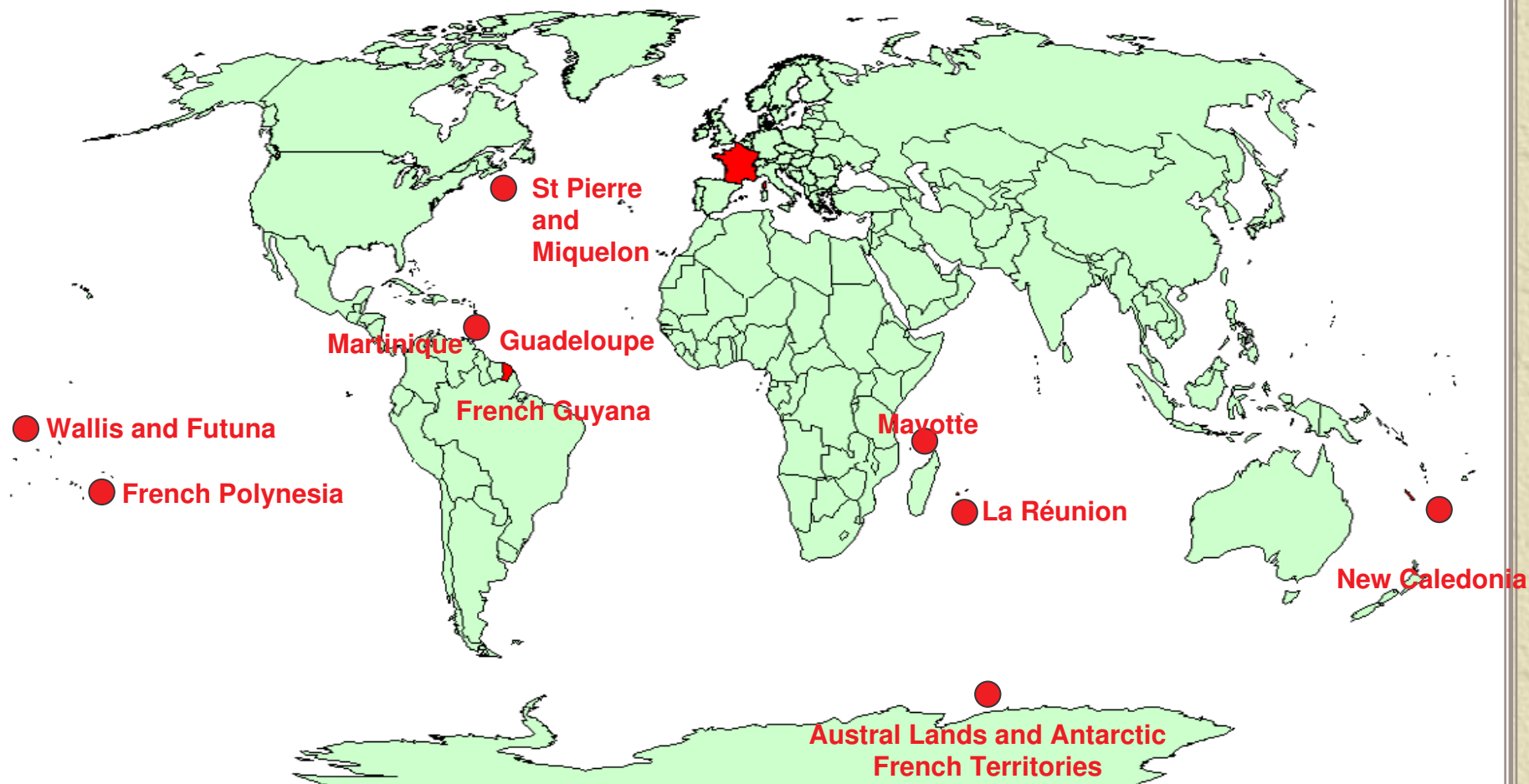


# ***Annexes***

- ✦ **Disaster risk reduction in France**
  - **The natural hazards we are facing**
  - **Major governmental objectives and tools:**
    - **Reduction of vulnerability as a government objective**
    - **Two well-established mechanisms : PPR and Cat Nat**
- ✦ **Further information about AFPCN**
  - **International activity**
  - **Looking ahead**

# *Natural hazards in France(1/3)*

*Map of French territory around the world :*



# ***Disaster risk reduction in France***

- ❖ **Government objectives:  
reduction of vulnerability**
- ❖ **Two well established mechanisms : Plan  
for Prevention of Risks (PPR) and CATNAT**

## ***Disaster risk reduction in France***

- ✦ Government's main objective is reduction of vulnerability through :**
  - Improvement in knowledge: observation, research, training, warning systems**
  - Protective measures : building codes, zoning regulations (for PPR's)**
  - Information, education and training**
  - Early warning and preparedness for crisis management**
  - Feedback exercises : integration of lessons learned from past events and the change in functions and capacities of actors**



**Disaster risk reduction in France :  
Two well established mechanisms,  
Plan for Prevention of Risks (PPR)**

✦ **A useful instrument**

- **Established at the level of the municipality or group of municipalities**
- **Aims to reduce the risk exposure and the vulnerability of people and buildings**
- **Regulates land use, building codes, the use of space in risk zones.**

✦ **But progress still to be made in land planning :**

- **4.5 million dwellings located in flood prone areas**
- **Low level of implication of local institutions and civil society in PPRs**

## **Disaster risk reduction in France : Two well established mechanisms, CATNAT**

### ***Insurance Compensation : « CATNAT »***

#### **✦ Mechanism based on principle of national solidarity:**

- Funding : compulsory allotment of a percentage of property premiums (+12% dwellings, 6% cars)**
- Declaration by national authorities of a state of natural disaster in specific areas,**
- The policyholder is compensated rapidly by his insurance company**
- State guarantee on top of a reinsurance scheme (CCR)**

#### **✦ Results :**

- Effectiveness of compensation ;**
- but :**
  - Not enough incentives for future prevention ;**
  - Limited capacity of the scheme**
- nevertheless it provides financial resource to the Barnier Fund, dedicated to support prevention measures**

# ***International action of AFPCN***

- ✦ **Participation in the global movement for disaster risk reduction under the UN: Hyogo, Bonn, Davos, Pretoria....**
- ✦ **Action to develop a working network on experiences and practices within Europe or internationally :**
  - **Informal meeting of European platforms, Paris, 7-8 December 2006**
  - **Links with the Comité Européen des Assurances (CEA)**
  - **Evaluation of the World Bank report on its own work**
  - **Advisory services and encouragement for the setting up and strengthening of national platforms**

## ***AFPCN looking ahead...***

### **✦ *At the national level:***

### **✦ *At the European level:***

- Promoting the pooling of capacities to develop a culture of shared risks**
- Encouraging countries without a platform to establish one**

### **✦ *In the Euro-Africa context***

- Facilitating exchanges, especially in the education field, through modern techniques of communication and the exchange of expertise. Possible use of the « francophonie » network.**

### **✦ *At the international level***

- Working to replace European and national initiatives within the global movement developed by ISDR**
- Examining possibilities of bilateral cooperation at the sub-regional level**