

## Saint-Quentin City, France



Saint-Quentin, capital of Haute-Picardie and Town of Art and History has a history of resilience after suffering significantly during the First World War. Its strategic approach to risk management aims to increase the 60,000-strong population's overall resilience to a variety of hazards. It raises awareness and prepares the population for flooding and landslides as well as potential health and industrial-related vulnerabilities. In April 2013 a 'Prevention Village' initiative pooled skills in risk prevention from both the public and private sector.

The municipality is reaching out to schools in particular. Three classes entered the 'Memo'Risks, ma ville se prépare', competition, whereby students find out about a local natural risk and talk with parents to lower vulnerability. The competition strengthens hazard assessment and helps protect the environment in a way that is educational, responsible and fun. The 'Allo Mairie' service, set up in 2012, sees residents notify problems and share information and in turn the municipality alerts people in the event of crisis. The town is also: encouraging civic participation; using town planning and land use projects to increase the area's attractiveness; and investing in new technologies to provide preventive information to residents.

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