



INVITATION

4th October 2018

in Aix-en-Provence (South of France)



The third southern France annual meeting for flood prevention in the mediterranean arc with participation of european countries

CONTEXT

After the flooding events of October 2015 in the Alpes-Martimes Department (South East of France), an **action plan was dedicated for the mediterranean arc**.

The French Minister of Ecology decided to organise a yearly campaign of sensibilisation allowing to explain the involved phenomenons and to prepare the life saving elements for citizens. Such a campaign is carried out every year from the first of September to the middle of December in order to :

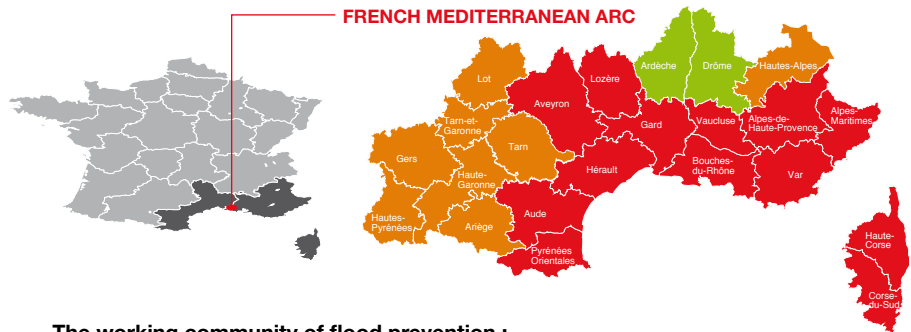
- To develop a real risk culture.
- To be prepared to face the events.
- To involve all the stakeholders of prevention.

In June 2017, the Prefect of the South safety area decided the creation of an inter-regional mission which is dedicated to prevention of the flooding in the mediterranean arc.

This mission has strong links with the civil safety authorities, the 4 concerned regions and the 23 departments exposed to rapid floods, and the territorial collectivities.

The aims of the inter-regional mission are :

- To reinforce the inter-regional coordination to apply the national policies.
- To subscribe the action in the long term.
- To assist the services and the territorial stakeholders to improve the performance of the practices and the tools for flood prevention.
- To assure a zonal coherence in the operations.
- To favourise an inter-ministerial work involving synergies between all the stakeholders.



The working community of flood prevention :

The Prefect of the South safety area wants to reunite the working community of flood prevention in the mediterranean arc every year during the national campaign of communication.

In the past, there has had two meetings of this community in October 2016 and 2017.

The working community involves all the stakeholders of flood prevention :

- The state services (national, zonal, regional and departmental levels).
- Some representatives of local authorities and collectivities.
- Some public and private establishments who are experts in this field (for example : météo-france, cerema, l'irstea, cyprès...).

This community is an opportunity to exchange and **to discuss about the successes and the difficulties met during the prevention**. It is in a way, to report the **results of the past actions**, and also, to present and validate the **future actions of the inter-regional mission and the territories**. Field experiences are exposed in order to illustrate the successfull actions.

For this year, the third meeting is organised on the 4th October 2018 in Aix en Provence at the national school of fire-fighters - ENSOSP (see the access plan in attached file).

The Prefect will preside the conference.

For this future meeting, the Prefect wishes to include the european delegates to have bird-eye view of the preventive practices in the different european countries.

In this context, we invite representatives of Spain, Italy, Greece and other european countries to participate to this meeting.

The representatives will have a place at the tribune in order to present their methods for prevention and their appreciation on the past events in their countries and to react to current French practices.



Please confirm your participation before the 8th of June 2018 to the following address :

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