



PRESS RELEASE

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La Poste commits with the French government to welcoming 1,000 public service areas by the end of 2016

In accordance with measures announced during the inter-ministerial committee on regional equality held on Friday 13 March, La Poste is making a commitment with the French government to speed up the roll-out of public service areas. La Poste looks forward to this partnership through which it will welcome 1,000 public service areas in post offices by the end of 2016.

To better combat inequality in access to public services, today, the inter-ministerial committee on regional equality announced the creation of a national partnership between the French government and La Poste, aiming to welcome public service areas into post offices located in rural and mountain areas.

Public service areas are reception, information and orientation facilities for public service users that require proximity. Through this initiative, La Poste is opening up its post office network to operators and public authorities who would like to share access to their services, be they national or local operators.

La Poste has all of the necessary infrastructure, both in terms of people and logistics, with its post offices located throughout the country and its sworn employees. This initiative also enables La Poste to help reduce the digital divide by making connected equipment available, guaranteeing proper reception and local human support and helping to maintain public services in the most vulnerable areas.

Following work that has already begun within the National Postal Presence Observatory (*observatoire national de la présence postale*) and in the Departmental Commissions for Local Postal Presence (CDPPT - *commissions départementales de présence postale*), the sites eligible to house public service areas will be identified in collaboration with regional authorities, other operators and various parties involved in ensuring compliance with the specifications defined by the French government.

For La Poste, this partnership with the French government entirely echoes its high-priority project to help modernise public action, a key component of its "La Poste 2020: Conquering the Future" strategic plan.

La Poste therefore wishes to participate in modernising public action and developing new activities in the public interest throughout the country.

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