

France : The allotment gardeners need grounds to create new plots

After a first convention with the SAFER of Lower-Normandy (Sociétés d'aménagement Foncier et d'établissement Rural, societies for ground planning and rural establishment), the French allotment federation has signed a second convention with the SAFER of the Ile-de-France. The aim of the SAFER, domiciled in all the French regions is to regulate the offer of grounds for agriculture as well as for allotment gardens.

The convention signed on 16th January 2013 by Hervé BONNAVAUD (President of the French federation) and Pierre MISSIOUX (Director of the SAFER Ile-de-France), has duration of five years. The aim of the convention is to enable the SAFER to preempt grounds for the creation of allotments. So the French federation will be informed where gardens will be created and will have the opportunity to make the necessary studies in order to help the concerned local authorities via its study office: "Sites and Gardens". This agreement can be extended all over France. This convention will enable the French associations, aiming at buying new grounds to get the possibility of accessing to new ground facilities.