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PRACTICE ABSTRACT

Influence of Multi-Actor Platforms on policy design in Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée



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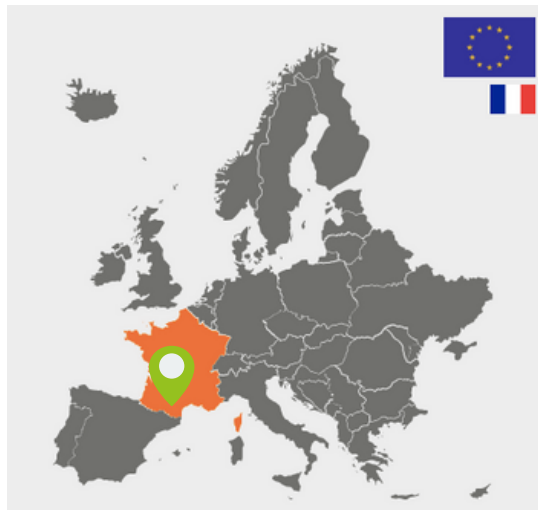


In the context of the design and implementation of the 2023-2027 LEADER program, the work of the SHERPA MAP South Region in France has contributed to fuelling the debate on the future of rural areas in the South region by 2040. In particular, the MAP Position Papers have contributed to bringing forward specific proposals on rural governance of ecological transition and responses to climate change under the LEADER program.

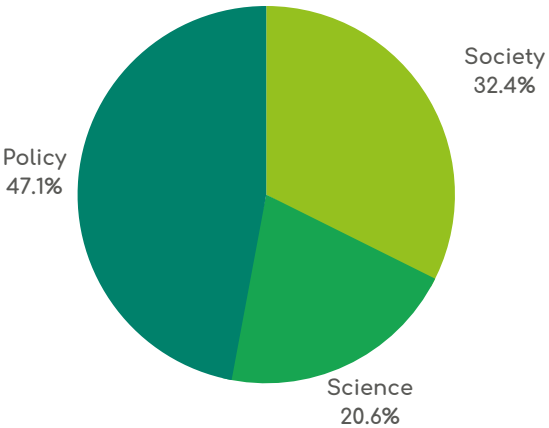
Thus, a special report adopted by the Region in December 2020 entitled "Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, a Region focused on rurality" incorporated the main analyses and proposals released by the SHERPA MAP. The SHERPA Discussion Paper on climate change released in 2021 also contributed to the reflections carried out within the framework of the revision of the regional spatial planning strategy (SRADDET), in particular during a workshop entitled "What regional rural model in the light of climate change and land sobriety?" organised by the regional council with regional councillors in the fall 2022. Finally, thanks to the various SHERPA MAP Positions Papers, the MAP facilitator attended a working group on socio-economic and demographic changes at regional level, under the coordination of the regional office of public statistics (INSEE). Subsequently, a briefing note on rurality in South Region was issued.

Prior to these results, an intense preparatory work by the facilitation team enabled to mobilize, gather and aggregate existing data and knowledge on rural areas at regional level on ruralities (INSEE, GREC-SUD, Chamber of Agriculture, Southern Region, Universities, etc.). This preparatory work has made it possible to share a common vision and understanding of the current context of rural areas in the South region and to identify major challenges, as well as the main threats and opportunities by 2040. The constant support of the animation unit of the Regional Rural Network was key for facilitating exchanges between rural actors and ensuring the capitalization, promotion and dissemination of the work of the MAP. This has been essential both to keep the involvement of key actors on rurality issues and to disseminate the results of the MAP.

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ABOUT THE MAP

The SHERPA MAP South Region covers the regional scope of South Region Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur, France. The region is characterised by a small, isolated, yet active rural population, and inequality in access to services. The main economic activities are tourism and agriculture.

This MAP was established at the end of 2019 and is coordinated by CIHEAM Montpellier with the support of the regional rural network. Its composition has been set according to the SHERPA topics to be discussed. In 2023, it gathers 7 researchers, 11 civil society members, 16 policy makers.



OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives of this MAP are the following:

- To contribute to “Europeanize” challenges related to rural areas futures at regional level and “regionalize” the uptake and design of futures EU policies for rural areas with rural communities.
- To share regional challenges, drivers of change and common understanding of desirable futures for rural areas in South region.
- To equip regional policy makers with adequate rural policy delivery’ proposals through LEADER programmes and regional spatial planning strategy.



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Operating at the regional level, this MAP managed to lead to productive discussions and outputs. Between 2022 and 2022, it delivered 2 working documents and 4 Position Papers in French and English thanks to the organisation of 6 MAP workshops (online, in-person, hybrid). In 2023, a MAP Fiche on governance in rural areas was published by this MAP.

SHERPA's results have been used by the South Region in the context of the design and implementation of the LEADER programme and the revision of the regional spatial planning strategy (SRADDET) as well as by the regional office of national statistic (INSEE) for a briefing note on rurality.

In addition, the MAP promoted the dissemination of the project's results to the Regional Rural Network, to South Region authority and to CIHEAM researchers and students.



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