



# France

## Local Co-operation for Employment

### Framework and setting

**Policy framework** There are four main local co-operation models established in France, which are the “Comité de Bassin d’Emploi (CBE)”, the “Maisons de l’Information sur la Formation et l’Emploi (MIFE)”, the “Espaces Ruraux Emploi Formation (EREF)” and the “Plans Locaux pour l’insertion et l’emploi (PLIE)”.

**Geographic scale** The Co-operations for Employment are mainly operative on a local and sub-regional level. The “Maisons de l’Information sur la Formation et l’Emploi (MIFE)” are particularly common in Rhône-Alpes, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, Pays de la Loire, Normandie and Ile-de-France.

### Partnerships at work

**Objectives** The objectives are to support employment development in the regions (CBE and MIFE), to co-ordinate a global offer in relation to training, jobs and social inclusion for unemployed people, project holders, training institutions (EREF) and to enhance social inclusion, employment and social cohesion (PLIE).

**Functions** The different functions of the four local co-operation models are:

- \_ defining economic strategies for the area and developing and implementing programmes/projects so as to improve the economic strategy for development (CBE);
- \_ developing and implementing training projects for people of the area (MIFE);
- \_ providing specific offers, such as information, orientation, individual assistance, co-ordination of training sessions, documentation, support of local project holders and associations (EREF); and
- \_ co-ordinating local actors and mobilising local resources to promote social inclusion in a local action plan (PLIE).

**Policy areas** Labour market policy and social policy

**Policy tools/ Instruments** EREFs provide a local and unique structure and a wide range of activities, such as activities in the fields of employment, training and social inclusion. The PLIEs focus on social inclusion of the most vulnerable people (socially disadvantaged, disabled, excluded or long-term unemployed people) and offers individual services (training, inclusion, tackling long-term unemployment, disability issues and health and the fight against poverty). CBEs co-ordinate local actors in establishing an economic strategy for the global development of a local area and implement tools for qualification, job creation, creation of new activities and training. Individual guidance of local employed and unemployed people is offered by MIFEs through the promotion of local training programmes. The instruments used by the MIFEs include informing on local training programmes and mobilising networks for employment in the area.

**Timeframe** MIFEs have been operating since 1982 and EREFs since 1992. The duration of CBE is three years and the PLIE runs for five years.

**Partners** Local authorities are main partners of these four co-operation models in France. Additionally, social partners, civil society, unions, associations and local actors are involved in the partnerships.

**Contracts** In case of EREF there is a Global agreement of cooperation between partners.

**Legal status** Mainly, the four models are associations or are integrated in a local authority.

**Sources of Financing** The main source of funding is the public sector (local and regional authorities, state policies, European Social Funds).

**Results** In 2005, 90 CBE, 70 EREF, 200 PLIE and about 50 MIFE structures were in existence.

## Contacts

### Partnership co-ordination on national / sub-regional level

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MIFE: No national or sub-regional co-ordination

EREF: Regional co-ordination ("Préfectures de région")

### Partnership co-ordinators on regional / local level

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