



## NEWS REPORT

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**Country:** France  
**Context**  
**Issue at stake:** Administrative reorganisation in the Ministry of Social Affairs replacing the General Direction of Social Affairs by a General Direction of Social Cohesion ( DGCS)  
**Ground of discrimination:** All  
**Source:** Political development  
**Field:** all fields

### Content

**Political development:** The General Direction of Social Affairs (Direction générale de l'action sociale- DGAS) which was responsible for all actions relating to social and welfare policies – amongst which all social action in direction of the Roma population, disabled persons and foreign populations living in underprivileged neighbourhoods- has been replaced by a new direction which integrates as well Governmental action relating to women's rights, family, youth, aging citizens, social innovation and experimentation called General Direction for Social Cohesion (Direction générale de la cohésion sociale - DGCS).

This restructuring is being carried out by redistributing these missions amongst three new directions:

- Social and medico-social policies
- Women's rights and Equality between Men and Women
- Support policies covering both the reorganisation and modernisation of the social and medico social sector, and the professional training and employment within these sectors.

The purpose of the reform is to improve financial and resources coordination and allow a transversal approach to social policy issues in order to cover "solidarity" (all social security rights), insertion, social development and promotion of equality within a unified approach.

This Direction will have the mandate of following European and international issues within its field of competence.

The Direction of Social and Medico-social Policies will be composed of three sub directions, one dealing with social inclusion, insertion and the fight against poverty. This Direction should be responsible for policies relating to the Roma population - as part of the population in situation of precariousness and will hold the secretariat of the National Consultative Commission of the Travellers (Commission nationale consultative des gens du voyage).

Similarly, the Direction of Social and Medico-social Policies will hold a direction of youth and family.

As regards policies concerning age and disability, whereas these subjects were previously treated separately, a specific "Direction of Autonomy" will be created in order to address all policies relating to integration, employment, support, access to rights, education, goods and services and autonomy of aged and disabled persons in a transversal strategy within the Social and Medico-social Policies Unit.

**Internet link source and additional information:**

Decree no 2010-95 of January 25, 2010:

[http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jopdf/common/jo\\_pdf.jsp?numJO=0&dateJO=20100126&numTexte=25&pageDebut=&pageFin=](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jopdf/common/jo_pdf.jsp?numJO=0&dateJO=20100126&numTexte=25&pageDebut=&pageFin=)

Ministerial Instruction of January 25, 2010 of the Minister of Social Affairs:

[http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jopdf/common/jo\\_pdf.jsp?numJO=0&dateJO=20100126&numTexte=26&pageDebut=&pageFin=](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jopdf/common/jo_pdf.jsp?numJO=0&dateJO=20100126&numTexte=26&pageDebut=&pageFin=)