The transposition of the European Noise Directive (END) into French law was achieved in April 2006. Noise maps have to be established before June 30th, 2007 and action plans have to be set up before July 18th, 2008 for agglomerations with more than 250,000 inhabitants and for major infrastructures. The State representatives at the departmental scale are in charge of the infrastructure maps, while the local authorities are in charge of the agglomeration maps.

The Paris agglomeration which counts 11 million inhabitants is made of 396 towns. Since some of them are grouped into cooperation structures for noise issues, there are 238 entities in charge of the application of the END in the Paris agglomeration.

To face this administrative complex situation, Bruitparif has developed a program to help local authorities in setting up the END. Different actions are lead : - providing information and technical assistance on how to establish noise maps and action plans, - conducting noise measurements in order to validate maps and to provide complementary information, - coordinating actions and initiatives, - consolidating the map of the Paris agglomeration from the local maps in order to estimate the noise exposure, - preparing guidelines for the action plans.