

# A partnership between French government and companies for social inclusion and sustainable procurement







- On 22 May 2018, French President Emmanuel Macron called on businesses to "take their part" in the fight against unemployment and to involve companies in sustainable procurement
- 83 major groups and 1400 SMEs are already committed in the national PAQTE programme and are mobilizing their employees in a concrete way for social & economic inclusion



# The French Ministry for Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Authorities





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French National Agency for Territorial Cohesion



**AWARENESS:** getting closer to young people attending schools in socially disadvantaged areas in order to make them aware of their careers



**TRAIN:** promote the professional inclusion of young people living in disadvantaged areas through work-study programmes



**RECRUIT**: open the doors to diversity and exclude any discrimination in recruitment





**BUY**: mobilizing public buyers and buyers from big companies in favor of socially-responsible procurement in order to meet impact entrepreneurs.



- Qualified speed-meetings between buyers & suppliers
- Suppliers with a social and local impact: companies located in fragile territories (disadvantaged urban areas (politically defined), rural areas, overseas territories), or companies which specifically support people with disabilities
- Solidarity sourcing approaches for more socially responsible procurement

## IN 2020:

- ✓ 7 events in various regions of France
- ✓ 154 buyers
- √ 245 suppliers
- √ 1032 speed-meetings
- √ 62 public buyers have participated

(various ministries, regional and departmental councils, Prime Minister's Offices, cities, metropolises etc.)

### How and why public buyers participate

#### HOW?

The communication around the events is done thanks to PAQTE, our partners Gesat and EPSA, social media and word-of-mouth.

#### WHY?

- 1) Enabling public and private purchasers to meet and discover suppliers with a social and local impact (disability, integration, fragile territories) and to give concrete expression to their solidarity sourcing initiatives for more responsible purchasing.
- 2) An opportunity for social enterprises to offer their services to buyers who are aware of responsible procurement.

## Examples of big companies participating





























































































































































# Examples of services that buyers are looking for

- Construction (structural work, technical studies, quality control)
- Finishing work (electricity, plumbing, partitions, heating, air conditioning, thermal and acoustic insulation, fittings, equipment)
- Facility management, concierge services and maintenance of green spaces
- Recycling, environment and waste
- Cleaning works
- Administrative and commercial management
- Communication and marketing
- Provision of staff

# **Questions for discussion**

In your national & cultural context do you encounter the same approaches to procurement? (Buying locally, socially responsible)

Are you familiar with this conception of a politically defined disadvantaged neighborhood?

