

Summary of the similarities and differences between State EPFs and Local EPFs

	State EPFs	Local EPFs
Status	Industrial and Commercial Public Agency	
Purpose	Competent to carry out or have carried out land and building purchases in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - build up land reserves - facilitate later developments 	
Creation	On the state's initiative after hearing the concerned local communities (Décret en Conseil d'Etat)	On the initiative of local elected officials with the préfet's authorisation (prefectural decree)
Intervention area	Regional territory (e.g. EPF NPDC) or departmental territory (e.g. EPF des Yvelines)	Territory of intermunicipal structures and their member communes
Beneficiaries	State, intermunicipal structures, member local communities	Member territories
Ward	Préfet of the competence area	Préfet
Financial and accounting control	General control mission and Chambre Régionale des Comptes by delegation of the Cour des Comptes	Chambre Régionale des Comptes