



LE TERRITOIRE DU PAYS DE LA DEODATIE



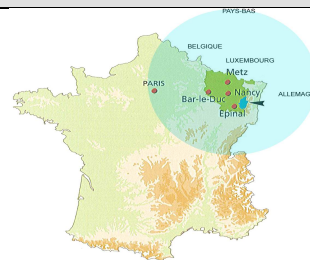
PRESENTATION

A strategic position in regional group Lorraine-Alsace

93 644 inhabitants,
119 000 ha,
94 municipalities,
14 intercommunalités,

The Pays de la Déodatie is located in Lorraine in the north-east part of France almost completely into the Department of the Vosges. The land stretches on the western side of the area of the Vosges. It's made up of mountains and valleys

The Pays de la Déodatie is at crucial asset in terms of development, in particular for space management, industrial and farming activities, wood working, tourism and the protection of the environment and landscape



ENVIRONMENT

An area with strong bio capacities

The Pays de la Déodatie owns a rich natural heritage with departmental, national and european interest. Natural areas cover a large variety of biotopes: wet meadows, rivers, alluvial forests, mountainside forest, acid peat bogs, high forests, lakes...are shared out between valleys and the tops of the Vosgean balloons.

In the Vosges, 25% of natural sensitive areas are located in Déodatie.

Woods are predominant and take up 70% of areas.

Forests is particularly emblematic of the Vosges but not without ambivalences. Indeed, largely overexploited since the Middle age at XIXth century, forest from now on is managed in a more considered way and has continued to play an important positive economic part ; however, economical and farming depressed (between 50's and 80's) have contributed forest increased. Landscapes have been closing themselves provoking negatively feelings by population

Water is everywhere in Déodatie under different forms with changeable impacts on landscape appearances. Natural elements are strongly clearly visible in landscape, as rivers), streams, waterfalls, lakes, quiet headwaters. There are also humid spaces as peat bogs, swamplands and wetlands. Water lives also under developed forms by inhabitants: artificial lakes, ponds, fountains, canals, fish farming.

GREEN LINE

- Area is characterized by predominance areas forest: reserve ratio is close to 70% (84 000 ha)
- a green lung with 3 parts for the Pays de la Déodatie : economic, ecological, social
- Territory with the junction of three areas forest: hills under Vosgean, the Low Vosges and the High

BLUE LINE

- The Déodatie, Lorraine's water tower
- A dense water system which are a major factor for identity development of area
- A source of economic development and tourist taking part in attractivity of the territory



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ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As long time, Déodatie was dominated by textile and metal industries, wood and stone working. Industrial vocation is older. Textile depressed provoked an unemployment increase but industrial activities have been diversified by plasturgic industries and engineering automobile industry. But area is still weak in front of economic hazards. (unemployment rate is still higher national, regional and departmental average)

Today, with globalization, attractivity and territory richness must pass by a high level of quality of rural and urban landscapes, by the protection of cultural heritage, by offering high quality services and resources energy...As many charms which can reduce area vulnerability, guarantee a economic performance and a development based on bio capacities

MONTAIN FARMING IN RESTRUCTURATION

In Déodatie, there are about one thousand farmers; the half has more than 50 years. Furthermore, renewal is small. The numbers of farms are lowing. Since twenty years, more 150 parts of them have disappeared. Face to this decline, farms had to restructure themselves. Their size have increased as well as their livestock and productivity

Aware to importance of farming contribution toward image of territory and its part as manager for space assuring support opening spaces, many action have been put in place by the LAG and the Pays de la Déodatie in order **to support farming activities**.

TOURISM, CULTURE, HERITAGE

The Pays de la Déodatie has got stronger trumps and also an important and diversified touristy potential. the image of the mountainous and the positioning are important and assure quality and diversified natural spaces and a rich cultural, architectural and historic heritage to the territory.

The Pays de la Déodatie has got many trumps and purposes a large and diversified offer with attractive and complementary poles as well in summer and in winter. Important touristy places of interest with a large reputation evolve parallel to areas where tourism has been not again developed in spite of potentialities.



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WOOD FIELD

Extraordinary forested resources; dense water system and high quality workforce let and justify a predominant position of wood and cardboard industries in the Vosges.

- The more bigger industrial eco sector employing 1800 salaried employees
- Area is characterized by predominance spaces forest: reserve ratio is close to 70% = a economic, cultural, touristy...potential
- 85% of municipalities are members of the « Association des Communes Forestières » regrouping French municipalities characterized by a stronger presence of woods and forests and their territory.
- Many markets
 - Wood energy
 - Wood and eco construction
 - Legacy wood
- Complete field including forestry and second transformation.
- Attendance of helping structures near at hand:
 - Education: Ecole Nationale Supérieurs des Technologies et Industries du bois (ENSTIB), Centre de Formation des Apprentis (CFA)...
 - Resources centres : Centre de Ressources des Industries du Bois (CRIT)
 - Pôle fibre
 - -GIPEBLOR



IMMINENT PROJECTS...

- ☛ Setting place a wood cluster: a cluster is a method for organise the productive system and group enterprises and local actors around the same activity on an employment area. A cluster creates collective advantages and benefits, competitive and innovating offers which wouldn't be possible to put in place without a strategic partnership between numerous actors coming from private and public sector.
- ☛ « Une charte forestière »: « la Charte Forestière de Territoire (CFT) » is a French work tool put in place in order to establish a sustainable and innovating management of the forest. It's the result of a partnership between private (wood industry, forestry, tourism...) and public actors.
- ☛ Development wood field and energy
- ☛ ...



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strategic synthesis

“CULTURE & RURALITY, TRADITION & MODERNITY”

affirm the identity of the areas and answer the new social, economic, and environmental requirements

PRIORITY 1 : FARMING

Support farming mountains diversification by developing new products answering sustainable development demands and contribute to amelioration way of life..

- ⌘ Collective approach for promotion of local products.
- ⌘ Innovating process establishing a link between farming and culture (cultural mediation and creation)
- ⌘ Helping and sponsoring systems for farming installation or transmission.

PRIORITY 2 : NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Support a publicity and cultural concerted mediation policy promoting local identity potential (heritages, natural areas, local know-how,... in a sustainable approach))

- ⌘ Coordination of actors and consistency of initiatives
- ⌘ Develop knowledge and promotion NATURAL and CULTURAL heritage. Take care/ look after appropriation and transmission of heritage by local population

PRIORITY 3 : ECONOMIC FIELD

Support economic rural activities development coherent with sustainable development

- ⌘ Bring new digital, fast development for design new products
- ⌘ Preliminary researches for organisation, commercial development, human resources management.
- ⌘ Create and spark off good conditions for exchanges promoting local resources/ create a collective window of local know- how.

PRIORITY 4 : SOCIAL FIELD

Weave social link on a scale of the Pays de la Déodat by creating conditions exchanges

PRIORITY 5 : COOPERATION

Keep, increase, put in place creative rural activity of richness developing/promoting local resources (wood/paper/ cardboard)

**Tourism/ Heritage/ Natural resources
Agriculture/ Forest/Renewable energy**