A Mayor......in a protected area?

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Maire d’Ay-Champagne
2017: 51 Parks, + than 20 projects in study

More than 4300 villages, 15 Regions (2 ultramarines) 74 Districts

4 millions of inhabitants 15% of national territory

9 out of 13 World biosphere reserves in France UNESCO
How to build a Regional Nature Park?

**Landscape**

- A rural and inhabited area
- An identity (cultural and natural heritage)
- Unique Landscape

**Local commitment**

- Voluntary approach
- Participation of local communities
- Initiative of the Region
- Involvement of the public & private sectors

**A joint project**

- Charter = definition of common targets
- To protect and to develop
- Adopted by local communities (or not...)
- Councilors & President
- For 15 years
- National brand
5 missions of the Park

1. to protect natural resources, landscapes and cultural heritage,
2. to contribute to land & town planning,
3. to improve local development and quality of life,
4. to inform and educate about our environment,
5. to experiment and create exemplary actions = laboratory!

• French environmental Code
  • R333-4
Parc naturel régional de la Montagne de Reims
Creation in 1976
54 000 hectares
65 local communities
35 000 habitants
40% forest
30% agriculture
30% vineyards AOC Champagne
3 towns (Epernay, Châlons-en-Champagne Agglo, Reims)
The Charter “Objectif 2020”: To federate initiatives to maintain and improve our landscapes for a better quality of life

Axe 1
• Improve the landscape management by connecting local actors

Axe 2
• Create best practices of environmental management and green infrastructures

Axe 3
• Improve the development of social and economic services

Axe 4
• Improve partnerships and communication

TEAM: Moderate, advice, inform, experiment!
AY-CHAMPAGNE

A new local community with 6000 habitants
Commune d’AY-CHAMPAGNE

2 deputy mayors to implement a policy of sustainable development and quality of life
Agenda 21
- Involvement of the population
- New action on different levels
No more papers by digital exchanges
Mobile library to link generations
ZERO PHYTO: new practises to manage the green spaces

- No more chemical products
- Mulching of the flower beds
- Grassing
- Mulching with the wood chips made with trees trim or Christmas trees

NEEDS TRAINING TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR
Improve biodiversity, an apiary to learn about bees
(Incr)edible vegetables!
Community gardens
Lunch at school:

Organic & fresh products « homemade »
Keep the local green market
Treatment plant with solar green house
Energy saving plan

Change of all the boilers with new digital management system
Solar panels on public buildings
Electric vehicles for the local services
Electric charging station for everyone
Develop the bicycle paths and parkings
A walking bus to go to school
Recycling depot
Demand responsive transport
Protection of heritage

Create a special protection zone to regulate renovation and construction (AVAP)
NEW VOICES, NEW VISIONS, NEW VALUES

• A common work between the Park and the city
• Involvement of local population
• Importance to give a place to local authorities and its councils
THANK YOU!

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