Issues regarding the enforcement of the French food policy in a mountain territory: the case of a territorial food project in Auvergne



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Principle of the winning projects :

- Support sustainable food
- Based on a shared diagnosis of local agricultural production and food needs.



Concretely: a set of local initiatives coordinated in a global and transversal strategy on a territorial scale

Wiskerke, 2009

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food issues in a transversal way (social, environmental, economic, health...)

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RNP Livradois-Forez: 158 municipalities / 99,000 inhabitants / UAA of 97,000 ha (34% of the territory) of which 84% is dedicated to livestock / forest 55% of the territory

Moutain area: some specific resources for a territorial food project

- A territory historically linked to dairy farming 2000 farms, 84% of which are cattle and sheep farms
- Extensive polyculture systems, 90% of the land is grassland / 7% of farms AB / breeds and varieties adapted to their territory
- Presence of structuring operators, e.g. dairy (collection and processing) /Quality Products : PDO fourme d'Ambert and Bleu d'Auvergne
- Farms in short food chains: open-air markets, farmers' stores, farm sales, ...
- Support and advisory structures for sustainable agriculture: e.g. the Park



Moutain area: some specific stakes of the territorial food project

- Agro-pedo-climatic constraints: what is the capacity of this breeding area to meet the 50% food autonomy objective of the Food Project?
- Landlockedness and low density: how to ensure the maintenance of the industrial tools to meet the challenges of structuring the food chain?
 - Studies in progress to maintain a municipal slaughterhouse
- Village desertification: how to maintain the marketing tool to meet the objective of local food?
 - Ongoing actions: a producers' store, networking actions between producers and grocery stores





Moutain area: how to reinforce the participation and inclusion of the stakholders?







Some specific issues concening the governance of the project: how to ensure/maintain/reinforce the inclusion of mountain stakeholders in the project?



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Conclusion

- a very large and complex, transversal project on food issues
- a set of varied scientific questions, involving different disciplines
 - activation of the specific resources of the mountain,
 - resolution of mountain-specific problems (isolation, relief, density)
 - coordination of actors and governance



Thank you for your attention





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