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# COLLECTIF DES ASSOCIATIONS CITOYENNES

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# WHO WE ARE...

The CAC (Collectif des Associations Citoyennes) is a network of very small and small non-profit organisations. It was born in 2010. It was created following the release by the French administration of a new legal framework (circulaire Fillon) that aimed at reducing non-profit organisations (NPO) to mere stakeholders acting in the market economy like any other businesses.

Since then, the CAC has been developing analysis highlighting the NPOs contribution to general interest and Society. It also documents the difficulties NPOs experience in their work. It focuses especially on NPOs that promote people empowerment, community education and citizenship in the broad sense of the term.

The CAC offers an opportunity to NPOs to think and work collectively on their main matters of concern. It organises campaigns on issues of common interest and it does its best to support grassroots initiatives of its members.

# WHAT WE WORK ON...

- ➡ Prevent the penetration of market ideology and methods in the non-profit sector
- ➡ Enhance the participation of NPOs in public policies definition and implementation
- ➡ Raise awareness on ecological, social, cultural and economic issues in order to promote the transition towards a fairer world

# OUR MISSION ...

- ➡ Empower NPOs by providing them with information and resources that have been collectively produced
- ➡ Link the NPOs situation with the broad political background at national and european levels
- ➡ Advocate the essential role of NPOs in building a world based on values such as solidarity, cooperation and equality



The CAC follows three objectives :

## 1 OBSERVE ASSESS ADVISE

Lead researches and produce information on the non-profit sector to document its evolving situation in a changing world ; highlight the difficulties met by NPOs, in particular the very small and small ones ; identify solutions and make proposals to improve the NPOs situation and allow them to play a full role in Society transformation.

## 2 SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE

Liaise with the regional and the national political powers to protect and promote the specificity of the non profit sector ; campaign when the essential values of the non profit sector are threatened.

## 3 INFORM AND TRAIN

Manage and disseminate information particularly through its website ; organise training courses, workshops, seminars and meetings that allow people and organisations to meet, work and learn together, and from each others.

## THE CAC GATHERS :

7000

community  
leaders

1500

non-profits

140

national  
networks

# TO DEFEND THE NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS



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