



LE RESEAU MENS / THE MENS NETWORK



MIGRANTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

**THE FRENCH NETWORK OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS COMMITTED
TO BETTER WELCOME AND SUPPORT STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS IN
EXILE**



The MEnS is an association that implements, by coordinating its members and partners, actions to promote the academic integration of all people in exile within higher education institutions.



THE MENS NETWORK

OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS



Creation of the network as an informal collective

2017

2019

Creation of The Passerelle University Diploma

The network becomes a nonprofit organisation under the French law

2020

2021

The first employees were recruited and an office was made available by Sorbonne University

Reinforcement of the support for members

2022



THE BOARD

The board is made of higher education professionals



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Vice-president of the University of Strasbourg



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Clémentine Vignal
Vice-Dean of Student Community Support at Sorbonne University, Coordinator of the MENs Ile-de-France network



Rudi Osman
Founder and director of the association Union des Etudiants Exilés



THE TEAM

The salaried team implements the Réseau MEnS's actions and projects



Camille Hanon
Director



Louise Dubaile
Project manager, network
and regional coordination



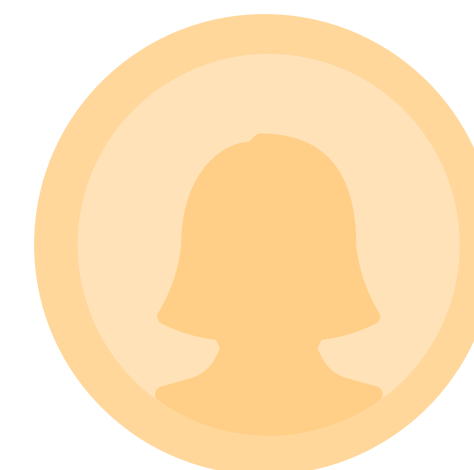
Loic Tourniaire
AIMES + Project Manager



Simone Bonnafous
Volunteer advisor on
academic and professional
integration

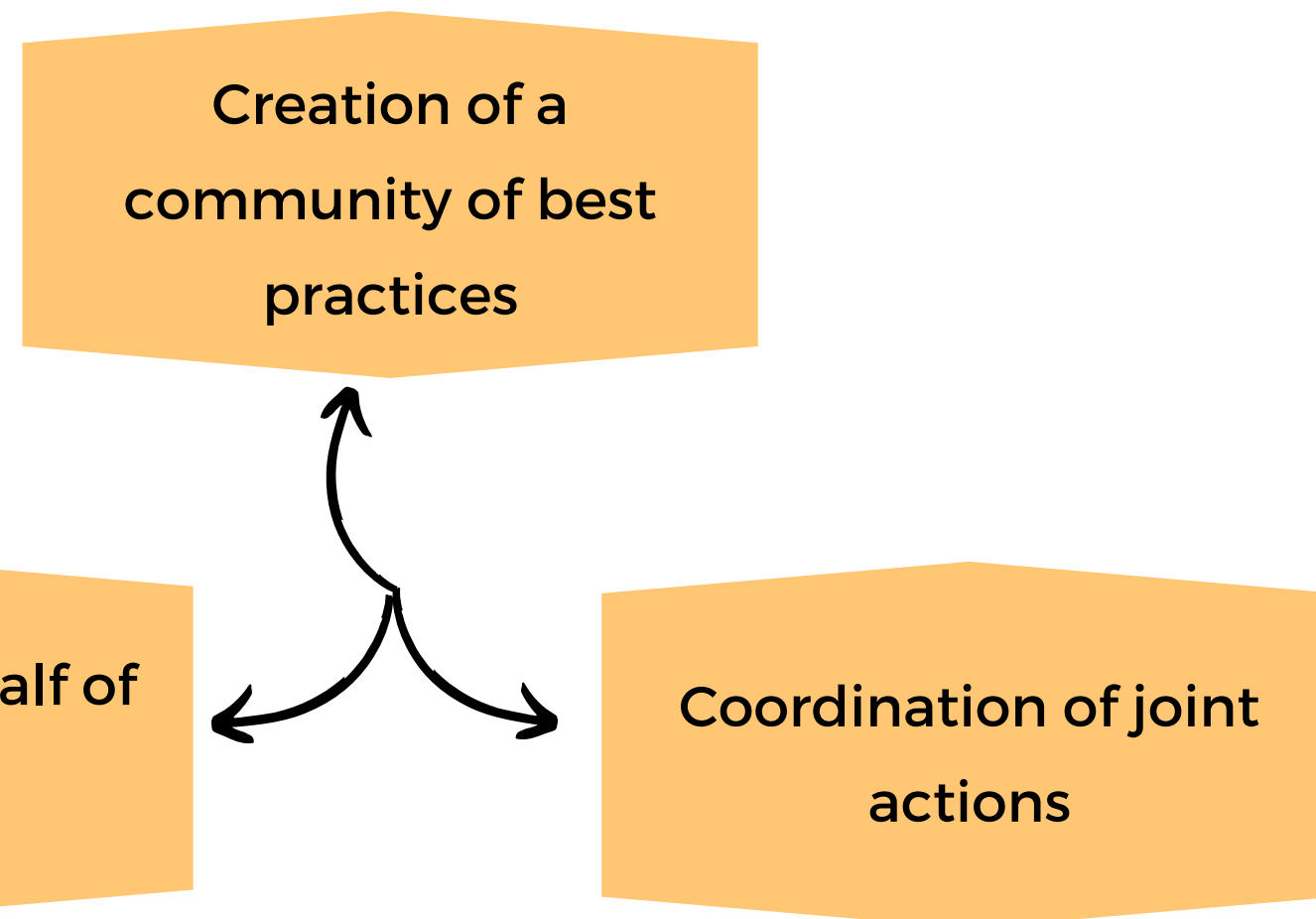


Clara Silva
Student on voluntary service
(equivalent to an internship
contract)



Qadria Mohaqeq
Student on voluntary service
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THE MENS' S MISSIONS



But also :

- Management of specific projects according to the situation and needs of each higher education institutions.
- Data collection and survey report :
 - The impact of bridging courses on the career paths and academic integration of exiled students.
 - Assessment of the integration of displaced students from Ukraine.
- Advocacy with public institutions
- Mapping of existing structures, partners, welcoming companies, etc.

Find out more about all our training courses on our website: reseau-mens.org



FORMATIONS "PASSERELLE" / THE BRIDGING COURSES



These courses are created specifically for exiled students and provided by **38 higher education institutions** in France.



The training courses include :

- French language classes
- Cultural and intercultural activities
- Socio-professional support
- Individual help in order to resume studies in France



The University Diploma (DU) Passerelle

A model was created by the MEnS Network in 2019, recognized by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, which grants a DU Passerelle label.

The DU Passerelle accreditation gives students with international protection (refugees, subsidiary protection and stateless persons) access to grants based on financial social criteria

In total there are:

36



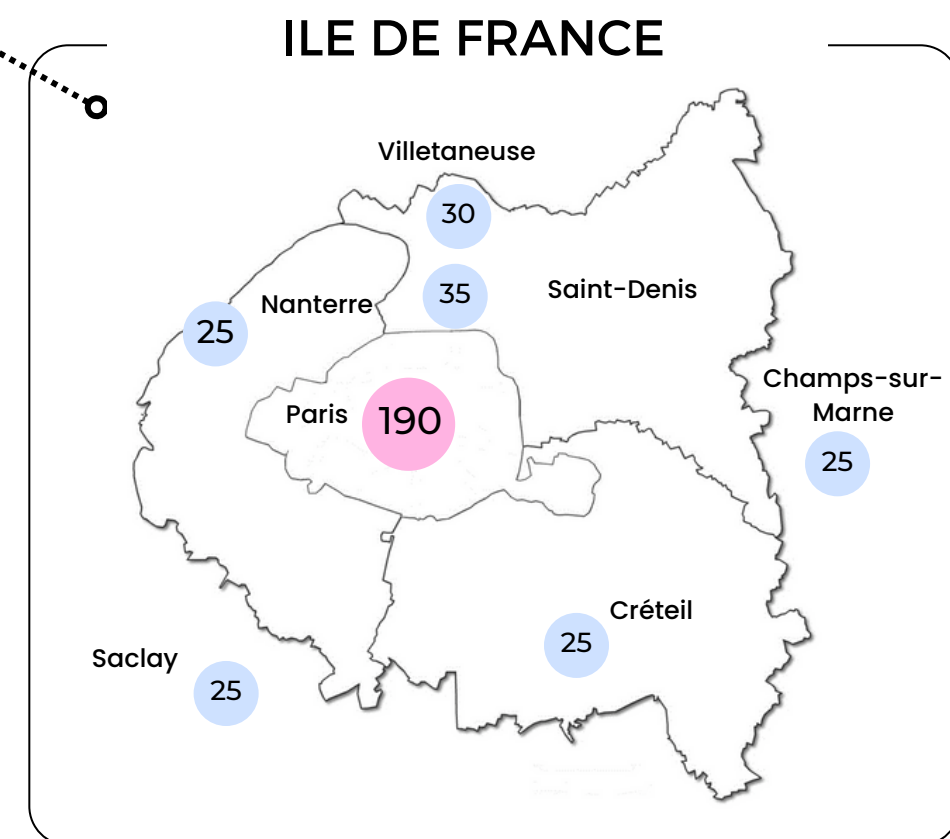
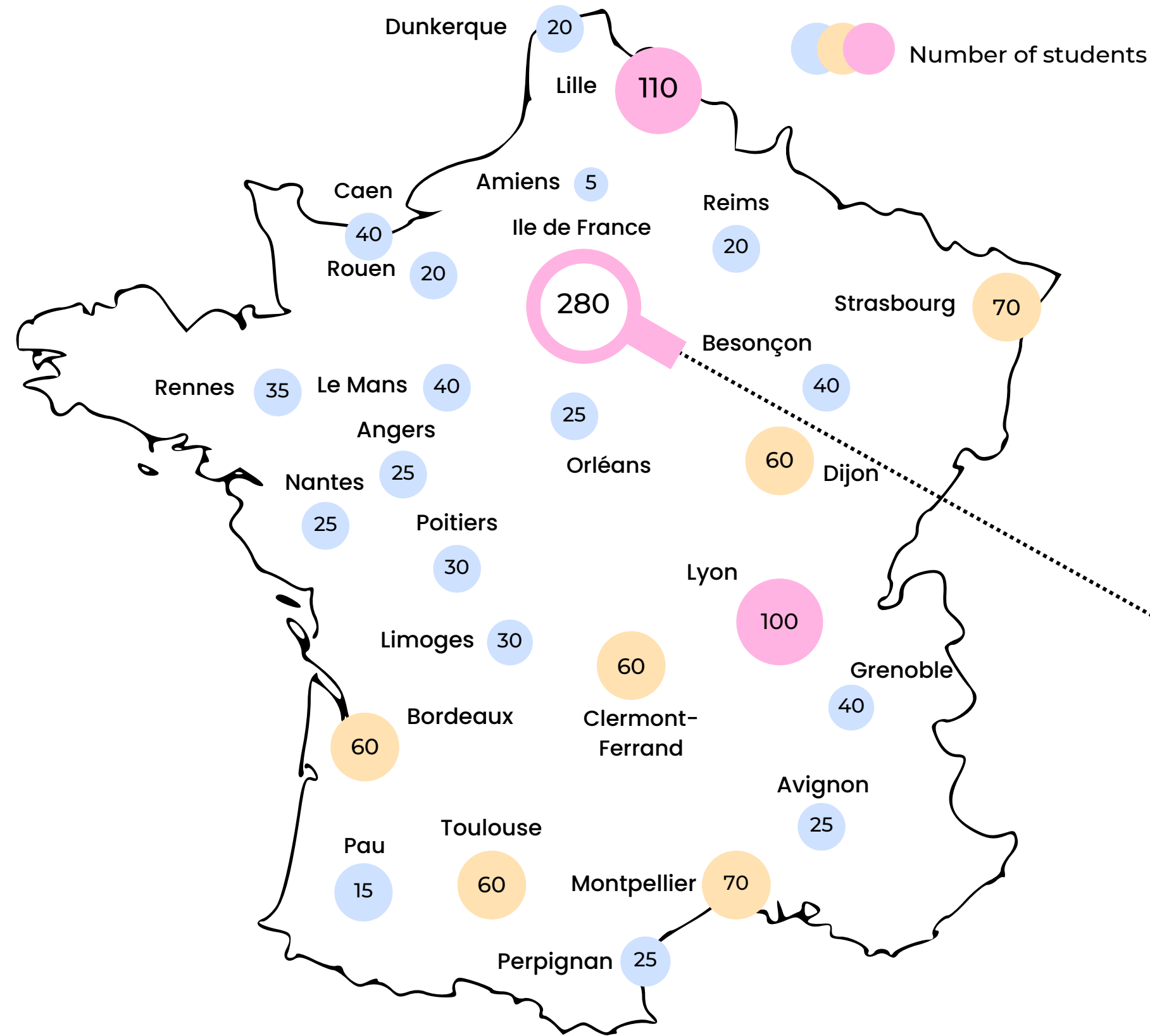
Accredited bridging courses University
Diploma Passerelle

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Non-accredited University
Diploma Passerelle



- 1500** Students welcomed on average each year
- 70%** are under 35 yo
- 40%** are women
- 12** regions of the 13 French metropolitan regions are represented





FUNDRAISING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

AIMES

Managed since 2016 by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, MEnS took over the AIMES program in 2022, which aims to collect and redistribute funds to member for the implementation of their bridging courses.



AIMES+

The MEnS has submitted the AIMES+ project, along with 14 member institutions, to the European Asylum Migration and Integration Fund in order to finance bridging courses.



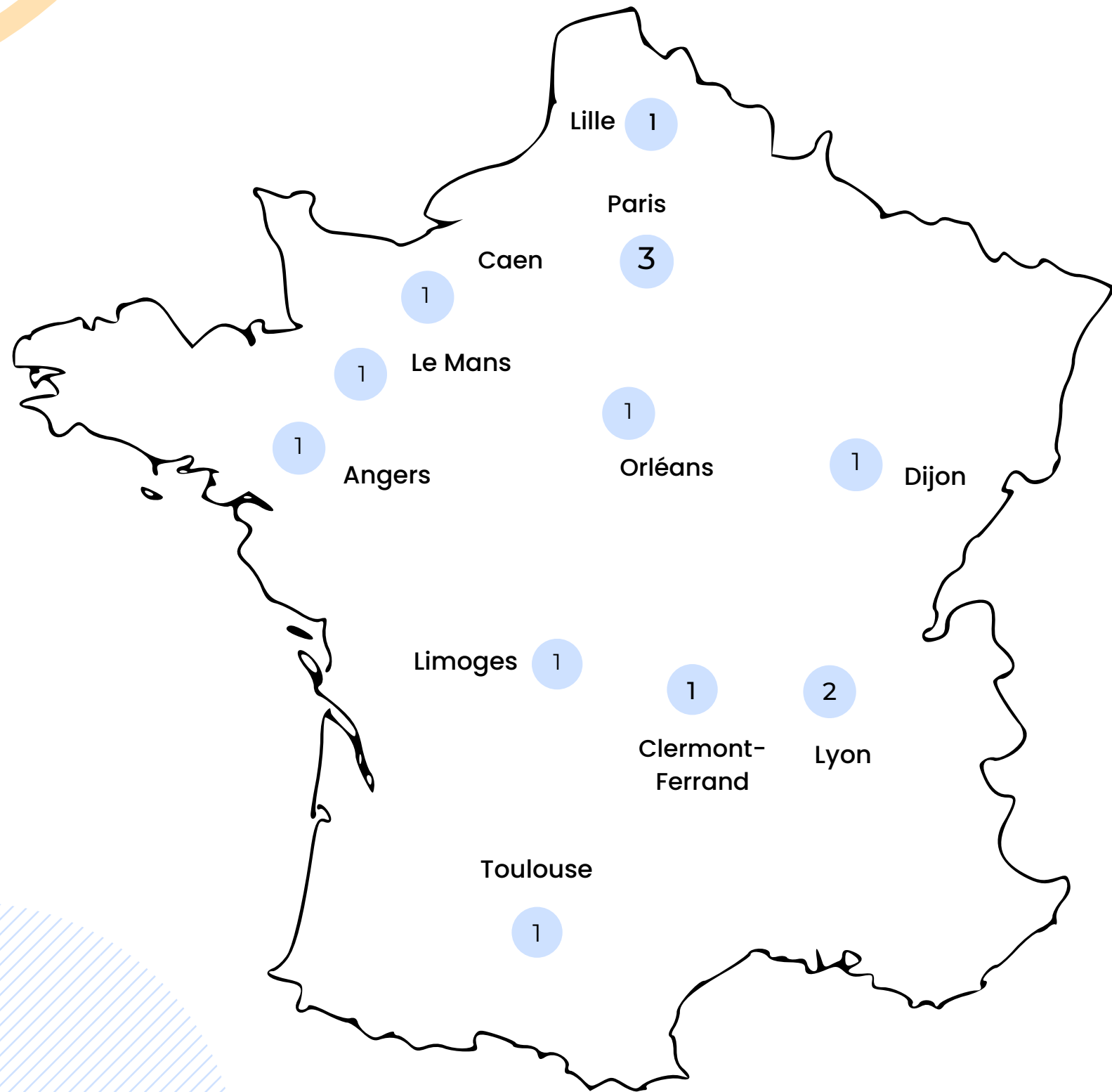
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Individual technical support



The MEnS is available to support its members in their individual project proposals.

BRIDGING COURSES FINANCED BY AIMES +



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