Press Release

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Local governments are regaining control over their digital communications with Matrix

ADULLACT and the Déclic network are launching a secure and sovereign instant messaging platform designed to meet the needs of local governments.

Communicate quickly, easily, and confidentially: instant messaging has become indispensable in the workplace. Yet local governments still have few solutions that allow them to fully control their infrastructure and data.

To address this challenge, ADULLACT and Déclic are launching the Matrix Federation of Local Governments: a secure, federated instant messaging infrastructure operated by local governments.

A messaging service designed to promote regional autonomy

The Matrix federation enables local governments and Public Digital Service Operators (PDSO) to operate their own servers while communicating with one another within a dedicated network. Each organization can thus choose its connection method and retain control over its infrastructure, relying on its own teams, a PDSO, or a service provider. This federated architecture offers an alternative to centralized, non-sovereign tools and helps strengthen local governments' digital sovereignty.

Safety and trust at the heart of the system

The federation is designed as a closed network among identified participants. Multiple levels of trust will allow connection conditions to be tailored based on the technical and organizational safeguards implemented by each organization. Identity management, directory services, and the use of authentication solutions such as ProConnect are integral to these different levels of trust.

Interconnection with Tchap will facilitate secure data exchanges between local governments and state agencies, particularly prefectures. Work is currently underway with DINUM teams to define the necessary technical requirements.

An ecosystem built around open-source software

The project brings together ADULLACT, Déclic, the PDSOs, local governments, and service providers around the open-source Matrix software. The signing of a Long-Term Support (LTS) contract with Element marks an important step in ensuring the software's stability and long-term viability. In particular, this contract guarantees the provision of security updates.
Its development is the result of several months of discussions with Element, aimed at taking into account the specific characteristics of French local governments and offering a framework tailored to their needs.

Matrix in short

An instant messaging service that is secure, federated, and based on open-source software

For local governments, PDSOs, and their employees

With locally operated servers, a federation dedicated to local governments, trust levels, and the prospect of interconnection with Tchap

Local governments can join the federation starting now

Local governments wishing to join the Matrix federation may contact ADULLACT or Déclic immediately to discuss the details of their connection.

Webinars to learn more

- **September 8, 2026:** Webinar for PDSOs
- **Coming soon:** Webinar for local governments (date to be announced)

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> *The collaborative efforts led by the PDSOs across the regions are making it possible to build this shared network. Each region thus becomes a co-leader of a large-scale project that benefits local communities.*
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> Emmanuel VIVÉ – President of Déclic

> *With this project, we aim to empower local governments to regain control over their digital interactions: trust and cybersecurity. The federation makes it possible to build a shared network while allowing each region to retain control over its own infrastructure.*
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> Matthieu FAURE – Director of ADULLACT