

***Instruments for the implementation of the European
Landscape Convention : identification assessment,
quality objectives***

Experience of France

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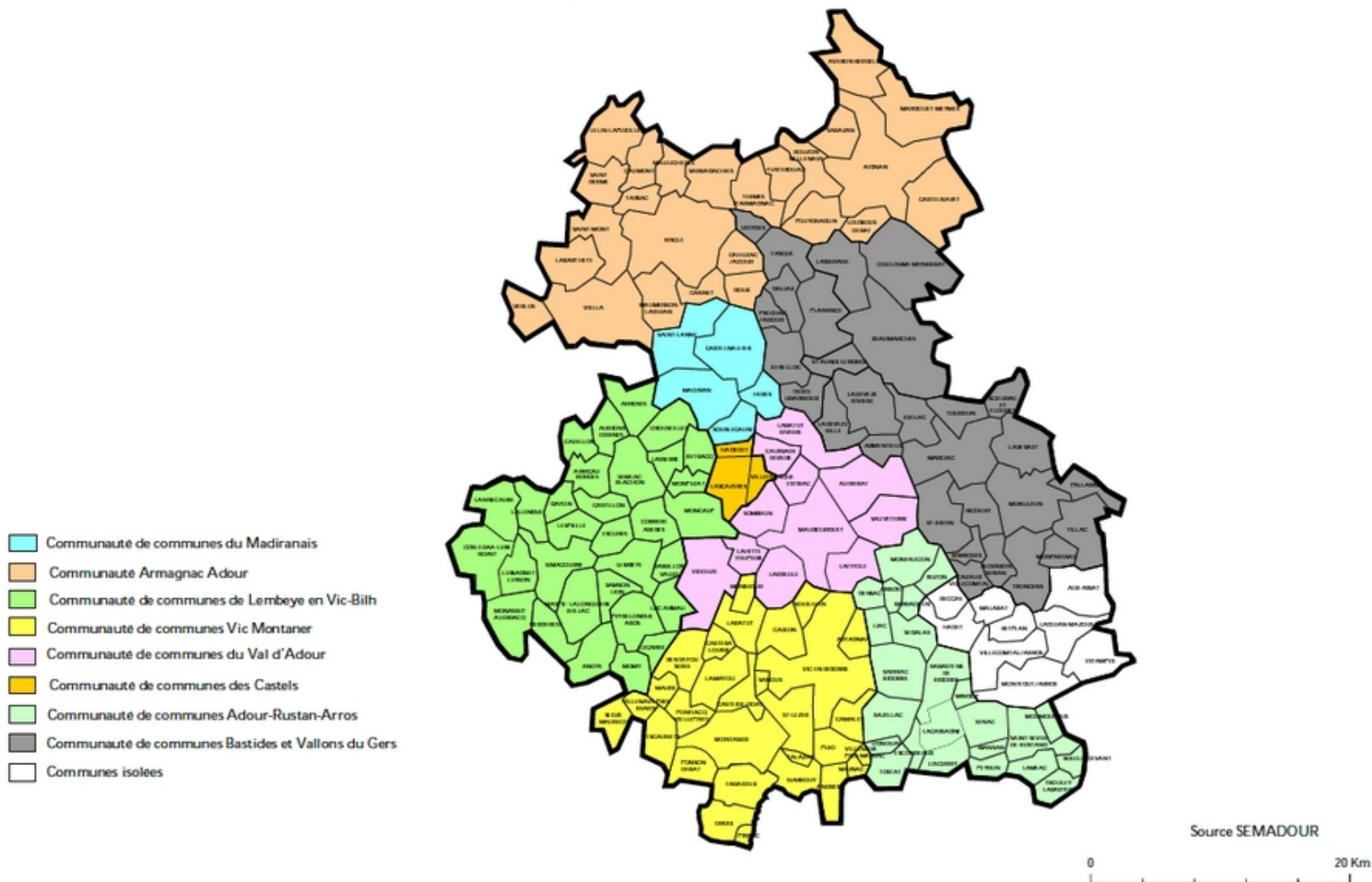
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March 2014

The ALUR act made landscape quality objectives compulsory in Territorial Cohesion Strategies

The local land-use plan must also, at its own level, provide detailed guidance on the protection management of landscape structures at local level.

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August 2016 Nature and landscape act

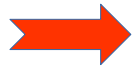
The law introduced a chapter specifically dealing with landscape into the Environment Code as well as defining “landscape quality objectives”

Feedback

The concept of landscape quality objectives is little understood.



The statutory obligation is met, and SCOT, do contain landscape quality objectives.



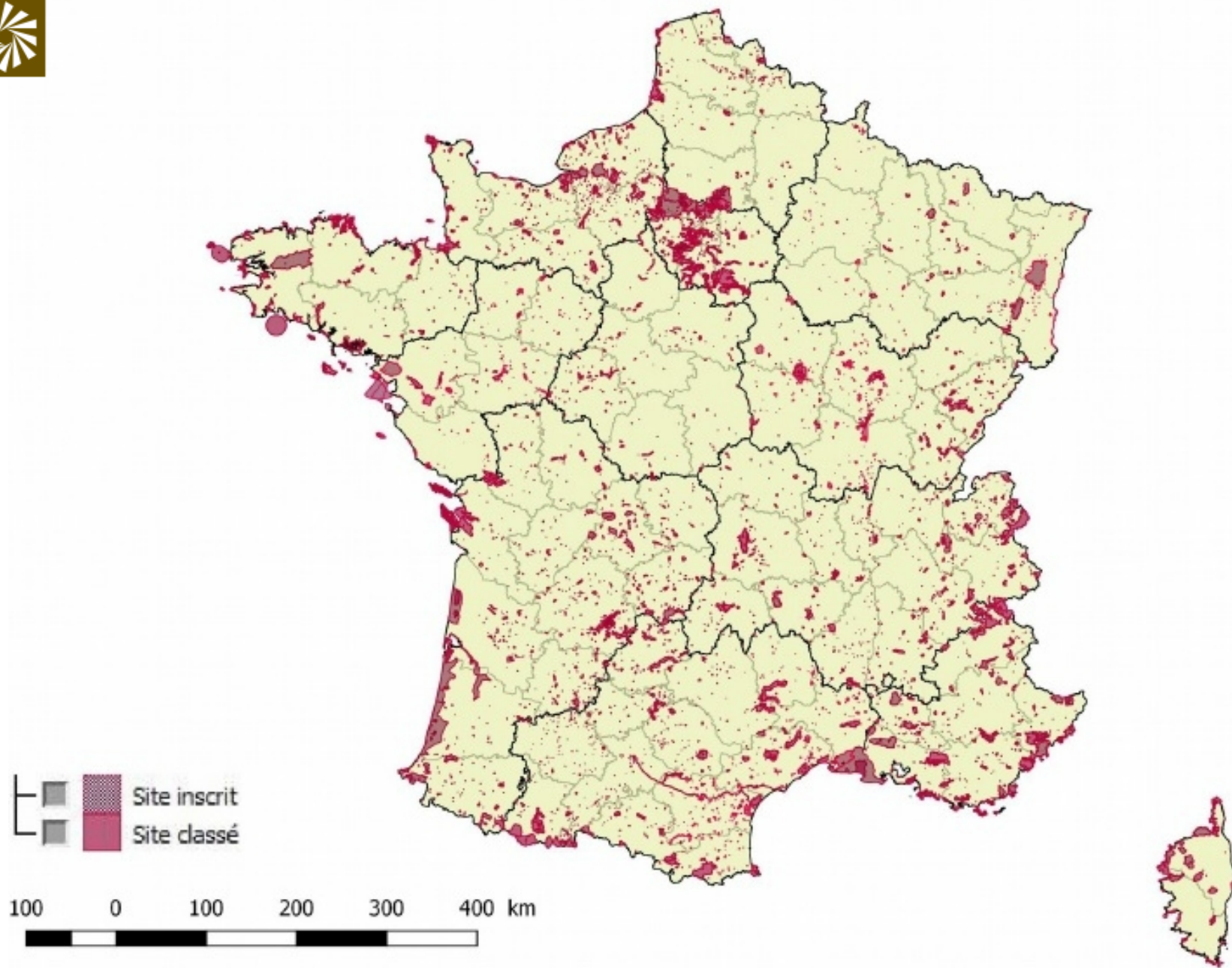
It is perceived as being too abstract and therefore difficult to translate into practice.

One explanation for this situation can be found in the history of landscape policies.

- ➡ The act of 1930 establishes the principle of classification and listing of natural sites and monuments.
- ➡ Landscapes are too often viewed as beautiful, sacrosanct objects by elected representatives.



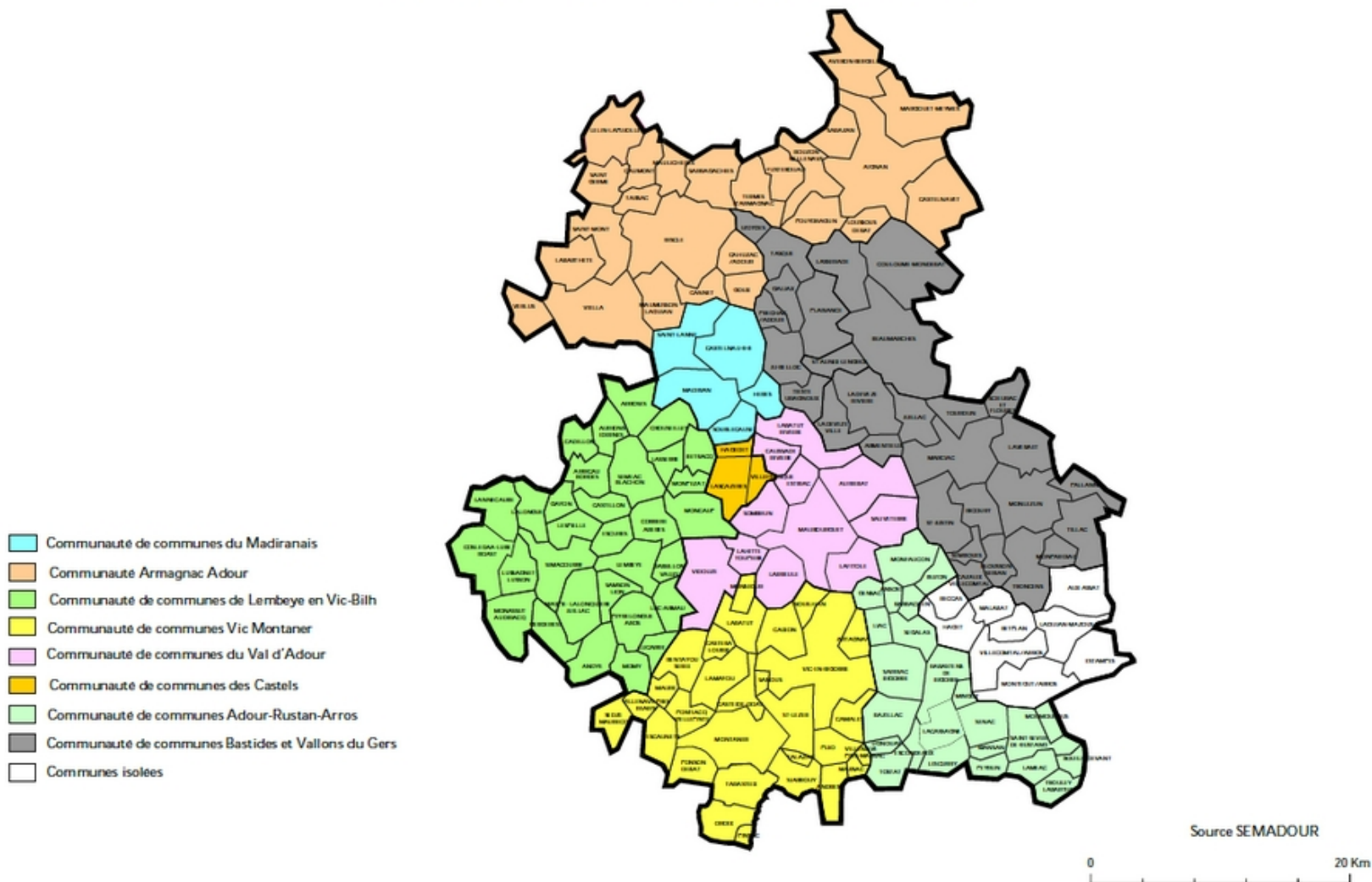
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A further explanation for the current situation lies in the method of transposition

- ➔ Incorporation into French law was carried out on a strategic level of planning.
- ➔ As a result, landscape quality objectives are disconnected from the operational level and the local project approach of which they are meant to be a reflection.
- ➔ Consultation with citizens is difficult to organise on such small territorial scales.

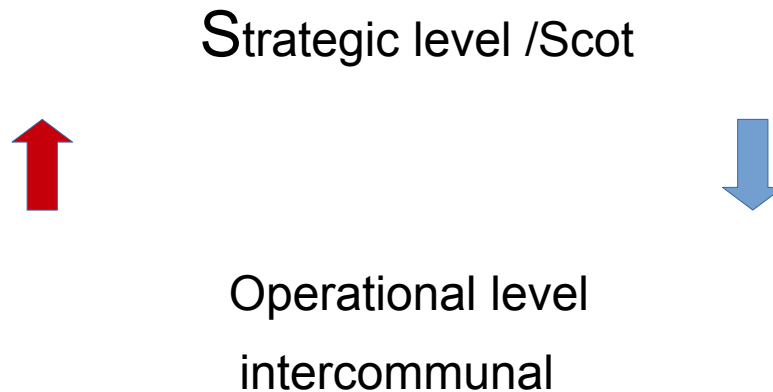
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Shift in landscape policies

Re-focus landscape policies at operational level.

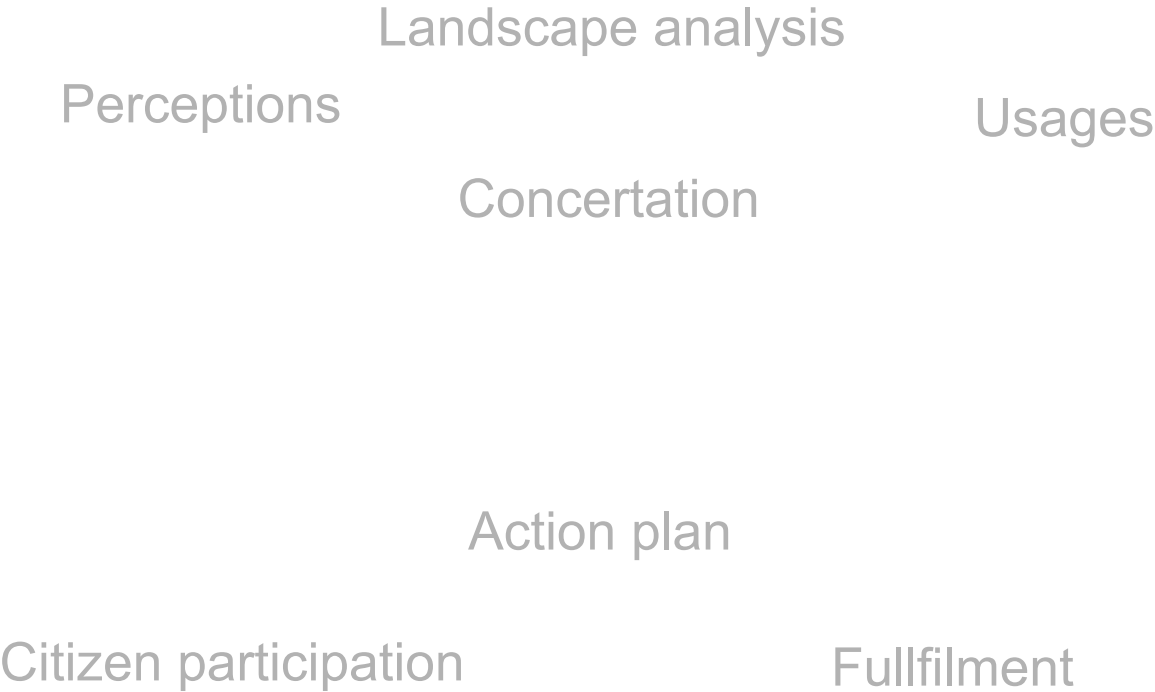


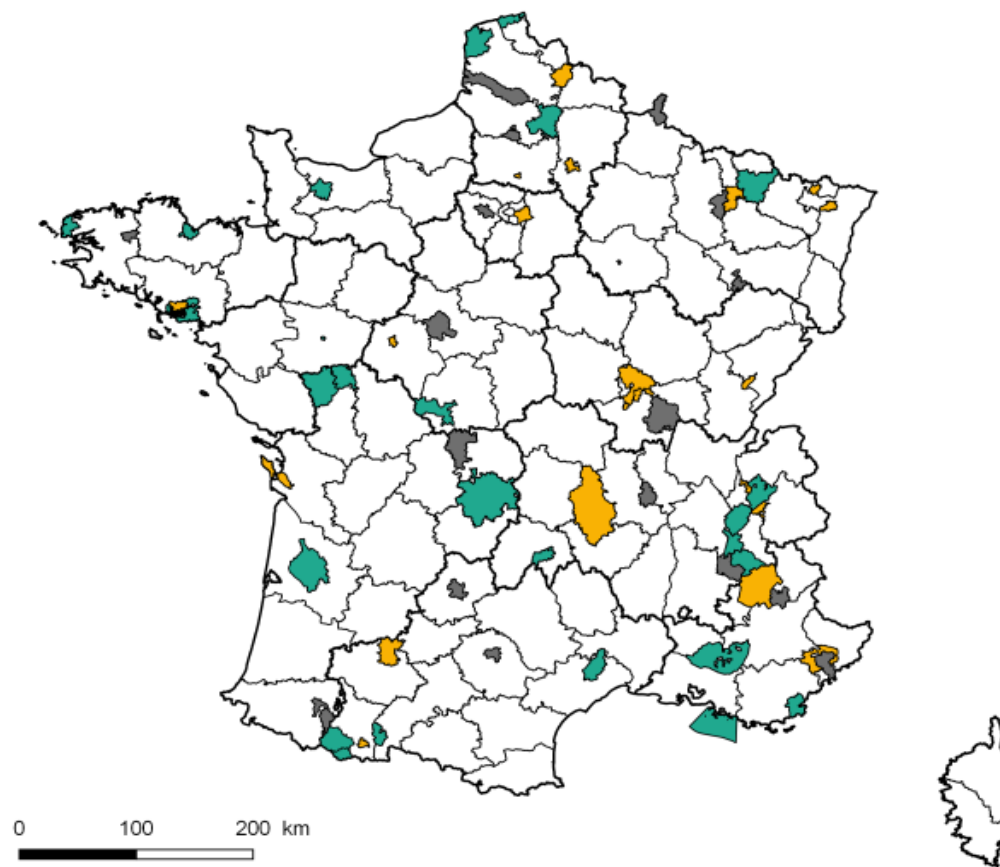
Change the hierarchy of norms based on a top-down logic which inhibits local project development.

The landscape plan, an operational project tool.

- ➔ The landscape plan is a state support provided to each region to build their local project.
- ➔ It is a call for tender managed by the environment ministry and rewards 15 laureates per year.
- ➔ A landscape plan club gathers all the laureates together and encourages them to share their experiences.
- ➔ A national valuation of the local actions is conducted.

Project
methodology





Légende

Année lauréat

- 2013
- 2015
- 2017

