

France: The local authorities and allotment gardens

La Rochelle (Charente-Maritime)

Within its “regional plan for collective vegetable gardens” (Plan régional Jardins Potagers Collectifs) the region Poitou-Charentes wishes to stimulate the development of garden plots on its territory. Our allotment gardens can also take advantage of these new legal measures.

The minimum size of these projects (creation or extension of existing gardens) is ten plots or 1000 equipped square meters. They have to include social objectives (common parts, collective administration etc.) as well as environmental aims (a gardening that is respectful of the environment). Additionally access for people with reduced mobility has to be guaranteed.

Support from the region can be received for the technical realisation and lay-out of the site. Financial support can be received for investments.

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