The Centre region, a region committed to international cooperation

Open to the world, creating and leading sustainable partnerships, and promoting the values of European citizenship and international solidarity, that provide opportunities for the Centre Region to stand out on the international stage.

In Africa, Asia and Europe, our regional authority manages priority areas for decentralised cooperation. We invest our competencies (culture, heritage, secondary schools, higher education, research, economic development, the environment, tourism, etc.) to share our experience with the partner regions, creating synergies with local partners. Therefore, going beyond the many initiatives in the field, particularly in terms of local development to the south, cooperation programmes of this type create closer relations and open up values to other cultures.

In the Centre Region, an environment promoting the deployment of cooperation and international solidarity is taking form, particularly by federating and supporting regional actors via the association Centraider. Each year, large-scale regional meetings allow the citizens of the Centre region to access extensive knowledge of this international opening.
Providing support for twinning programmes in Europe

• An average of 30 projects a year, led by twinning associations, twinning committees, or the municipalities of the region, receive financial support from the Centre Region each year.

• 250 young adults participate in these projects each year to develop active European citizenship.

Providing support for international solidarity

• An average of 70 projects a year, led by associations, local authorities, or public institutions in the region, receive financial support from the Centre Region each year.

• Providing support for sustainable social and economic development, mainly in southern countries (excluding priority cooperation zones) and contributing to the values of international solidarity by education, information and awareness campaigns focusing on development, in the Centre region.

To obtain this type of support, please consult the website: www.regioncentre.fr - «international cooperation» section - «financial support for projects» tab

Providing support for regional actors

Centrelander carries out five missions targeting regional actors in decentralised cooperation and international solidarity (regional authorities, associations, schools, hospitals, universities, etc.):

• Who's who: over 700 structures are listed in the data base.

• Information: over 2000 subscribers for the newsletter, 2 journals per year, a website, Training: 7 training days.

• Support: an average of 60 support programmes organised for project managers and 250 requests for information answered each year.

• Networking: 15 topical and geographical meetings, 450 people participating in activities (thousands of individuals and school pupils made aware of north-south interdependency and the need to construct a world with more solidarity).

Regional meetings focusing on decentralised cooperation and international solidarity

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Volunteers

The Centre region, in partnership with the association France Volontaires, enables young people to acquire experience in international solidity by participating in its decentralised cooperation initiatives.

EUROPE

SACHSEN-ANHALT LAND IN GERMANY (2004)

Discussion on practices for energy efficiency, particularly the use of the biomass.

PARDUBICE REGION IN CZECH REPUBLIC (2004)

Institutional cooperation involves discussing practices in terms of administration, management planning and the development of the two regions, particularly on issues relating to specialised development.

MALOPOLSKA REGION IN POLAND (2004)

The Region supports projects which promote the expression of European citizenship: youth exchange programmes, school partnerships and twinning programmes, etc.

AFRICA

MEKNES-TAFILALET REGION IN MOROCCO (2009)

A key project supporting the women and medicinal plant sector in the region of MeKNes-TafillaLeT, aims to improve the income of small local farmers, who are often women. Support for cooperatives, support for productive activities, promotion of regional produce, etc.

ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS AND PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTIES IN GORJOL, IN MAURITANIA (2001)

Support for the decentralisation process and interregional partnerships. The Centre region and the NGO, GRDR, are organising cooperation initiatives.

MALOPOLSKA REGION IN POLAND (2004)

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ASIA

HUHAN PROVINCE IN CHINA (1999)

Educational cooperation programmes enable the exchange of expertise in the field of hotel and catering (partnership between the Huzhou Hotel and the hotel and catering school in Kios, etc.). The promotion of regional products is expanding in the context of economic cooperation.

LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE IN LAOS (2001)

To ensure sustainable development of the Khan Khan Watershed, the Centre region and the association Tambours de Bronze are installing supply systems for drinking water and toilets (over 550 dollars have been constructed) in 15 villages in the province of Luang Prabang (benefitting 4 500 people).

TAMIL NADU STATE IN INDIA (2008)

Centre Region promotes visibility of secondary school students, etc. A project aiming to protect and highlight the heritage of “Chettinad” region in coordination with UNESCO, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign and local authorities, aims to exchange know-how to develop national cultural policies in relation to the integration of sustainable regional management, etc.