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French Association for Natural Disaster Risk Reduction

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The French Association for Natural Disaster Risk reduction (AFPCN), was created in 2001 in the continuity of the French Committee of the International Decade for the Prevention of Natural Disasters.



> **AFPCN IS PART OF THE NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)** and promoting links between civil society, experts for natural disaster risk reduction and the French government

> **AFPCN CO-LEADS THE ORIENTATION COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF MAJOR NATURAL RISKS (COPRNM)** in close collaboration with the General Director for Risk Prevention of the Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition

> **AFPCN COORDINATES THE USERS' COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL OBSERVATORY OF NATURAL RISKS (CU-ONRN)**

AFPCN is networking many members and partners such as local authorities, public institutions, universities and research centers, NGO's, companies, experts, national and local elected representatives, students, central or local administrative officials.

Membership in AFPCN is open to all individuals and organizations involved in disaster risk reduction in France or abroad. It gives the opportunity to be involved in working groups, workshops or conferences enhancing a pluridisciplinary approach and the links between professionals of different sectors; It is also encouraging debates and exchanges around DRR and thus is contributing to the efficiency of public policy.

4 main DRR themes:

1. NATIONAL NETWORKING ACTIVITIES
2. RESEARCH AND PROSPECTIVE (SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL)
3. TERRITORIAL ACTIONS
4. EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS



THEME 1 – NATIONAL NETWORKING ACTIVITIES



- **INVOLVEMENT IN THE DESIGN, ANIMATION AND VALORISATION OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCES ON NATURAL RISKS** (*Assises nationales des risques naturels*); **2019 in Montpellier**, and 2016 in Marseilles
- **DEVELOPMENT AND ANIMATION OF A COLLABORATIVE INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM** to promote exchanges between disaster risk reduction professionals
- **DRIVING THE USERS' COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL OBSERVATORY OF NATURAL RISKS** and supporting the creation of a future database on harmful events
- **PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD COMMISSION** (*Commission mixte inondation*) whose one of the main goals is to assess and to apply national PAPI (*Programmes d'actions de prévention des inondations*) label to flood prevention actions programs



THEME 2 – RESEARCH AND PROSPECTIVE (Scientific Council)



The purpose of the Scientific Council is to enable a better analysis, understanding, and appropriation of disaster risk reduction topics by bringing together independent experts from various disciplines (natural sciences and engineering, medical sciences, social sciences and societal sciences) thanks to thematic working groups and conferences to produce and communicate deliverables on current topics.

WG CLIMATIC RISKS
WG DROUGHT AND HEATWAVE
WG EXPERTISE, DECISIONS AND PUBLIC OPINIONS
WG UNCERTAINTIES AND DECISIONS
WG RISKS AND MEDIAS
WG ASTEROIDS RISKS



2017-2018 EVENTS

- 2017-03-16 "Risks of drought: Evaluation of the hydrological consequences of the global warming"
- 2017-06-08 "Risks of drought: Feedbacks and perspectives of territorial adaptation"
- 2018-04-12 "Perception, prevention and crisis management linked to asteroids falls" in collaboration with Paris Observatory
- 2018-06-13 "Evolution of the expertise on climatic actions" in collaboration with the French IPCC focal point

THEME 3 – TERRITORIAL ACTIONS



In order to set up concrete activities applied in the field, and to make the connection between public policy and territorial reality AFPCN supervises local working groups such as:

○ DISASTERS FEEDBACKS

Co-piloted by NGO [CYPRES](#), this group is offering to communities a tool for collecting, managing and sharing REX data.

○ TERRITORIAL VULNERABILITY AND RESILIENCE

Co-animated with NGO [IMdR](#), this group is assessing network vulnerability to major risks and defining a methodology and action plans to increase networks resilience by using a preventive approach in two French agglomerations - pilot sites (Le Havre and Grand Troyes).



- **TOURISM AND RISKS**

This group is aiming to raise awareness among municipalities and citizens to the occurrence and consequences of natural hazards in tourist areas.

- **CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERPROFESSIONAL NETWORK "B3 FRANCE" - BUILD BACK BETTER FRANCE** initiated with the organization of the [conference](#) "What contributions of insurance actors to make and rebuild better" in September 2017



- **TRAINING COURSES ON "TERRITORIAL SAFEGUARDING PLANS"** (*plans communaux de sauvegarde - PCS*) organized in collaboration with the Ministry of the Interior, in order to create an exchanges platform between local elected representatives of small municipalities, to collect their know-how and share their feedback on local risks and the implementation of PCS

THEME 4 – EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS



- **PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL RISK ACTORS AT THE UNISDR Global Platform Conferences**
- **CO-ANIMATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF COPRNM** set up to promote the coordination of French actors working in the field of disaster risk reduction in Europe or internationally.
- **VALORIZATION FRENCH KNOW-HOW THROUGH EXCHANGES WITH INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS OF RESEARCH AND PRACTITIONERS IN THE FIELD OF DRR** such as [IDRiM Society](#) (Integrated Disaster Risk Management)



IDRiM meeting in Iceland, August 2017



IDRIM 2019 MEETING IN FRANCE

Together with CNRS, the Nice University and its partner associations, AFPCN will host the IDRIM Society International Conference on Integrated Disaster Risk Management in Nice, France from 16 to 18 October 2019



- **PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH OR STUDY PROJECTS** as a partner or member of steering committees, in particular with DG RTD or DG ECHO (e.g. REX INTEGRATED, ECOSTRESS, CAPHAZ-NET, ESPRESSO).
- **CREATION OF A FRENCH-SPEAKING DIRECTORY OF ACTORS** working in the field of disaster risk reduction

- **SHARING INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICES OF FRENCH DRR ACTORS IN FRANCE AND ABROAD**



AFPCN GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATION

Chairmanship

AFPCN is chaired by President **Christian KERT**, President of the COPRNM and **Marie-France BEAUFILS**, Vice-President, Mayor of Saint-Pierre-des-Corps.

Board of Directors

Its governance is based on a Delegate general **Henri LEGRAND**, a Secretary general **Roland NUSSBAUM**, a Bureau and a Board of Directors comprising representatives of various partner institutions such as **AFPS**, **ANEB**, **ANEL**, **BRGM**, **CEPRI**, **CEREMA**, **CMI**, **IAU IdF**, **IMdR**, **IRSTEA**, **Météo France**, and **MRN**.



Scientific Council

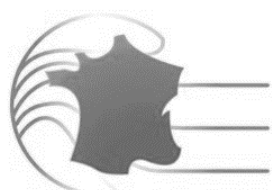
The scientific council is chaired by **Maud DEVÈS** (IPGP/CRPMS), which brings together about thirty national and international figures from the world of science and technology.

Project managers

The activities of AFPCN are articulated around 4 working themes, animated by voluntary members of the representatives of partner organizations, and administered by the project managers, **Sébastien LEIBRANDT** (Geologist) and **Marie-Morgane PETIT** (Environmental Rights).

Support

Two ministries, the **Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition** and the **Ministry of the Interior**, provide support to the association.



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