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Workshop on Social Inclusion and Fight against Poverty in the North-East Region of Romania

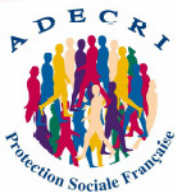
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2010 - European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

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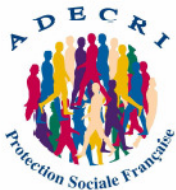


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European agenda



Lisbon strategy: "***making a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty***" by the year 2010.

Despite the efforts deployed, a significant proportion of the European population still lives in destitution and has no access to basic services such as health care.

The Union wishes to reaffirm the importance of collective responsibility in combating poverty





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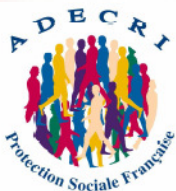
Four cross-disciplinary objectives :

✘ **Recognition**: recognise the fundamental right of persons experiencing poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to take an active part in society;

✘ **Shared responsibility and participation**: promote public support for social inclusion policies, emphasising collective and individual responsibility in combating poverty and social exclusion, and fostering commitment by all public and private actors;

✘ **Cohesion**: promote a more cohesive society, where no one doubts that society as a whole benefits from the eradication of poverty;

✘ **Commitment and practical action**: renew the pledge of the EU and its Member States to combat poverty and social exclusion, and involve all levels of authority in the pursuit of that aim.





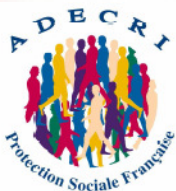
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European agenda



Milestones:

- ✘ Conference **January 21** : launch of 2010 European Year in Madrid
- ✘ **24 – 30 May** : EU Poverty and Social Exclusion Awareness Week
- ✘ **11 – 17 October** : 2nd European Focus Week – around the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty (October 17) and roundtable around poverty and social exclusion organised under Belgian presidency
- ✘ **December 17**: Closing Conference of the European Year Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion





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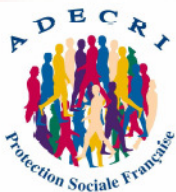
French agenda



Three priority areas were selected in France in the framework of the European year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion:

- ✘ rights' protection and active citizenship
- ✘ improving the social integration pathways
- ✘ development pf local partnerships

In France 68 projects were selected by the steering committee of the European Year 2010.





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French agenda



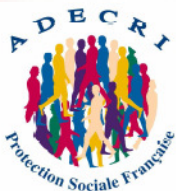
Milestones:

✘ **February 18:** Opening of European Year in France

✘ **May 20, June 10, et 2nd half of September:** three « decentralised » conferences

20 May 2010, Rennes - Workshop " Social Integration Pathways – keys for success "

✘ **End of 2010 :** French closing event (before European)





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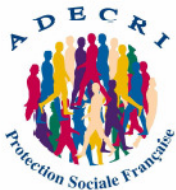
Case studies

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Integration of gender mainstreaming:

Service for women's rights and equality (SDFE)
prepared 4 interregional roundtables:

- ✘ Impact of financial crisis on the women in difficult situation (GMS, Access to medical care)
- ✘ Level of women's retirement pensions/ problems of aged women
- ✘ Women and precarious work
- ✘ Women and family ties: Impact of poverty on families, single parent HH, domestic violence

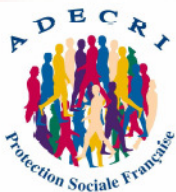
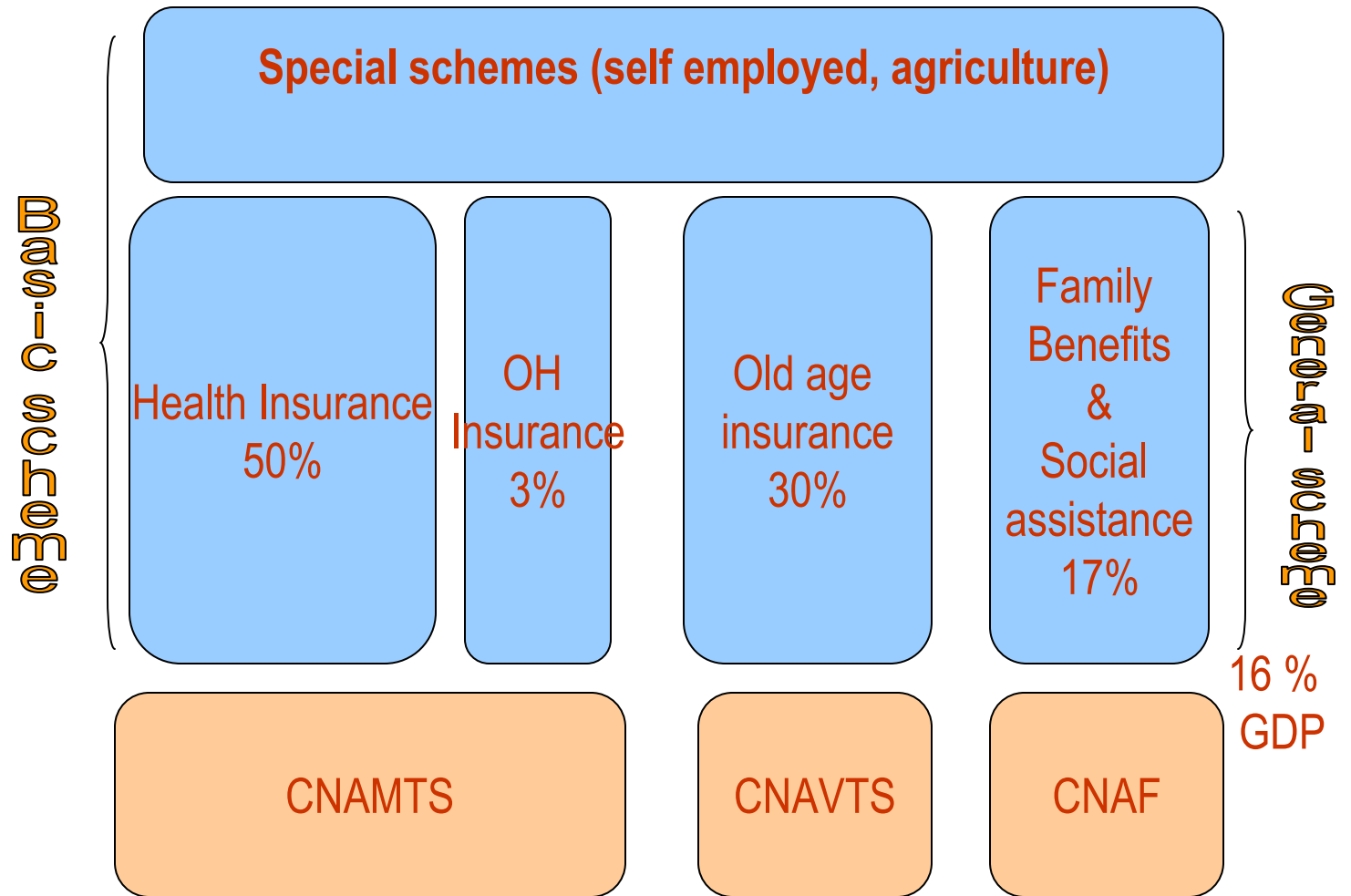




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Social Insurance in France



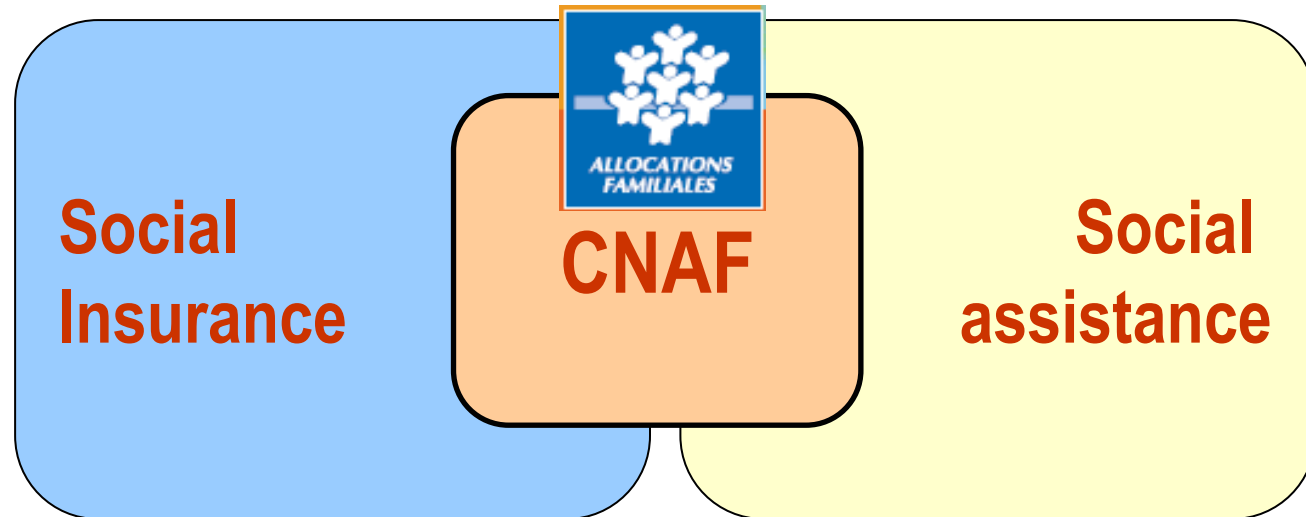


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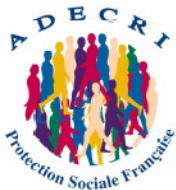
Family benefits & Social assistance

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National Fund for Family Benefits (CNAF)



- Family benefits (at birth, child benefits, housing, etc)
- Guaranteed minimums schemes





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Social Insurance

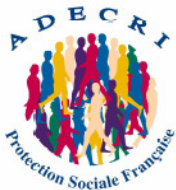
CNAF

Social assistance

Benefits:

- ✓ Birth, adoption and care for the children up to 3 y. a.
- ✓ Child benefits
- ✓ Benefits for the beginning of school year
- ✓ Housing subsidies
- ✓ Single parent benefits
- ✓ Benefits for peoples with disabilities

- ✓ *Revenu minimum d'insertion* (RMI → RSA) –
- *Revenu de solidarité active*
- Universal Guaranteed minimum





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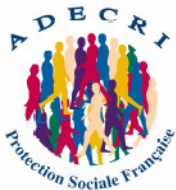
Social Insurance

CNAF

Social assistance

Benefits:

- ✓ Categorical
- ✓ Categorical with mean testing
- ✓ Differential





Guaranteed minimum schemes

				1/01/2008
1	Allocation d'insertion (AI)	Benefit for Integration	Unemployed, former prisoners or refugees	22.000
2	Allocation veuvage	Survival Benefit		5.400
3	Allocation supplémentaire d'invalidité (Asi)	Additional benefit for disabled		101.000
4	Allocation de parent isolé (API)	Single parents benefit		205.400
5	Allocation aux adultes handicapés (AAH)	Benefit for disabled adults		813.200
6	Allocation supplémentaire vieillesse (Asv)	Additional retirement pension benefit		586.700
7	Revenu minimum d'insertion (RMI)	Minimum revenue for integration		1.172.100
8	Allocation de solidarité spécifique (ASS)	Special Benefit for solidarity	Unemployed	347.900
9	Allocation équivalent retraite (AER)	Benefit equivalent for retirement pension		68.500
	DOM			12.000
	Total			3.334.300



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Guaranteed minimum schemes

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Evolution of GMS according to evolution of poverty pattern:

- **1st stage: guaranteed minimums for unemployed and unable to work**

1956 - 1975

1956 - Additional retirement pension benefit

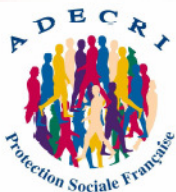
1957 - Additional benefit for disabled

1975 - Benefit for disabled adults (**AAH**)

Indicator: poverty among retired

1970 – 30 %

2001 – 4 %





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Guaranteed minimum schemes



- **2nd stage: reaction on changes in family solidarity
(rise in number of single parents)**

1975 – 1980

1976 - Single parents benefit

1980 – Survival Benefit

For the first time the benefits are paid to the employed





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Guaranteed minimum schemes

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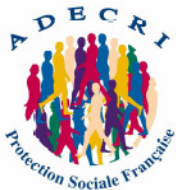
- **3rd stage: reaction on changes in labour market
(raising of long-term unemployment)**

1980 – 2002

1984 - Special Benefit for solidarity

1984 - Benefit for Integration

2002 – Benefit equivalent for retirement pension





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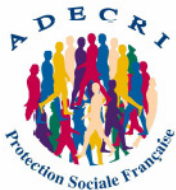
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- **4th stage:** appearance of the Universal Guaranteed minimum

1988

Revenu minimum d'insertion (RMI) - Minimum revenue for integration

First **Universal** benefit





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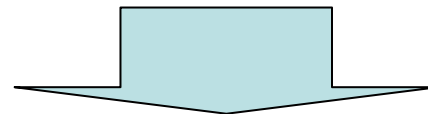
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- **5th stage: Need for more active labour market measures**

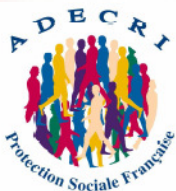
Law 01/12 2008
Implementation 01/06/2009

Revenu minimum d'insertion (RMI) - Minimum revenue for integration



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Revenu de solidarité active





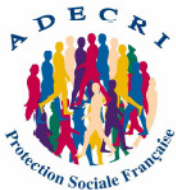
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Problems :

- ✘ Poverty trap
- ✘ Unwillingness to look for the job
- ✘ Raising number of poor workers
- ✘ Complicated application system





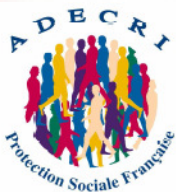
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Objectives :

- ✘ Insure that every person (able or not to work) has decent revenue for subsistence
- ✘ Encourage the social reintegration and way back to employment
- ✘ Fight against the poverty among working peoples
- ✘ Reinforce the social inclusion trough personalised help



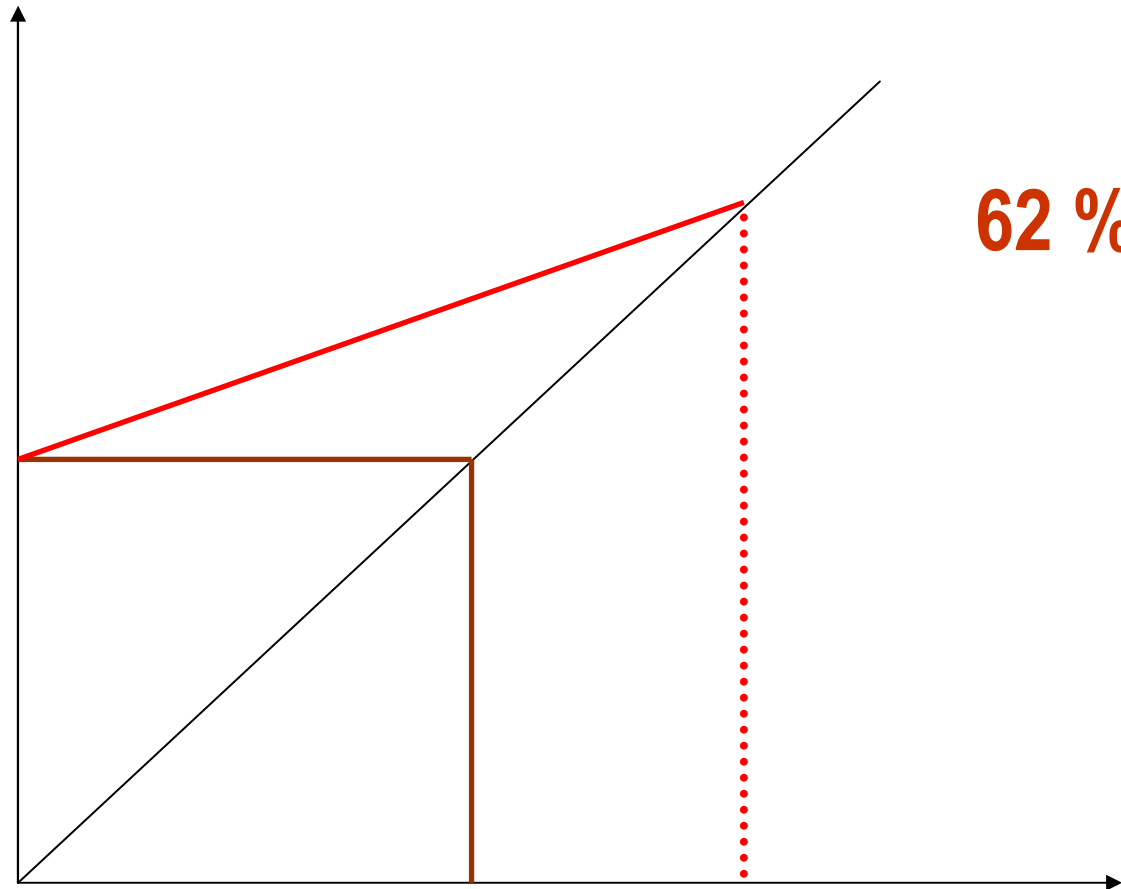


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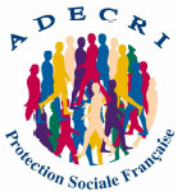
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Social
assistance



income





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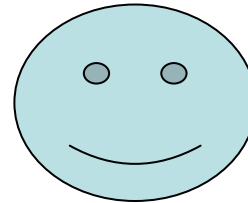
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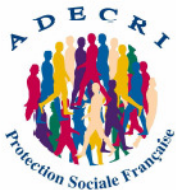
- Define the employment policy
- Co –finance the rSa

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Employment agency



CAF





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Useful links

<http://www.2010againstpoverity.eu/>

<http://www.leurope-contre-la-pauvrete.gouv.fr/>

<http://www.endpoverty.eu/>

<http://www.oct17.org/en>

Thank you!

