Expertise and Sports Performance Resource Centre

Outdoor Sports in France
WHAT IS A CREPS?

Centre de Ressources d’Expertise et de Performance Sportives

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Public establishment of sport Ministry. 16 in France

Main missions:

- National level :: sport instructors training / high level sport
- Regional level : promotion of grassroots sport

The state pay the teachers and the coaches.

Regions are in charge of facilities, accommodation, catering, technical staff…
Each CREPS has specialties (basketball, mountain biking, swimming ...)

Furthermore
- INSEP in Paris
- National Sailing School
- National Mountain School
- National Horsing School

Vallon Pont d’Arc
Ardèche- Since 1960
+ Voiron site (next to Grenoble)
Speciality: outdoor sports!!

- Sport instructors training
- High level sport
- Hosting sport camps
- Outdoor sport expertise

Key numbers in 2016:

- Budget: 5€ million
- 55 full time equivalents
- 1000 people in training
- 78 top athletes in training
- 9500 people in sport camps
To train, to teach against remuneration (leisure, tourism or competition): obligation to have a qualification.

For some activities classified as risky, only a CREPS can organize the training: diving, kayaking (class IV and +), skydiving, surfing, sailing (over 200m), climbing (big way), skiing, mountaineering, paragliding, canyoning, caving.

4 levels of qualification:

- BAPAAT: initiation, assistant instructor
- BPJEPS: disciplinary or multidisciplinary instructor
- DEJEPS: coordinator or coach
- DESJEPS: expert, director of structures, sports director
CREPS welcomes sport stays organized by national federations, local associations, or schools all the year.

- capacity of 120 places
- 30 rooms
- wild water kayak stadium
- speleology structure
- fitness room
- BMX track
- orientering map
- Climbing room
- …
In 2000, France adopted a specific law for outdoor sports:

- develop outdoor sports in a sustainable way
- set up an outdoor sports commission in each department (to create a dialogue between the different users of nature and the authorities)
- develop sustainable access to sites

“Outdoor sports must be developed but controlled to respect environment, properties and others users of nature”
Following this law, to support the various stakeholders, the Ministry of Sports created in 2003 the PRNSN.

- National mission in the CREPS Auvergne Rhône Alpes
- Animate a national network
- Organize trainings, events
- Develop tools, guides, studies
- Observe the practices
- Provide advise and expertise
- Experiment
- Involve in European Network of Outdoor Sports

Work with: sport federations, public bodies, parks, other ministries, industries, universities, outdoor sports professionals, other users of nature…
OUTDOOR SPORT EXPERTISE

CREPS
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
– Vallon-Pont-d’Arc

PRNSN

Education

Practice areas and sites

Observation Practices and practitioners

Territorial development

Employment, training, qualification
France participated in the creation of the European network

• Representing outdoor sports at a strategic level in Europe.
• Promoting that outdoor sport can provide genuine environmental, educative, social and economic benefits to individuals, communities, regions and nations.
• Supporting the organization and management of outdoor sports both on a national and transnational basis.
• Encouraging trans-national approaches to the recognition of leaders, instructors and coaches, to develop mobility and employment.

www.outdoor-sports-network.eu
In October 2018, CREPS Vallon Pont d’Arc is becoming the European Outdoor Center

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