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THE 2024 ANNUAL PUBLIC REPORT

Key elements

The 2024 edition of the annual public report published today includes:

- **725 pages over two volumes**
- **62 recommendations**
- **Contributions from 6 Court chambers, 17 Regional and Territorial Chambers of Accounts (RTCAs), 5 inter-jurisdictional panels (common to the Court and a RTCA)**
- **Contributions from almost 60 rapporteurs**

Public action in the face of climate change at the heart of the 2024 APR

After taking stock of 40 years of decentralisation in 2023, the financial courts are devoting the theme of this year's annual public report to public action in the face of climate change. Due to its varied and diffuse nature, adapting to the effects of climate change is a challenge that concerns and must involve all public stakeholders. To assess the scope of adaptation policies, the financial courts have provided an overview of the resources put in place in various sectors. This cross-sectoral exercise is all the more necessary given that adaptation policies weigh heavily on national and local public finances at the same time as they affect households.

The 2024 APR includes:

- **An initial chapter describing the overall situation of the public finances at the end of February 2024**, after two years characterised by strong inflationary pressures and high energy prices.
- **An introduction to the adaptation of public action in the face of climate change**, looking at the various measures that have been put in place and the need to adapt them given the progressive nature of climate change.
- **16 chapters** divided into three parts:
 - **The first part of the APR describes the changes under way in the climate in France and around the world, and the inadequacy of the efforts being made to limit the phenomenon:** 3 chapters on the stakeholders involved in this adaptation - including public research and financial and banking institutions.
 - **The second part includes 7 chapters which analyse the implementation of this adaptation in the living environment and infrastructures**, by referring in particular to the issue of housing, towns and cities, and transport networks.
 - **The third part devotes 6 chapters to the natural environment and the protection of people and activities**, including the sustainable management of forests in mainland France and coastlines, preventing natural disasters in overseas France and protecting the health of vulnerable people.

The specific features of the 2024 APR

The 2024 Annual Public Report, the fourth edition of the thematic APR, contains twice as many chapters as the previous one.

The diversity of the topics addressed required the contribution of all Regional and Territorial Chambers of Account. By tackling the issue of adapting to climate change from different angles, this report highlights the importance of coordinating all stakeholders involved in implementing public policies, with each level of authority being required to take action that is strategically determined by government. On this theme in particular, the financial courts have endeavoured to provide specific responses.

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