



UKNSF Diocese in Europe French Residency Support Project

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Our Immediate Mission:

To reach as many vulnerable and isolated UK nationals in France who may still be unaware of the need to apply for residency **before the deadline of 30 June 2021.**

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Part 1:

Understanding

UKNSF

What is the UKNSF?

The **UK Nationals Support Fund** is a UK Government funded programme to assist UK Nationals (UKNs) with residency in the EU following Brexit.

Taking Action?

UK nationals must apply for residency in their respective EU country to retain their rights under the Withdrawal Agreement.

In France?

Four Implementing Partners were awarded funds in France to provide regional assistance to UKN who may need help making their residency application. Under French legislation UKNs legally residing in France before **31st December 2020** must apply by **30 June 2021**.

The French System

Constitutive versus declaratory?

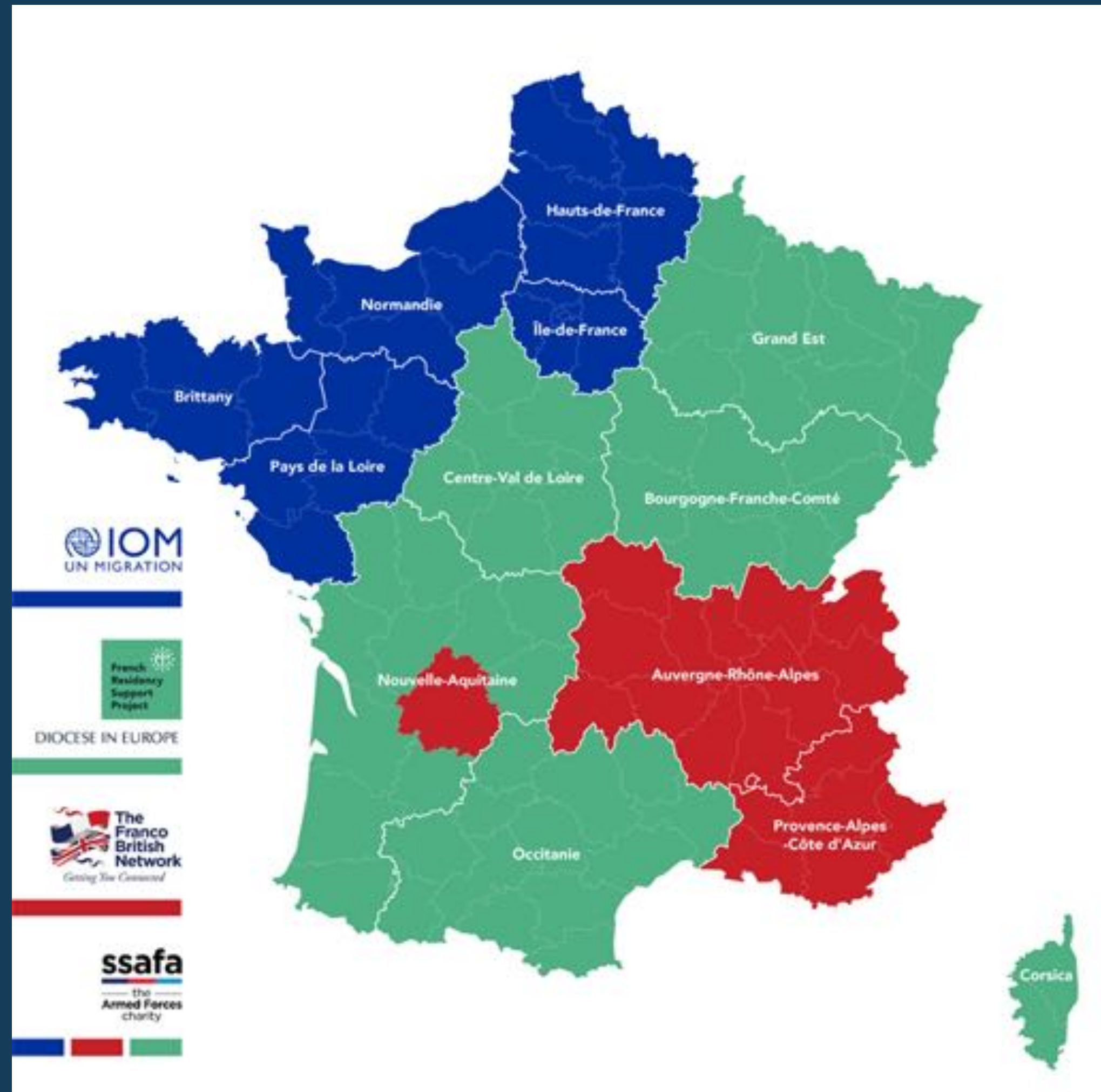
France adopted a constitutive system, which meant legislation was required setting out what criteria process UKNs would need to meet and the process to follow. This was published on 19 November 2020.

In practice

The French government created an online portal through which all UKNs (and their dependants) have to apply. The dossiers are processed by the local prefecture. UKNs are then invited to an appointment to give their biometrics and the residency cards are posted to the UKN.

<https://contacts-demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/brexit/brexit-demande-titre-sejour/>

Which areas
do the UKNSF
Implementing
Partners
cover?



Some key questions...

How many Brits live in France?

148,00 according to Insee 2016 figures but the true number, believed to be larger is unknown - so far around 125,00 UKNs have applied.

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What about Covid?

Covid and the resulting restrictions meant we had to reshape our service to be primarily online, via our website and telephone helpline.



How do we provide help?

We have a project team including four caseworkers who provide support via email, telephone, virtual zoom sessions and in extreme cases in-person visits.



UKNSF MILESTONES IN FRANCE



8 IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

IOM
FBN
SSAFA

UK NATIONALS
MUST BE
RESIDENT

COMMUNICATIONS
FOCUS

CONTINGENCY?

Part 2:

The nitty gritty

It's not all baguettes
and vin rosé!



Implementation - our support services



WEBSITE

frenchresidency-support.org

Dedicated project site providing Information, news articles, resources, links to the official application portal and a contact form.



HELPLINE

05 32 80 00 05

Free, confidential support from experienced caseworkers. Open 6 days a week.



LIAISON

Project management

Working with:

- Implementing Partners
- FCDO
- British Embassy
- Regional consulates
- French Prefectures
- Other charities and official bodies

The prize!
The Withdrawal
Agreement
Residency
Permit
(WA RP)
But there's
more....

UKN circumstances can be
complex



Complex cases - we are here to help

Although the online portal application system is relatively straightforward for most, UK national circumstances can be complex. For example:

- integration into the French healthcare, tax and employment structures
- falling between 2 residency categories
- dependants or spouses who are French or third-country nationals
- those with health or other vulnerabilities
- those with online accessibility issues
- UKNs who are just deeply confused by the whole process!



The challenges...

A learning curve

This was a new process with many unknowns...At launch we were still awaiting the French legislation that would set out how the WA would be implemented in practice.

Reaching people

Covid, the vulnerable and those offline. One of the biggest challenges has been communicating the residency requirements to all UKNs, especially those who are not online.

Using technology

The French portal system is relatively straightforward and streamlined but for those unfamiliar with technology or without online access it can be challenging..

Conflicting information

Social media and everyone knows best!
Many UKNs have been confused by conflicting and often incorrect information given by unofficial sources and online forums.

Regional variance

The Prefecture factor. Although the portal is centralised, applications are processed regionally and not all prefectures have applied the legislation as intended.

Missed the boat?

We are still awaiting confirmation on what allowances may be made for anyone missing the application deadline 30 June 2021.

Making it all worthwhile - testimonials

Massively helpful, unlike any other 'source' I tried. Prompt reply and very reassuring. Thank you.

Thank you very much. The response was very warm, quick, very detailed, very informed and greatly appreciated. It is the first real clarity I have received since embarking on this long and winding road. Again, many thanks and may God bless you for your kind efforts.

Thank you for all your help, it has been absolutely invaluable. Couldn't have navigated this complex process without the gracious and intelligent help we received.

Excellent in every way. Helpful, patient and supportive. I only wish that this excellent service could become a permanent resource, particularly for us older résidents of France.





Part 3:

Get involved

How you can help...

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We still need to reach more UKNs to ensure they are aware of the requirements to apply for the WARP before 30 June 21. Especially those who may not have access to technology or may be sheltering.

- Leafleting (markets/other public venues)
- Telephoning UKNs in your networks
- Post boxing leaflets in your community
- Raising awareness via mairies and other local organisations



**The application deadline is
approaching!**

Get started:

**Complete your details and request
leaflets by completing our short form
available here:**

