

## **Answers to referee 1 (Chris King)**

*We would like to thank the reviewer for his analysis of the version of our manuscript.*

Reviewer : This is a well written review piece, which just needs a little tweaking to the English to be OK (see my comments on the attached M/S).

*Thank you for your help to improve the paper. We will follow your recommendation for the final version.*

Reviewer : However, I would like to see the conclusion being extended to include a section on how the lessons learned during the 25 years of the programme could be used, for example, to a) develop a similar seismology program in a different country/region and b) develop a similar program in France based on the collection of a different dataset, e.g in meteorology or in astronomy. These 'lessons learned' would be of great value to the development of education in general and to the development of technological or scientific instrument-based education in particular.

*We propose to extend the conclusion with this text (to integrate to the conclusion) :*

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*We hope that we have met the expectations rightly formulated by the reviewer. We will submit our revised manuscript with your agreement.*

## **Answers do referee 2 : (Denise Balmer)**

*First, we would like to thank the reviewer for her response to the paper.*

Reviewer : I would suggest that generally in the English language the word 'program' refers to a computer program, not an educational programme, and suggest that the word is changed throughout where necessary.

*Thank you for your comment. We will follow your recommendation. In the final version 'programme' will be the right word to describe our educational network.*

Reviewer : Specific comments, mainly due to translation

*Thank you for your help to improve the manuscript. We will proceed to change the text following your comments. I would just like to add the following remarks:*

*Review > Line 82/83 'I do not understand the sentence ('At that time, seismic sensors and related seismograms were more or less an abstraction for the school community. ')...*

*we wanted to make it clear that in 1995, the installation of seismometers in schools did not exist ... and therefore the instrument was an object of literature for the teachers.*

*Review > line 152 'replace 'picks' with 'sets' ...*

*When analysing a seismogram, setting the arrival times of the seismic waves on a record is called 'to pick'. This term, which is quite common in seismology, is preferred for us.*

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## 25 years of seismology at school in France

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### Abstract (257 words)

An educational programme focusing on seismological activities for school and university students training in observational sciences and on raising citizen awareness of natural hazards has been active in France since 1995. Over this quarter century, different generations of students have learnt various lessons concerning instrument installation, data recording and analysis. These actions have led them into the field of scientific interrogation and interpretation, making them better prepared for our modern technological societies. We describe these student commitments motivated by the installation of the first educational broadband seismometer in southern France. Analysis of regional earthquakes has generated a greater awareness of the seismic hazard where students live, while records of strong earthquakes all around the world have induced interaction between students, especially after the deployment of additional seismometers in schools. The natural extension of such an educational seismic network, first at the national level in France in 2006 and later in many countries through various collaborations, has enriched the pedagogical practices of teachers, increasing their skills in seismology and natural sciences among various other disciplines, complementing standard educational resources. We describe the necessary and sustainable relations between teachers and researchers over time. Combining students' motivation, teachers' experience and researchers' expertise has

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33 led to different hosting structures over the years. We conclude by presenting the feedback from  
34 a survey carried out in 2019 among all the teachers involved, highlighting the strong and weak  
35 points of such a long-term adventure. Recent integration into the official syllabus of the new  
36 Geosciences high-school curricula in France illustrates the impact of such an exceptional  
37 experience.

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## 39 **Introduction**

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41 Earthquakes occur suddenly and cause severe damage to the infrastructures of our modern  
42 societies, leading to high numbers of casualties. These events are unavoidable but their impact  
43 can be significantly mitigated. They remain unpredictable with our current scientific  
44 knowledge. Moreover, although they are both worrying and fascinating, to us.

45 This is why emphasis must be placed on awareness, especially in the school system where the  
46 causes and effects of these hazards are studied. The idea of an educational seismic network  
47 arose in the United States with the Princeton Earth Physics Project proposed by Pr. G. Nolet  
48 and Pr. B. Phinney in 1993 (PEPP, Steinberg et al., 2000). Pursuing the same objective, an  
49 educational seismic network was initiated in France in 1995 and is still active after twenty-five  
50 years.

51 Today, many other educational seismic networks exist around the world, including the United  
52 States, Great Britain, Greece, Portugal, Australia, Nepal, Taiwan, Haiti and more, providing an  
53 indication of the importance and need for distributing seismic sensors to schools for educational  
54 purposes. The installation of seismometers in schools promotes learning based on original  
55 records. Such learning makes students familiar with scientific data. With acquired experience,  
56 students can download other data from environmental agencies for their own investigations.

57 The programme also provides collaboration between teachers and researchers to better collect  
58 and analyze the seismic data. Such interaction allows teachers to develop teaching material in  
59 class. Moreover, this teaching material is provided on a website to other educators within the  
60 same discipline. It has been observed that these online resources have been used by a broader  
61 community of teachers in many fields, including natural sciences, history, geography and social  
62 sciences.

63 Through this unique, long-term experience, this paper contributes to answering the following  
64 questions. How and why has the French educational system evolved over time and benefited  
65 from the deployment of a dedicated seismic network? Why is collecting scientific data inside a  
66 school important for both teachers and students? How have motivated teachers been able to

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67 expand online educational exercises to study their own data as well as the data that has become  
68 increasingly available on the web? How have such original educational resources been shared  
69 with other teachers across school and national boundaries? What skills and supports are needed  
70 to maintain an active educational network? Why can we not rely only on the open datasets  
71 available on the web? How has such an experience impacted French teaching programmes?

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### 73 “Sismo des écoles”: the first French school network

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75 In 1995, thanks to the PEPP initiative, the design of a dedicated educational seismometer began  
76 in France: a broadband 3-component velocimeter associated with a 24-bit high-dynamic  
77 digitizer synchronized by GPS with a precision of 1 msec (Fig. 1a). It was installed at the  
78 International Campus of Valbonne (CIV, pilot school). This sensor and its control card were  
79 monitored via a personal computer and a telephone line. In order to share scientific information  
80 between schools, the automatic nightly gathering of time-windowed records of local, regional,  
81 and long-distance events, when strong enough, was elaborated from the earthquake catalogs of  
82 international agencies. At that time, seismic sensors and related seismograms were more or less  
83 an abstraction for the school community. The first active group of 12 high school students was  
84 created, meeting weekly to share the analyses of seismograms from the station and related  
85 information collected through newspapers. This very committed group was supervised by a  
86 teacher in close interaction with a researcher, both involved in this prototype project at the CIV.  
87 For the very first time, students had immediate access to global earthquake seismicity from the  
88 seismometer within their school. The seismometer and its records provided some concrete  
89 aspects to virtual questions related to seismic hazard and to the knowledge of the Earth’s  
90 structure, which are key scientific topics for French high school educational s. Students and  
91 teachers tracked seismic events, such as the Chi Chi earthquake (Fig. 1b), as well as other  
92 natural or anthropogenic vibrations (sea swell, human activity, quarry blasts, etc.).

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Answer > we wanted to make it clear that in 1995, the installation of seismometers in schools did not exist ... and therefore the instrument was an object of literature for the teachers.

93 In 1996, the French Ministry of Education decided to connect all the schools to the Internet for  
94 student training. However, these institutions were very concerned about the added pedagogical  
95 value of the Internet in schools. The seismic network thus benefited from this advancement in  
96 connectivity: the prototype seismometer was connected to the Internet network. The first online  
97 educational seismic database was born. Teachers in other schools were able to work on the  
98 online seismic datasets. At the same time, regional political concerns focused on the education  
99 of young people about natural hazard awareness in one of the most active seismic zones in  
100 France. The prototype station demonstrated that an in-school seismic network to promote

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101 educational programme was possible: a first financial grant was given to the “Alpes Maritimes”  
102 region. A network of five schools equipped with three-component broadband sensors was set  
103 up in the south of France (regional deployment in Fig. 1c, Virieux et al., 2000) and proved to  
104 be so successful that the extension to a national configuration was proposed. The organization  
105 of such a network was based on voluntary proposals from a team of teachers. The equipment  
106 was provided free of charge while maintenance was the responsibility of the volunteer school.

#### 108 **An increasing network of teachers specialized in seismology**

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110 This network, which is constantly increasing, has been supported by different regional and  
111 national funds. In 2006, the French national “Sciences à l’École” organization integrated the  
112 existing “Sismo des écoles” network into their national educational projects. This cooperation  
113 enabled the transformation of local actions into widespread initiatives. The network, renamed  
114 “SISMOS à l’École”, was first deployed on a national level, followed by international  
115 deployment in the French schools abroad, as illustrated in Figure 1c. This figure shows the role  
116 of the professional and educational sensors. See “Data and Resources” for more details. In order  
117 to fulfill the educational target of seismic hazard education and scientific approaches, having  
118 teachers who are well-trained in seismological skills as an interface between teachers and  
119 researchers is mandatory and requires specific workshops. Each school with an installed sensor  
120 has an identified researcher (one teacher - one researcher as a mentor). Researchers have  
121 comprehensive knowledge of seismic phenomena and teachers have the pedagogical skills to  
122 describe these phenomena to students. Researchers have also contributed to the numerous  
123 training sessions through scientific refresher lectures. Furthermore, the researchers also use the  
124 network's datasets to integrate them into the seismicity study of the considered areas (Berenguer  
125 et al., 2013; their figure 6).

#### 127 *Regional, national, and international teachers’ workshops*

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129 In the last 25 years, different meetings have been offered to any teacher who wants to increase  
130 their own skills in seismological topics. In order to maintain significant momentum within the  
131 national (and overseas) network, six national meetings have been held since the beginning of  
132 the project, with a total of 200 teachers attending at least one of the proposed meetings. These  
133 ongoing training sessions thus keep the educational network alive. Topics are related to  
134 following items:

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- 135 - scientific conferences presented by scientists and specialized teachers,  
136 - practical workshops around datasets from the network,  
137 - poster presentations to share experiences in different schools.

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138 This format was finally recognized as very useful and helpful for the optimal use of scientific  
139 datasets, through the interaction of researchers participating in these teachers' workshops and  
140 with the participation of the young students whose awareness has been raised. At a different  
141 scale, European teachers' workshops were organized under the umbrella of European research  
142 projects, such as the NERA, O3E, and SERA projects (see "Acknowledgements"). These  
143 workshops, supported financially by European projects, have provided the opportunity to mix  
144 the different cultural styles of educational training one can find among the different European  
145 countries.

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147 *A long-standing production of teaching resources*

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149 At the early stage of the network, the teachers shared their pedagogical experiences of  
150 exploiting in-school seismometers and available datasets on the web. Initial activities focused  
151 on the interpretation of dates, travel times and the recognition of seismic waves. With the  
152 accumulation of new data combined with their increasing seismological skills, teachers started  
153 to produce better-developed activities focusing on different and more complex aspects. The  
154 development of digital tools at school has enabled the development of original activities to  
155 manipulate numerical quantities. For example, by combining information from seismic catalogs  
156 and spreadsheet tools, students are able to display coordinates of listed seismic events on a map  
157 and observe that the distribution of each plot enables them to highlight areas which look like  
158 tectonic plates. Manipulating these catalogs by themselves enhances their understanding of  
159 where and how the information is obtained, which is an added value with respect to push-button  
160 applications. An extensive collection of different shared activities was undertaken and finalized  
161 through an exercise book: "Le cahier d'activités du SISMO" (the seismo hands-on book,  
162 Berenguer et al., 2009, Fig. 2a, see "Data and Resources"). This collection is an illustration of  
163 what can be done with the help of seismic data collected in schools. Quite sophisticated  
164 scientific topics may be tackled in a simple and pragmatic way during teaching and training.  
165 We can cite an example of a practical activity that has become very popular in the classroom.  
166 The experiment consists in causing the rupture of a rigid material (polystyrene, uncooked  
167 lasagna sheets, hard chocolate, etc.), and recording, with the help of simple piezoelectric cells,

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168 the waves that propagate around the rupture (Le cahier d'activités du SISMOS, pp.24-25). More  
169 activities are available in the digital version available on line (see "Data and Resources").

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171 *Successive web platforms to improve sharing*

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173 All records and activities have also centralized on successive dedicated web platforms for open  
174 sharing. At the origin of the project, a web server was hosted by the regional services of the  
175 French Ministry of Education. Thus, the records from regional and global seismic activity feed  
176 an online database and constitute a seismic resource center for education. Teaching requires a  
177 didactic approach to resources. The need for a more sophisticated platform emerged: this is why  
178 the web interface of our educational programme goes beyond a simple data center. In 2010, the  
179 "www.edusismo.org" website was developed through funds provided by the French ministerial  
180 "Sciences à l'École" programme. This website was a cornerstone for providing tools  
181 (experiments, software, and simulation) to properly exploit the available datasets as well as  
182 many different educational paths. The two first main digital tools used were:

183 - SeisGram2K (Lomax A., 2000, see "Data and Resources") software, an interface for  
184 the seismological research community and adapted for schools. Students can display  
185 seismograms, apply filtering processes, pick wave arrival times, and more;

186 - EduCarte geographical information software (see "Data and Resources") which  
187 enables users to plot geo-referenced information, work with seismograms, display GPS  
188 measurements, create cross sections, and more.

189 Making these datasets didactic through simple and well-developed working steps remains the  
190 priority of our programme.

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192 **New impetus for natural risk prevention with the EduMed Observatory**

193 In 2017, The University Côte d'Azur took over with the programme called Educational  
194 Mediterranean Observatory ("EduMed-Obs", <http://edumed.unice.fr>). EduMed-Obs focuses on  
195 implementing an interface based on a geoscience dataset concerning the Mediterranean basin.  
196 The theme not only focuses on seismology: landslides, meteorology, hydrology, and sea-level  
197 variations are also considered. Data mining is developing and has become more important in  
198 current teaching programmes (Bigot-Cormier et al., 2017). These datasets are intended not only  
199 for middle and high schools, but also for university students. EduMed-Obs also provides  
200 datasets from research centers. This aspect is important in strengthening the visibility of the

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activities of research institutes. It is an excellent opportunity for students to compare datasets from their own sensors with research datasets. Making populations aware, through student training, of the role of earth science observatories is crucial and promotes a better understanding of the seismological (and environmental) nature of the territory where students live. How these observatories participate in our seismic risk awareness is better understood by governmental structures, inducing improved territorial management, such as tsunami mitigation. This new educational observatory already numbers some seventy European schools in the countries around the Mediterranean that host sensors and which implement scientific teaching focused on natural risk education (schools map available at <http://edumed.unice.fr/fr/le-reseau-edumed>). The schools that are twinned within this network can share their experience on natural risks along the Mediterranean coast. EduMed-Obs is a partner of many innovative field camp training courses organized around the Mediterranean, like “InsegnaciEtna 2019” in Sicily (<http://site.ietna.eu>). This expertise is already being exported through initiatives in Central America, where a network is being built on the Caribbean arc from Haiti to Venezuela via the French West Indies (<http://edumed.unice.fr/fr/eduseis>). The recent creation of EduMed-Obs as well as its present and future actions are directly inspired by the feedback from the teachers involved in this project over the past 25 years. Below, we propose a description of the key points mentioned by the teachers over the years.

#### **A look at the past actions of the French educational seismological network**

Teachers have reported a number of positive points from their experience: students' enthusiasm for recording quakes, the ease of understanding online databases, the development of autonomy, students' responsibility in managing a seismological station, the importance of natural risk within the theme of sustainable development. One of the great strengths of the network has been its integration into teaching programmes, and to fulfill various expected educational objectives:

- practice a scientific approach;
- demonstrate observation skills, curiosity, critical thinking;
- experience autonomy;
- communicate in scientifically appropriate language: oral, written, graphical, numerical.

The installation of seismometers in schools in different areas of Europe and abroad has given the necessary impulse to use a scientific approach for the improved development of activities concerning the knowledge of hazard, the real-time manipulation of information and scientific

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234 databases, as well as a better understanding of matters related to risk and territorial management  
235 (Courboulex et al., 2012). However, it remains important to evaluate how this has spread  
236 scientific culture and risk education to generations of students.

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238 *The “25 years of the French seismology at school” survey*

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240 After 25 years, the time had come to make an overview of the teachers' vision of the impact of  
241 this network on their teaching and on student training. A survey was conducted in November  
242 2019 among all teachers who have participated in the various actions of the programme since  
243 its beginning. Note that these teachers are all teachers who are, or who were, the school  
244 reference person for the seismometer installed in one of the 105 schools of the network. Several  
245 of them are (or were) in charge of teacher training sessions in France and abroad. The number  
246 of responses may seem small, but their answers reflect the feeling of many more people.  
247 Collecting all feelings, reflections and suggestions accumulated within the different special  
248 events carried out by the network should provide critical information for the future evolution  
249 of the educational network. Questions (Data Sheet S1) were listed to quantify the impact of the  
250 programme on their teaching and on the awareness of science culture and risk education among  
251 students. The results presented in Figure 2 are based on the responses of the 73% of the teams  
252 to have sent feedback, i.e a total of 250 teachers. In France, Earth science is traditionally taught  
253 by biology and geology teachers. They provided the major contribution (85% of the answers)  
254 to the survey (compared with the contribution of only 15% of physics teachers). Half of them  
255 are teachers who have participated in an educational seismology programme for more than 6  
256 years. They consist in equal numbers of middle- and high-school teachers. 80% of them (200  
257 teachers) have participated in at least one of the training seminars on seismology and seismic  
258 risk described above. The main objective of the survey concerns the pedagogical value of  
259 installing a seismometer in a school. What is the greatest contribution of such instrument in a  
260 classroom? The following interests are listed in descending order. The programme has proven  
261 to be a facilitator for:

- 262 - practical support for science education (75.3%)
- 263 - seismic risk awareness (70.1%)
- 264 - creation of a science club (68.8%)
- 265 - discovery of the world of research (66.3%)
- 266 - exchanges within a network of schools and researchers (65.6%)
- 267 - practical support for technology (58.5%)

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- stimulating the interest of parents (45.5%)

The survey confirms that a seismometer installed in schools is an essential educational element for the majority of teachers. From teacher feedback, we also note that, through this sensor installed at the school, most of the students have acquired skills to become ambassadors for seismic risk. Indeed, teachers mentioned that many students were invited to participate in scientific events in order to present their work. It can be considered that at least 20,000 students have been able to participate in and benefit from the educational seismology program in France. Many of them are adults today, some of them have chosen a scientific career, but all are citizens who have been made aware of seismic risk by studying seismic phenomenon through the analysis of seismic data provided by educational and research seismometers.

## CONCLUSION

All teachers agree on the fact that the presence of a seismometer at school is of great interest to the fulfilment of the main objectives of scientific culture and seismic risk education. Many other seismological networks for educational purposes have also emerged in Europe and around the world. Such educational programmes have shown a positive impact among students (Zollo et al., 2014). Educational seismological networks also draw their strength from the interaction between teachers and researchers which has occurred under various circumstances. If citizen science and educational seismology occupy such a prominent place in society today, it is because they ask for citizen commitment on important issues, such as the prevention of seismic risk and, more generally, of natural risks. Schools play a central role when addressing a young public. The place of scientific research is also essential for better mitigation of natural hazards and to better understand the anthropogenic impact on environmental systems. Therefore, through this long-standing educational programme with the driving motivation of building a seismic network across different educational communities in Europe, we must definitely focus on prevention through education. Educational seismology networks do more because they encourage students to adopt a scientific approach based on observation and measurement, enabling them to understand the causes of earthquakes, the internal dynamics of the globe... and to learn how the systems behave.

Similar programmes can be developed in other countries if the education system in those countries is taken into account. However, one of the strongest elements for success is the training of educators, a key ingredient of the programme. This training has followed teachers throughout the last few years. Indeed, any new educational project must support teachers by

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302 ensuring that they improve their scientific skills, specifically in Earth sciences. In order to  
303 achieve this goal, bringing teachers closer to researchers in a reciprocal interaction is important.  
304 Other key element are the use of friendly usable technical tools for manipulating scientific data  
305 and teaching resources including learning aspects and assessment items. The way these features  
306 are developed is country-dependent. Over the years, the French programme has taken care to  
307 develop these activities (training courses, seminars, conferences) for the various users, such as  
308 students, teachers and researchers.

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310 Thus, teaching seismology using real, recent data from online sensors gives a lot of satisfaction  
311 to students and teachers alike. This experience with educational seismology has now enabled  
312 the University Côte d'Azur to set up an educational observatory of the Mediterranean  
313 environment (EduMed). This observatory offers a data center for teaching topics beyond  
314 seismology. Thus, using a similar educational approach, students and teachers have access to  
315 hydrogeological data with a range of diversity (river characteristics, karstic cave distribution).  
316 Meteorological data (rain, wind, temperature) are another set of physical data to be analysed  
317 and understood. Data from buoys at sea provides crucial data for the oceanic realm.

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319 Over its first three years of operation, the access to various quantitative physical data related to  
320 the environment has allowed students to investigate different environmental subjects with the  
321 help of teachers in different disciplines who have different teaching expertise and interests. This  
322 extended programme has broadened student skills, their education of natural risks and their  
323 awareness of their natural and societal environments.

324 Finally, the challenge of educational seismology is the improved training of our students in  
325 Earth science so that they have a better understanding of how science is constructed and how it  
326 progresses. Undoubtedly, trained citizens are better equipped to face their future with a  
327 strengthened science-citizen link, and scientific vocations are the rewards of such innovative  
328 and attractive training.

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### 330 **Data and Resources**

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332 The book “Le Cahier d’activités du SISMO, version 2”, funded by the Alcotra Programme  
333 (European Union), was developed in 2009 and published by the School District of Nice  
334 (France). A digital version is available at the following URL:

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- <http://namazu.unice.fr/EDUMEDOBS/seismo/seismobook-version2.zip>

SeisGram2K and EduCarte (developed by Anthony Lomax and Jean-Luc Berenguer) software is downloadable at the following URLs:

- <http://edumed.unice.fr/fr/contents/news/tools-lab/SeisGram2K>

- <http://edumed.unice.fr/fr/contents/news/tools-lab/EduCarte>

The professional seismometers deployed during the initial, regional and national phases were the S.A.G.E station with a 3-component velocimeter (Noemax 20s). During the national phase, Güralp CMG 6TD were also deployed, such as the educational Vibrato station (<https://www.staneo.fr/vibrato.php>). This device and the TC1 seismometer (Van Wijk et. Al, 2013) are currently deployed (EduMed-Obs phase).

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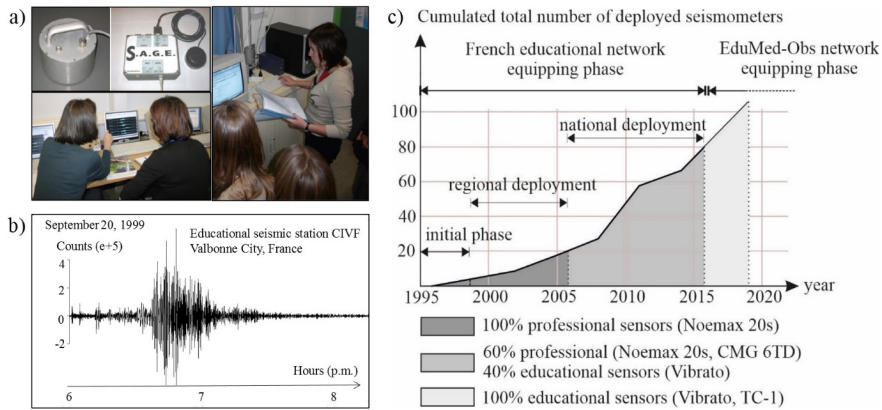
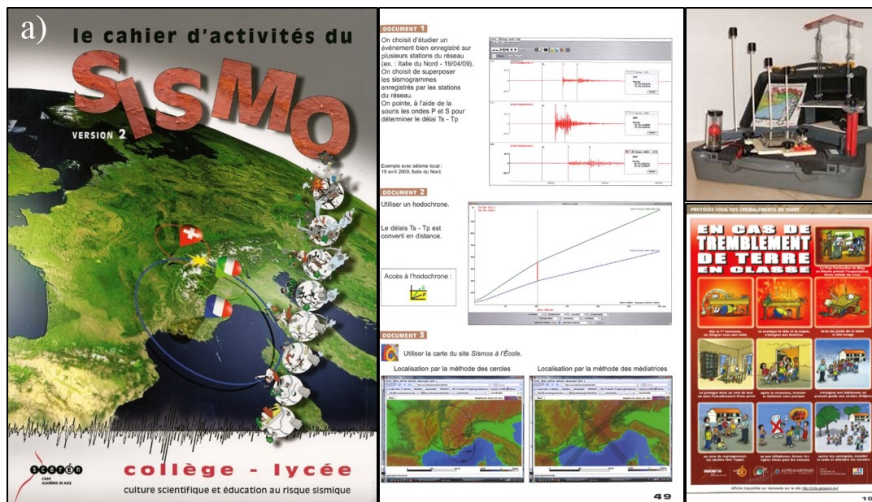


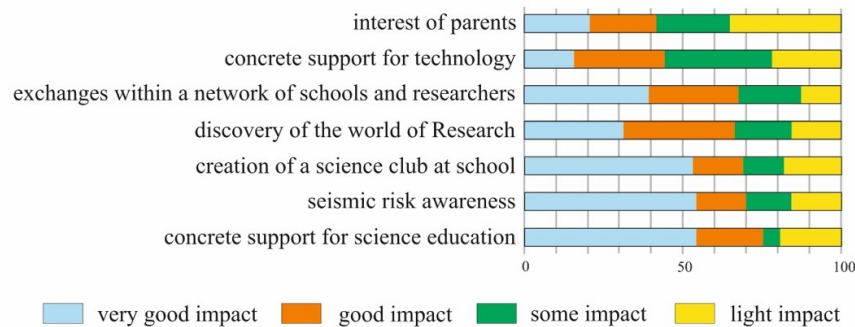
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