

# SHERPA Annual Conference

## Intervention of the Rural Network of the South region

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# The Regional rural network

**What is it ?** A community of rural development actors (local authorities, LAGs, parks, companies, associations, consular chambers, development agencies, farmers, etc.). With the financial support of the European Union and the South Region.

**What is it for ?** Promote cooperation and exchanges between actors in the rural areas and contribute to the implementation of the rural development policy

## How does it work ?

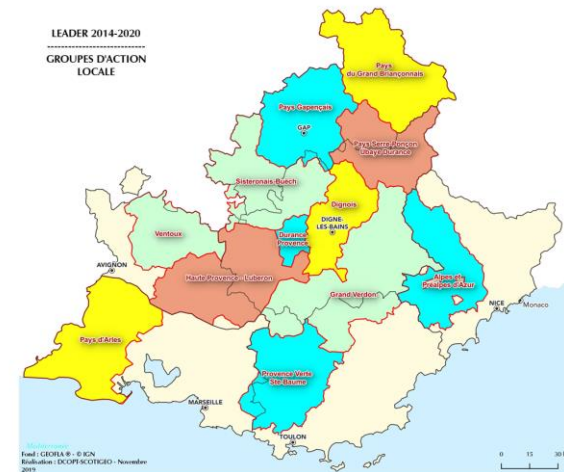
- 2 facilitators
- Newsletter, website
- A forum every two years
- Events, workshops organized on the regional territory
- Tools for rural actors



# The missions of the Regional rural network



Inform rural actors



Support the Leader program

Interactions with other networks

Carry out thematic projects



# Feedback on the SHERPA multiactors platform in the South Region

# The voice of rurality

## The reasons why the South Region is involved in the project :

- The South Region shares the objectives of the SHERPA project : "contribute to better coordination of rural actors and better efficiency of policies in favor of rural territories"
- An opportunity for the Regional rural network to work on the future of rural areas and with new actors
- Capitalization and experience sharing

# An original and well-conducted experience



## The achievements of the regional platform :

- An adaptable platform : a large diversity of actors and themes during the different phases of the project
- A framework for operational proposals and a good participation over time



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## The achievements of the regional platform :

- Link with the LAGs and the new programming period
- Contribute to the development of the regional policy : SradDET (regional spatial planning document), challenges for rural territories



# Post SHERPA perspectives



# And next ?

## Lessons learned from this experience :

### ➤ For the South Region :

- ⇒ Better involvement of researchers and rural mayors
- ⇒ Not one but several ruralities in the South region
- ⇒ Proposal for the regional policy and in particular for the future regional strategy on rurality

### ➤ For the Regional rural network

- ⇒ Continue the exchanges initiated with the MAP
- ⇒ Contribute to the implementation of the LEADER program 2023-2027