

Geography in RMÉS



RMÉS provides its users, both within and outside of INSEE, with the tools they need to familiarise themselves with geographical nomenclature and in particular the Official Geographic Code (COG) with a historical perspective dating back to 1943.

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A few figures...

36 697

municipalities in 2015

34 967

municipalities in 2020

1943

Start of the COG



Managed within the Refigéo application by the National Geographical Repositories Centre, geographical nomenclature (municipalities, departments, regions, countries, together with intermunicipal authorities and study areas) is provided by RMÉS, which is the only place where information regarding the codes and names of territories can be found.

RMÉS provides lists of municipalities for all survey editions since 1943, all comparison tables between two survey

editions, the municipal composition of regions, departments, intermunicipal authorities, a list of countries including their past names, etc.

The range of web services allows geography to be used in various technical contexts, from heavy application in Java to one-off studies in R. An R package will make it easier to interface with the geographical services provided by RMÉS.



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