

# The French Western Mediterranean and North-East Atlantic Tsunami Warning Center

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The French Western Mediterranean and North-East Atlantic Tsunami Warning Centre will be operated by the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (CEA): it is established so that France will have a capability to detect, monitor, verify and warn the civil defence authorities of the occurrence of tsunamis in the region and possible threats to Western Mediterranean coast and French coastal locations.

The French Western Mediterranean TWC is a key component in the establishment of the fully functional Tsunami Warning System in the Euro-Mediterranean region. This project, funded by the French Government, is due to be completed end of 2011- early 2012 and includes:

- the establishment of the French Tsunami warning center with 24/7 tsunami monitoring, operation and analysis for France and the Western Mediterranean region
- the upgrade of the seismic monitoring and the extension and upgrade of the sea-level monitoring
- assistance to the Inter-governmental Oceanographic Commission in developing the North-East Atlantic and Medi-terranean Tsunami warning and mitigation system (NEAMTWS).