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## From Rural Discontent to Territorial Resilience? *Some lessons from the French Context*

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## Three main points

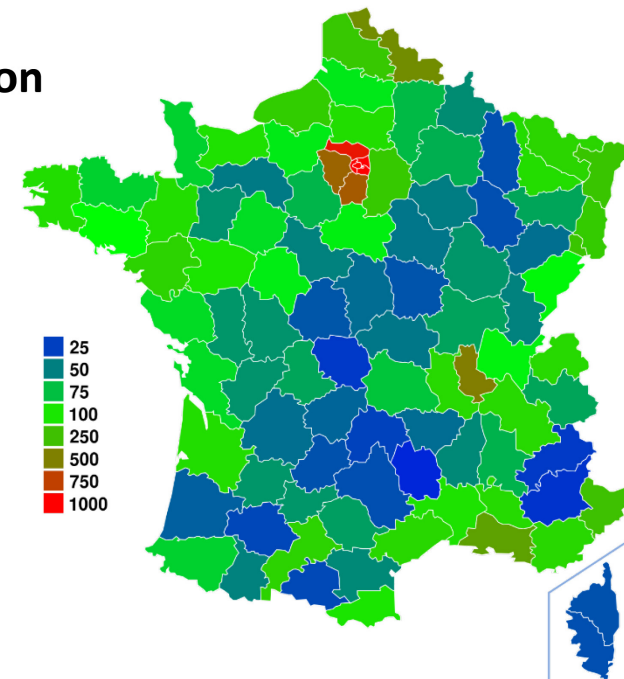
- **1) What are the Roots of Rural Discontent in France?**
- **2) What are the Public Policy Instruments Implemented to Combat these Issues?**
- **3) Towards Resilience in the Countryside and Small Towns of France?**





# What are the Roots of Rural Discontent in France?

- Depopulation
- De-industrialization
- Economic Challenges
- Access to services
- Geographic Isolation



## L'ÉCOLE RECULE EN MILIEU RURAL

Nombre d'écoles selon leur zone d'implantation de 2013 à 2017

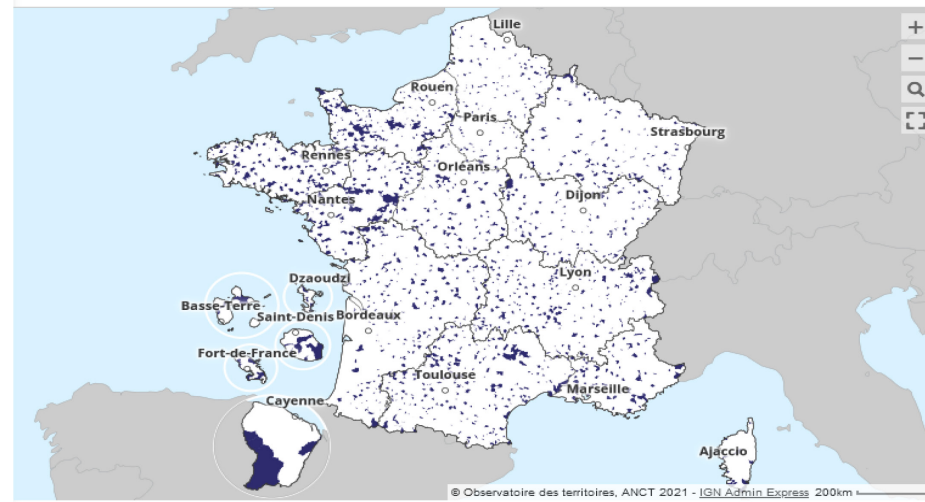


# What are the public policy instruments implemented to combat these issues?

- Local Development and Support to Agriculture
- Access to Public Service
- Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Training and Education



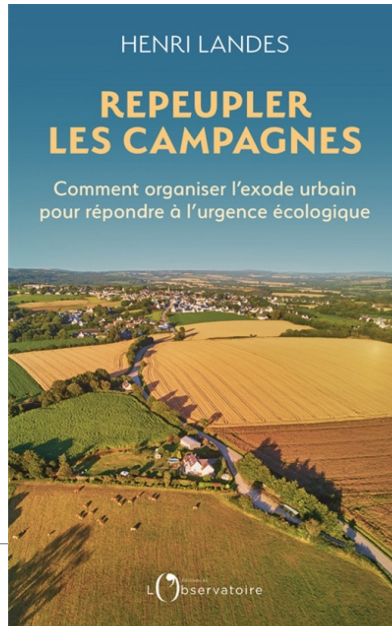
1 Villes bénéficiaire du programme Petites villes de demain (PVD)





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# Towards Resilience in the Countryside and Small Towns of France?

- Renewed interest in the Countryside and Small towns (climate change)
- Awareness of the weaknesses in the European "post-industrial" economic model
- Signs of Reindustrialization
- Towards a reversal of the stigma?

