

**THE ROLE OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES
IN THE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL DIMENSIONS OF
MIGRATION POLICIES**

**RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION OF
REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN
OCCTIANIE**

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OVERVIEW OF THE REGION OF OCCITANIE

A VAST, DENSE, AND DYNAMIC REGION



13 départements
and **2** capital cities,
4th and **8th** most
populated cities
in France



5.8 millions inhabitants,
2nd French region in
population growth.

COMPETENCE OF FRENCH REGIONS

Exclusive

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2015: 1st convention for a scholarship to **5** student refugees

2016: 2nd convention for **9** student refugees

2017: 3rd convention for **19** students from Zaatari camp in Jordan

2018: 4th convention for **9** students from Zaatari camp in Jordan

2015: 1st Regional mechanism in support of cities welcoming refugees fleeing the Syrian conflict

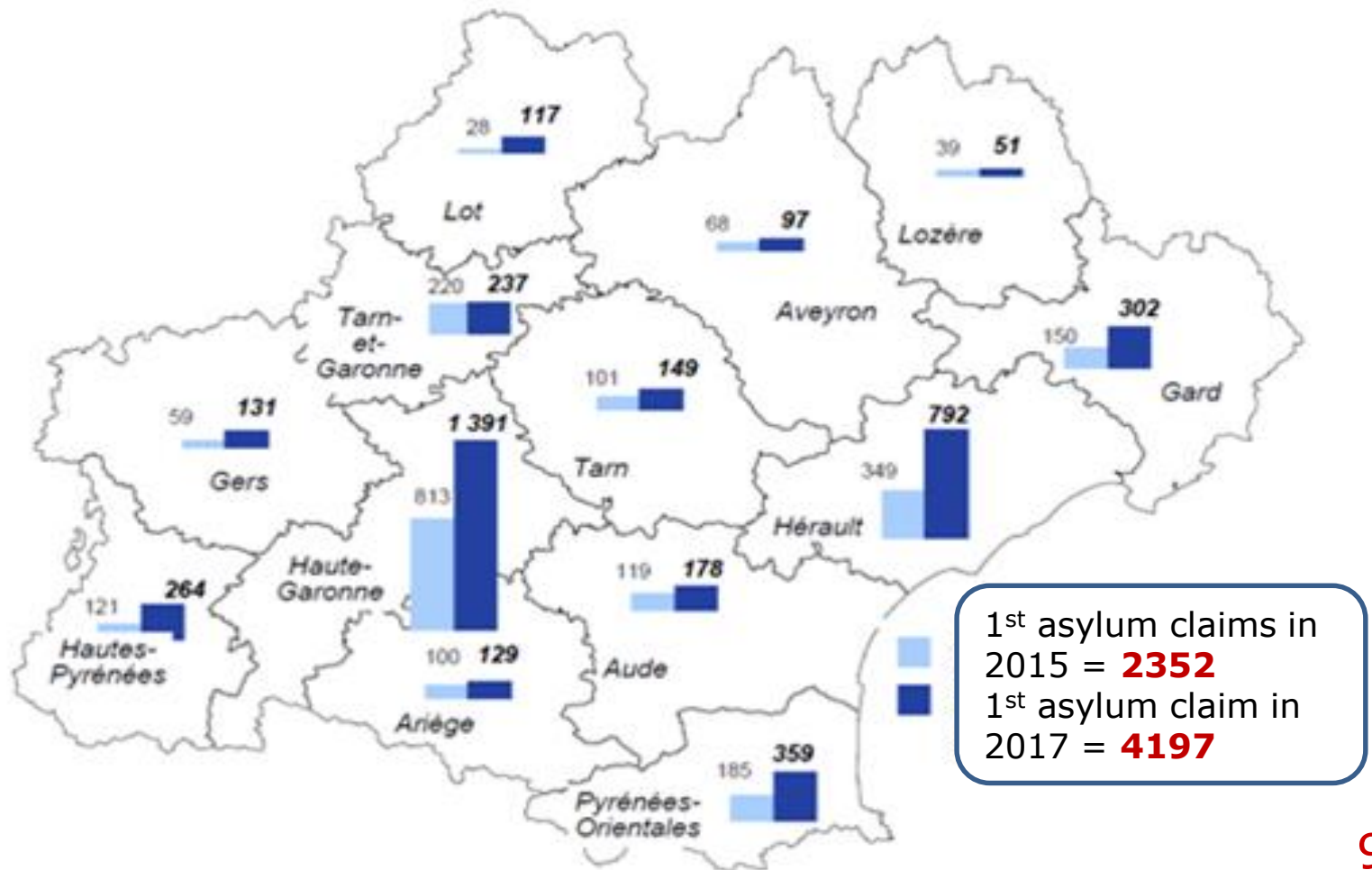
- Limited to cities and city groupings
- Limited to the ex-Region of Midi-Pyrénées
- 1 000 euros per refugee welcomed

→ **6** cities and **42** refugees supported through this mechanism.

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SOLIDARITY HERE AND THERE : FROM REACTION TO POLICY

Evolution of flows of asylum seekers



THE REGIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES

Context

- Important increase in the influx of migrants.
- The State decides :
 - the share of asylum seekers hosted in each region.
 - the distribution of the places of accommodation intended for them.

Stakes

- Support and encourage the welcoming of refugees **throughout** the territory
- Take into account the specificities of **each** parts of the territory

Objectives

- Contribute to offering decent reception conditions to asylum seekers and refugees in Occitanie.
- Lay the bases for an effective social integration of asylum seekers and refugees.

THE REGIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES

Adopted in **2017**

Eligible beneficiaries

- Cities and grouping of cities
- Asylum seekers and refugees reception structures
- Public institutions

Budget

- A total of **1 000 000€** /year
- **1000 € /person** up to **50 000€** for cities and grouping of cities
- A **maximum of 60%** of the cost of the project and up to **150 000€** per project for reception structures and public institutions

Eligible projects

→ Any project that complements or furthers State requirements for the reception of asylum seekers and refugees.

RESULTS

As of February 2019:

Cities and grouping of cities

- **21** cities in **8** departments
- **179 000** euros in support of **186** beneficiaries.

Reception structures

- **33** projects in all **13** departments
- **1 423 000** euros in support of **4000** beneficiaries.

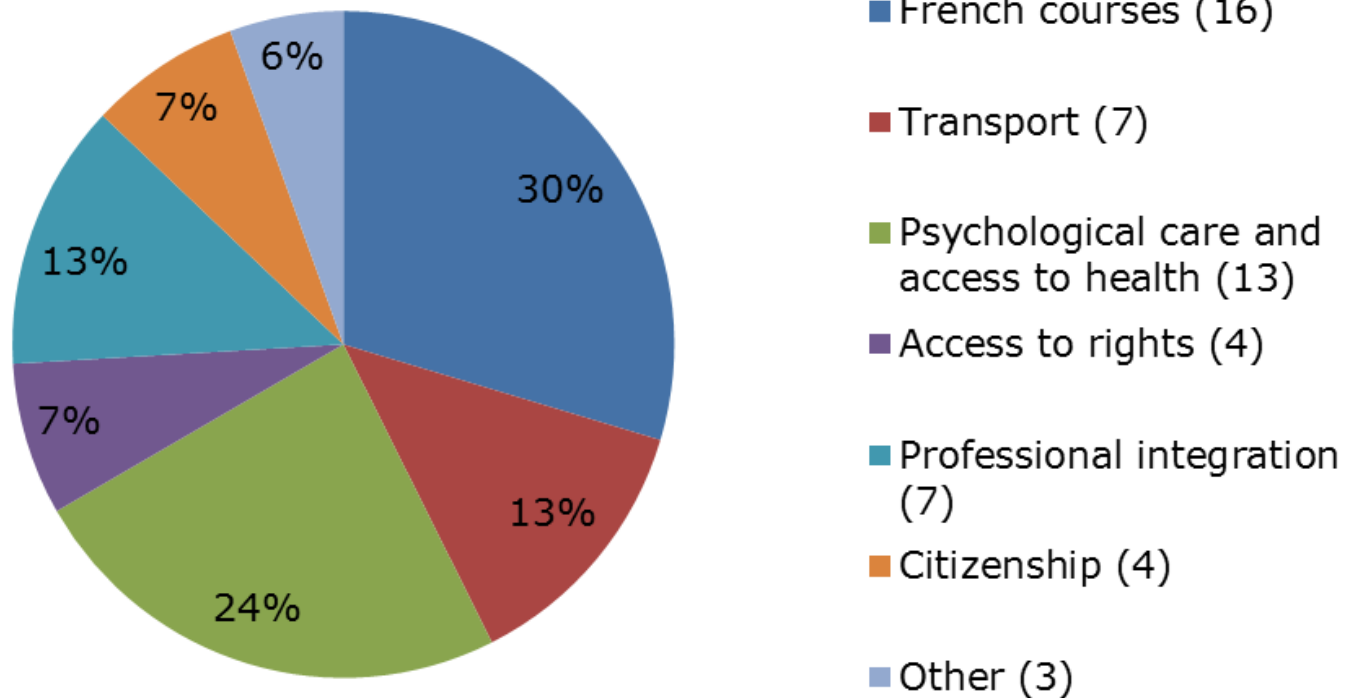
Public institutions

- **2** projects at the Federal University of Toulouse and the Community of universities of Montpellier
- **388 800** euros for **345** beneficiaries.

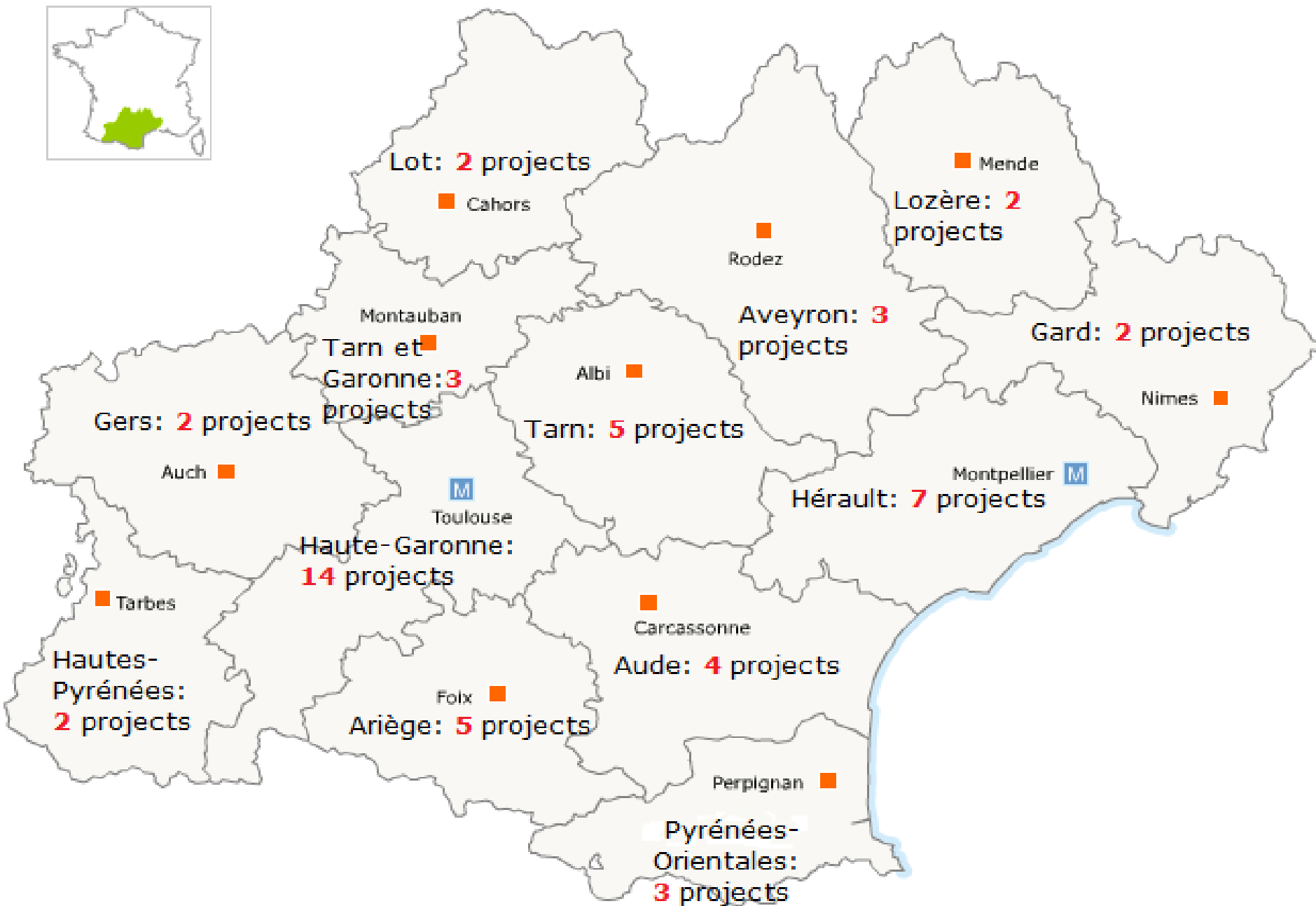
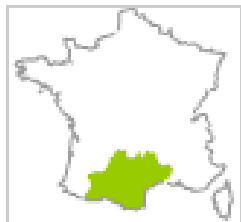
A TOTAL OF **4 531** BENEFICIARIES OVER LESS THAN 2 YEARS

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Types of projects supported by the Regional mechanism



GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS



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Context

- Stabilisation of the influx of migrants
- A majority of migrants settled in Occitanie intend to remain there
- The state launched a call for application on the professional integration of migrants in fall 2018

Stakes

- The first years upon arrival are crucial to the social and professional integration of newcomers
- Many barriers to professional integration, mainly due to a lack of knowledge of the labour status for foreign workers.

Objectives

- Guarantee access to the job market throughout Occitanie for asylum seekers with more than 6 months of stay in France and refugees.
- Benefit from the Regional integration into networks for employment and professional training.

THE WAY FORWARD : PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Adopted 21 February 2019

Eligible beneficiaries

- Cities and grouping of cities
- Asylum seekers and refugees reception structures
- Associations involved in the professional integration of migrants

Budget

- Included in the **1 000 000€ /year** of the first regional system
- A **maximum of 20%** of the cost of the project and up to **150 000€** per project.

Eligible projects

→ Projects specifically directed to the targeted audience, involving a wide range of territorial actors in professional integration with a capacity of deployment in large parts if not all of the territory.

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THE WAY FORWARD 2 : INHOUSE TRAINING ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIFICITIES OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

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WHAT ABOUT THE “EXTERNAL DIMENSION”?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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