



The French Rural Network proposal on Short Supply Chains / Local Market and local production

Short supply chains

Why is the French Rural Network interested in working on this topic ?

- ✓ To strengthen linkages between producers and consumers
- ✓ To promote sustainable production and consumption
- ✓ To develop local resources
- ✓ To increase the added value of farmers' production and support them diversify their activities

What has been done at national level ?

- ✓ A national action plan on Short Supply Chains and a National Plan for Food have been established by the state
- ✓ A working group has been created, the CASDAR initiative (State-run fund financing innovative agricultural projects)
- ✓ Several reports have been published (cf. Mrs Midoux's note) focusing on settlement forms, supply structure, synergies between farmers and other actors, social cohesion and « food governance »

What does the French Rural Network expect to do at a European level ?

- ✓ Share our experience with other NRNs
- ✓ Address specific topics, that raise questions in France, such as « public catering as an opportunity for local production »
- ✓ Exchange on what other NRNs define as Short Supply Chains and gather their own experiences

The creation of a sub-group on this thematic could help NRNs' work and lead to further actions on this topic.

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Are there other activities and proposals that could be linked to the French Rural Network proposal ?

- ✓ **At National level:** Connect this work with other national working group approaches (on forestry, biomass, eco-construction). This topic could also be linked to the following thematic: relationship between entrepreneurship and regional strategies, local employment policies and territorial management skills
- ✓ **At European Level:** several topics seem relevant to the French Rural Network to connect with the issue of Short Supply Chains. For instance (among others): linking between producers and buyers (private and professional) , the establishment of platforms etc.