



# DEMOCRACY SUPPORT IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

## Context :

Enclosed in the heart of the continent, the Central African Republic (CAR) is regrettably one of the States the most unknown by the Europeans. Victim of the disorders which shake most of its neighbours - Chad in the North, Sudan in the East, the democratic Republic of Congo in the South - it is nevertheless of use as back base to any sorts of armed forces which have in common to plunder its resources. And its isolation does not even put it shielded from the effects of the world crisis: when the economy slows down in the North, the stocks of unsold wood accumulate in CAR and number of employees of the country are unemployed as too many workers of Europe! With, in addition, a General-president who arrived and



remains in the power in defiance of any democratic rule, one needs courage and optimism for those who fight in the country for the democracy and the development which benefits in all! Such are however the objectives of the Movement of liberation of Central African people (MLPC).



## Partner:

Partner of the Jean-Jaurès Foundation in CAR, the MLPC is chaired by Martin Ziguélé, former Prime Minister from 2001 to 2003. This party develops a real political program. It benefits from a serious presence, which covers the totality of the territory.

## Objective :

The problem of the MLPC, regrettably, is that of the too numerous political parties in Africa: how make live durably the hope this party carries while the next elections risk to be, once again, manipulated and faked?

## Africa: Central African Republic

### Actions and expected results :

It is in this context and at the request of the MLPC that the Jean-Jaurès Foundation organizes since December, 2008 training courses to the local persons in charge of the party, to warn them of all the predictable pitfalls on the eve of the presidential and legislative elections of March, 2010: watch that the registrations on electoral rolls are realized everywhere with the same dynamism as

we can already observe in the region of origin of the General-president; make sure that the future polling stations are all also accessible; know the threads which can facilitate the fraud (from the use of a not indelible ink to the inconvenient breakdown of the generator which allows the lighting of the polling station during the counting) ! It must be clear however that the action of the Jean-Jaurès Foundation cannot supply the attentiveness of the international community and, particularly, the European Union. It is on this matter particularly disturbing to notice



Martin Ziguélé, leader of the MLPC

little of reactions aroused by the decision of the general Bozizé, in violation of the Constitution, to refuse that the independent electoral Commission takes the responsibility of the division of the future districts!

It is thus necessary to help that the conditions are gathered so that the Central African citizens choose their leaders freely.

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