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Roadmap 2013: proposals presented to the European Committee of the Regions

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Territorial Pacts (local, regional) present the potential means to overcome the present crisis :

Strategy designed and applied to achieve concrete solutions to essential daily issues: managing common goods, activities and employment, living conditions and services, aimed at building solidarity and connection between territories.

Medium- and long-term strategy in a legal framework for local and regional solutions (territorial interaction and cooperation).

Shared responsibility is the leading guideline, multi-level governance the instrument. It includes organised civil society as a vested stakeholder in implementing real collective economic actions and territorial governance.

A multi-funded strategy, simple, transparent implementation

Result-based objectives defined by quantitative (how much/many), and qualitative (how) indicators such as satisfaction of essential economic needs, quality of community life, resilience, democratic and cultural vitality, reduction in exogenous energy, food or financial dependency.

How can it be achieved ?

Build a permanent collective of resources: a toolkit and methods

to strengthen, multiply, initiate concrete responses. Continue the programme of learning journeys.

Express ourselves as an independent collective voice
of local to European level advocacy and support each other in consulting civil society in the P'ACTS.

Include an international dimension of globalisation of solidarity and sustainable development

in the active participation in the territorial approach.

The European P'ACTS.

Citizens doing more than just casting their votes or demonstrating... Actors preparing for the future.

Reintegrating major current issues of how best to live together in essential fields such as food, housing, transport, work, feeling useful and connected to others.

Accompanying the transformation of indignant motivated individuals towards an environment that will help produce change.

Reaching beyond barriers, building joined-up thinking across the board and providing a greater choice of solutions, learning to cooperate.

Fostering the development of collective skills, determination and credibility to speak to decision-makers as a non-partisan political lobby, encouraging the evolution of conditions in public discussion and taking the future into our own hands.

How to organise the different steps of the democratic contract, because the local is inseparable from the global.

Share experience and transfer tools, methods and concrete results that have led to agreement on viable, sustainable solutions, and fair, efficient management.

Plan sustainable development from local to European level and beyond, based on realities, needs, natural and cultural resources.

Prepare the conditions for democratic governance of social and economic affairs, by linking the horizontal to the vertical in a non-hierarchical approach.

Pool the lessons learnt from theoretical and hands-on experience, the better to develop collective actions built on success, indicators, and appropriate institutional support adapted to global conditions.

Joined-up action at different levels empowers actions, provides concrete responses and produces shared references, moving towards common principles, supra-national recommendations that set the framework for a shared social responsibility that neither multinationals nor States are currently able to define or implement.

Working together makes sense and creates a critical mass within civil society that enables our voice to be truly heard, as the third independent pillar of globalisation with a human face. It can stop arbitrary decisions and the abuse of existing dominant positions that currently threaten common goods, access to fundamental human rights and peace at global level.

Local democracy is the touchstone for the day-to-day management of territorial issues, to connect with others in a dynamic mode that is different from that of the globalised economy.

Territorial Pacts: a tool for cooperation.

Cooperation translates a shared responsibility for actions – together or independently – in an overall coherent approach aimed at achieving an objective of general interest. Taking part in a public action that has been initiated by others, and also taking the initiative in actions that contribute to meeting this objective. This citizen's power of taking initiatives and acting includes opposing exogenous decisions affecting planning that compromise the possibility for local populations to live healthily, in security and in peace.

It is possible to follow a road of prosperity built on quality development, if we are prepared to accept that the major source of employment will, in the future be able to meet the essential needs of daily life in terms of quality, sustainability, solidarity and proximity. A lack of jobs is not the issue in meeting these needs; we need to restructure employment to meet the needs. The political will to move in this direction is still lacking.

Proposal Handbook 2011 « Faire p'acte ».
(French version only available).

http://www.pactes-locaux.org/bdf/docs/faire_p_acte.pdf

The European P'ACTS :

People and organisations from 6 different European countries: France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, and Portugal.

An **open Collective** with several partnerships in Africa, Latin America, Asia and English and French-speaking Canada. A methodology that has proved it works: the Learning Journey, allows people to learn from one another.



Local Pacts, since 1998.

The approach of making local pacts to improve social cohesion started in France with a manifesto aimed at parliamentarians: act local, build a long-term legal framework rather than introduce stopgap emergency measures. They proposed a partnership-based dynamic that brings all stakeholders together: business, elected representatives, associations, social workers, and the unemployed. This new way approach to relationships requires “jointly analyzing the situation, negotiating shared objectives and the implementation of a strict but flexible brief”. With the support of the Foundation for the Progress of Humankind they developed and disseminated the lessons learnt in a booklet describing about 50 experiences in 2001, followed by a handbook of proposals in 2004, called “1+1=3”.

2005: maturity, a formal association, European ambitions.

Although often both culturally and geographically distant from one another, the approach spread beyond the borders of France. The concept of local pact evolved to that of P'ACT: the local is the concept of territory, and the pact cooperation. “ACTS also imply ACTING, together with those who share the approach and the commitment to reconstruct an economic and social pact capable of facing the challenges. This is all outlined in the **2nd Proposal Handbook in 2011 “Making a p’act” to pool, progress and create.**

The movement was launched, with the music of the Portuguese poet Torga in our minds and hearts: «The universal is the local minus the walls! ».

A methodology that works

Learning Journeys make it possible to learn from one another.

Meetings are based on mutual, non-judgemental peer respect. Participants set aside their institutional posture during a journey, but not necessarily their ideas. Listening and observation are well-meaning, critical and contributive. Dialogue is aimed at building better mutual understanding of respective approaches to action. Acquiring experience through observation, questions and answers help build the analysis, broaden horizons and build trust through others’ success stories.

Who can participate?

Elected representatives, entrepreneurs, inhabitants, trade unionists, local authorities, associations, researchers, and resource people. All committed through their activities, mandates, responsibilities in an open territorial economy (commercial, public services, third sector, voluntary sector). They all aim to organise complementarities and build cooperation. This is why they are interested in building inclusive partnerships, both binding and voluntary, either routine or exceptional, that may not yet exist but that are desirable...!

How to prepare and hold a Learning Journey :

A theme, questions, an interpretive support, and upfront communication.

A 3-stage approach: illustrate, discuss, and propose, over 2-3 days.

The hosts take the initiative on the theme and extend local invitations.

The external delegation of approximately 10 people is selected according to the theme.

The P'ACTES act as an interface with the local expert hosts during the preparatory and feedback phase.

Production: A case-study sheet summary, public feedback with the dual objective of support and helping put forward proposals of general interest.

10 Learning Journeys since 2007 !

What purpose does it serve?

France Joubert « *Jointly develop tools to work together on the same issues* ».

CERGE and P'ACTES (Poitiers, 12.2007)

Alain Laurent « *Telling your story in a structured framework allows people to catalyse years of reflection and action; it validates or prepares crosscutting and inter-institutional public actions* ».

TER_RES (Auvergne, 05.2008).

Jacques Fiset « *Observe people in action on a project, and listen to them in their own context is better than just a presentation. At the end of the day it helps us to transfer an experience that we can adapt to our own context, atmosphere and culture* ».

Local Development Centre, Quebec (Aude, 04. 2009).

Ben Quiñones « *In Asia we talk about an integrated approach. We need to bring these learning stories together to show the world that this is a genuine alternative* ».

(Aude, 4. 2009).
CSRSME Asia (Coalition of Socially Responsible SMEs), the Philippines, organiser of the Vth RIPESS Meeting in 2013 (Aude, 04.2009).

Tools and methods developed by the associate partners :

ALOE, Françoise Wautiez. International.

Alliance for a **Responsible Plural and Solidarity Economy: an Internet site that provides** information and showcases case studies and analyses and hosts multilingual fora.
http://aloe.socioeco.org/page69-projet_fr.html

BASE Sud Audois, Peter Wollny, France, Languedoc-Roussillon.

An associative Platform and **Citizen’s Internet site** for inhabitants of the district of the Haute Vallée de l’Aude,; it is aimed at local economic development through experience and knowledge sharing
www.base-sud-audois.fr/

BEST, Heike Birkhoelzer, Germany.

Berliner Entwicklungsagentur für Soziale Unternehmen und Stadtteilökonomie. A development agency for social enterprise and neighbourhood economy in Berlin, it provides a strategy for a different way of living and sustainable development, independent of external funding.
www.technet-berlin.de/

CERGE, France Joubert, France, Europe.

A voluntary alliance between employers provides job-security. A legal framework enabled the **Employers Group** to incorporate an association as a company, and hire staff for job-sharing; there is a **Regional Resource Centre, a European Centre for dissemination** in Europe. This approach has proved it works: 34,600 employees, 700 million €/p.a. Participants practice territorial social dialogue.

www.cerge.com/index.php?id_site=1&id_page=96

Associação In Loco, Maria Priscila Soares, Portugal.

In Loco has been involved in the democratisation process and local rural development since 1974. They are internationally recognised for their bottom-up transposable work. The association builds participatory political and citizen’s methodologies, supports local authorities in implementing a participatory budget, and is involved in international networks to present the added value of their work.

www.in-loco.pt ; www.op-portugal.org ; www.infoop.org

MCM, Brigitte Carraz, Roger Winterhalter, France, Cross-border, Switzerland-Germany.

« Stop talking and act », the Maison de la Citoyenneté Mondiale in Mulhouse brings the potential of a place to life: 82 m2 where small associations work together and develop their initiatives: the free shop, solidarity mutual society, loans, magazine, jobless association, cross-border complementary currency, ecohabitat, a solidarity restaurant with specific prices, global citizens peace initiative.

<http://109.sangneuf.free.fr/>

OPE, Abilio Machado, GD Luxembourg.

Since the 1980s, Objectif Plein Emploi has been a citizen’s initiative of resilience to industrial change. Supported by the trade union OGB-L, then by **grass-root support in local authorities**, the State and Europe. Job-creation, solidarity economy, local sustainable development, citizen’s education, : 1000 non-delocalisable jobs in 2009, 400 volunteers, OPE works as a **network with multi-functional levels**: Initiative Centres, and joint management at local, regional, sectoral levels all intermeshed with a shared resource centre (management, consulting).
www.ope.lu/

Technologie-Netzwerk, Karl Birkhoelzer, Berlin,Allemagne.

A network of individuals, initiatives and organisations that **share joint objectives in research, training, education on local economy and employment strategies**. They have a broad spectrum of contacts and cooperation with similar projects.
www.technet-berlin.de

Terre de Liens, Marc Barny, France, Rhône-Alpes, in regular informal exchanges.

Founded in 2003, to support small-scale farmers installation in organic agriculture. The movement includes regional associations and local committees, **2 financial tools mobilise capital that enables collective solidarity access to land for farming** : la Fondière (2006) and Le Fonds de Dotation (2009), a recognised Foundation.

www.terredeliens.org

UNADEL, Jean-Marc Binaud, France

works in the town and urban community authorities of Alençon, where a **participatory Agenda 21** is implemented. He represents the National Union of Actors and Structures for Local Development.

www.ville-alencon.fr ; www.unadel.asso.fr

URGENCI, Andrea Calori, International.

Urbain-Rural Partnerships for Generating New Exchange between Citizens since 2004. Community Supported Agriculture provides healthy local food and solidarity partnerships between farmers and consumers. URGENCI aims to “jointly restructure the relationship between **local food and local economy** (energy, carbon footprint) and **food as a human right**. It is a unique systemic approach to changing the system. Members of the Civil Society Mechanism of the FAO.

www.urgenci.net