

## Attention to the balance of territories

### *Contribution of the Aurignac Lands Section*

The section of socialist activists of the Terres d'Aurignac wishes to contribute to the debate of the congress of Villeurbanne.

At present, it is notable that 80% of the French population lives in large metropolises or even megacities. The section of socialist activists of the Terres d'Aurignac expresses its concern about the place that will be reserved for the rural environment. The militants fear that the rural milieu will be neglected, that it suffers from a lack of information that would lead to the rural milieu being removed from the decision-making process. This would accentuate the feeling of isolation of the countryside in the face of an increasingly prevalent urban world.

Moreover, in the current context where a health crisis is hitting the economic sphere hard, activists deplore the fact that the government's economic and social policy seems to take more account of the impacts that this crisis could have on the large financial fortunes. Indeed, the abolition of the wealth tax and the introduction of the Flat Tax, which reduces the taxation of income from financial capital, are hardly aimed at the majority of French households. They only increase the gaps between the social strata of the French population. Inequalities will be reinforced as a result. Moreover, the government is working to implement measures that will modify access to work, thereby further widening these gaps. Finding a job for young graduates, the low-skilled, and women will prove to be an uphill battle.

The socialist militants of the Terres d'Aurignac want a new economic organization and propose new rules of social protection for the most disadvantaged people. Thus partial unemployment is a measure that would allow fragile people to get through this crisis without sinking completely. This would allow a large part of the population not to lose hope and to continue to have prospects when times are more serene.

Finally, the activists would like to see the distribution of European Development Funds no longer managed by a central body based in Paris, but that this management be attributed to local authorities. This would give a new clarity to the territorial network and could be beneficial to the rural environment. Europe would be perceived as being more attentive and closer to French citizens.

The socialist activists of the Terres d'Aurignac hope that this contribution will find a wide echo among our socialist comrades present at the Villeurbanne congress.

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