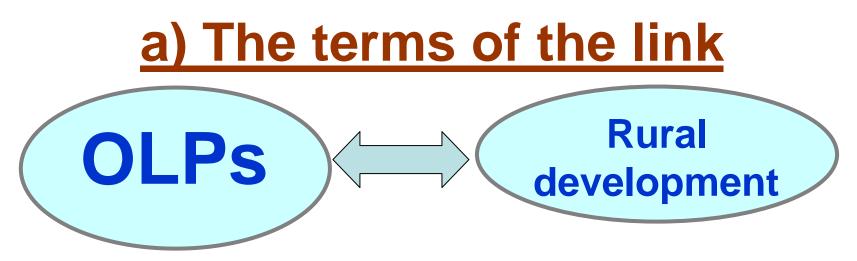
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Link between OLPs and rural development INTRODUCTORY PAPER

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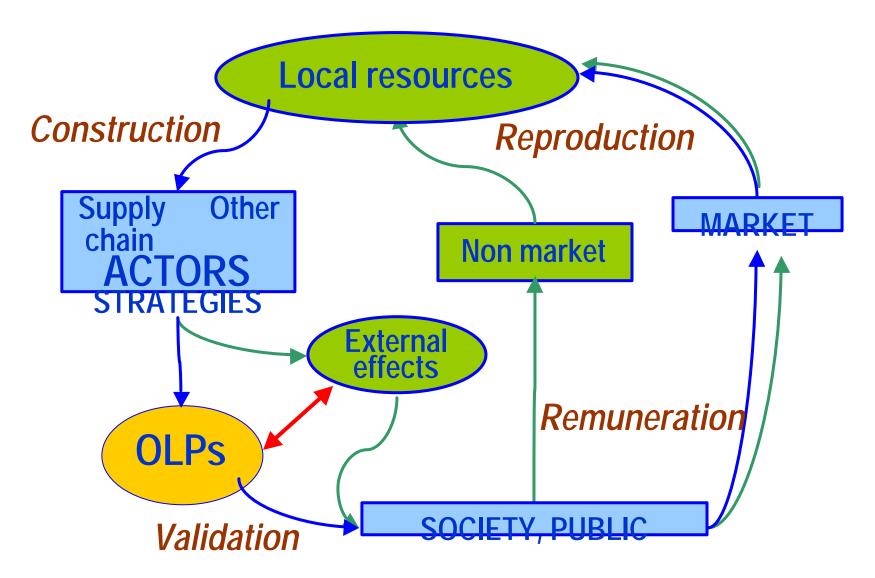
The steps of our work

- a) Defining the two terms of the link
- b) The dimensions of the link: review of the issues and critical points
- c) Focus on three main themes (Barcelone seminar and Paris Meeting)



- Products based on specific local resource, that cannot be (easily) reproduced outside that particular local context
- Evolution of concepts of "rural" and "development"
- Keeping vitality and specificities of rural world as social value
- Central aspects: endogenous, sustainable, and integrated

b) The "virtuous circle"



c) The main issues

- Multiple potential role of OLPs in RD
 Diversity of OLPs
- Lack of theoretical tools and on-field analysis
 - Focus on:
 - **Multifunctionality and OLPs**
 - *K* Actors and strategies
 - **Evaluation**

1 - <u>Multifunctionality</u>

- Social recognition of multiple functions of agriculture
- Jointness, externalities and public goods aspects
- Are OLPs an expression of multifunctional agriculture? Which are the functions linked to OLPs?
- How the "multifunctional virtuous circle" of OLPs can be supported ?

2 - Actors and Strategies

- Actors' role as central dimension
- Plurality of stakeholders
- Socio-economic vs socio-cultural-patrimonial



Supply-chain vs extended

Issues

- **Role of territorial specific assets**
- Role of external actors
- Role of local public institutions
- Which are the tools?

3 - Evaluation

- The positive impact paradigm: a myth?
- Which is the direction OLP-development?
- Different categories of effects:

 a) Multifunctionality
 b) Economic effects: not only supply chain
 c) Social and cultural effects
- How to evaluate these kinds of effects ?

Conclusions ?

... let's go on working together...

... and see you tomorrow for more details !

Thank You.