SCENARIOS OF FUTURES

What our lives and societies could look like in 2050

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Context

Region Sud → variety of territories :coast, mountains and plains,

→ with high population density on the coastline

Request from the **local authority**: Understand the perception of **mobility** in 2050

Presentation of part of the project, focusing on the impacts of different narrative of collective futures

Prospective approach, based on a **mixed** methodology:

Quantitative (survey, study 1)

Qualitative (focus groups, study 2)



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Adapted from Auzoult (2018)

Behavioral intentions Policy support

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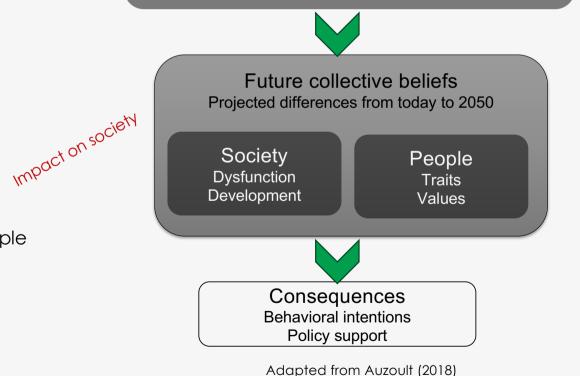
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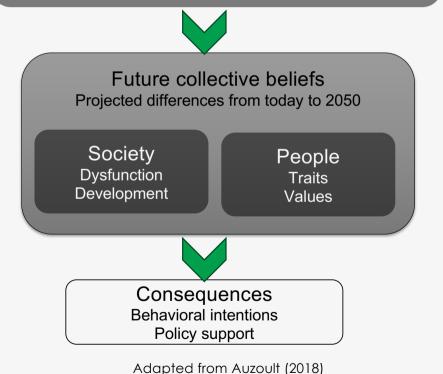
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1. Survey

193 inhabitants

80% women, $M_{age} = 24$ [min= 17; max=59]

Part 1. Exposure to one of the three scenario of future



n = 69

Future 1. Smart Territory

New technologies and digital technology have become an integral part of everyday life.

As the state has withdrawn from the digital sphere, private digital companies have taken over. They have set up numerous automated services without worrying about the exclusion of certain populations.



High-tech activities are concentrated in dense coastal towns, while households are concentrated in the hinterland and Alpine regions.



Digital coverage is satisfactory throughout the region, but access to everyday services and facilities (educational, medical, etc.) is highly uneven.



The global economy has managed to maintain its growth despite climatic difficulties and the scarcity of certain resources.



A personalized, but costly, **transport offer** is developed by a very powerful group of **private operators**, thanks to the exploitation of data, and with a view to profitability.



Consumption practices have evolved, becoming more local and responsible. At the same time, we are witnessing an explosion in **online shopping**. This is leading to an increase in both short- and long-distance goods traffic.



Mobility works at two speeds. Wealthier populations with access to digital innovation can choose to travel or telework. Conversely, the most **vulnerable populations**, who have no access to digital services, have no such choice.



Some citizens are getting organized and resisting this **unequal society** of all-digital: hackers, open source, sharing sites...

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Future 2. Proximity

In 2050, the region's inhabitants and economic actos have moved towards a more virtuous lifestyle: mobility is more sustainable. Short-distance travel and demobility are becoming the norm. A real change in mentality has taken place, with citizens looking to respond to their aspirations for a more peaceful life after the crises they have experienced.

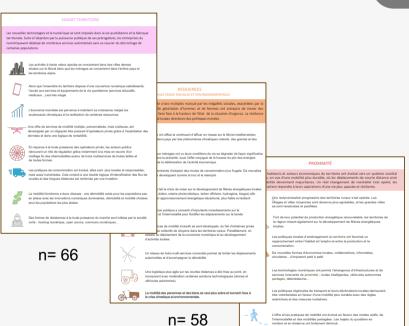
Future 3. Resilience

In 2050, against a backdrop of multiple crises marked by social inequality and exacerbated by the climate crisis, a new generation of men and women have undertaken to implement ambitious policies to cope with the state of the emergency. The will to support the most vulnerable populations and solidarity are the two principles that guide politic decisions.

Part 1. Exposure to one of the three scenario of future



Part 2. Evaluation of the credibility of the scenario 7-point scale



Part 3. Perception of the society of the future From -5: much worse to +5: much improved 0: same as today

Social conditions: Complementary items

Development:

· Economic development,

• Education levels,

· Volunteering,

• Scientific progress,

• Extent of community groups

Dysfunction:

Violent crime

Poverty

• Disease

Pollution

Theft

• Unemployment levels

Extent of parks and nature

reserves

Quality of life

Standard of living

Digital technology

Mobility

Housing

Spirituality

Climate change

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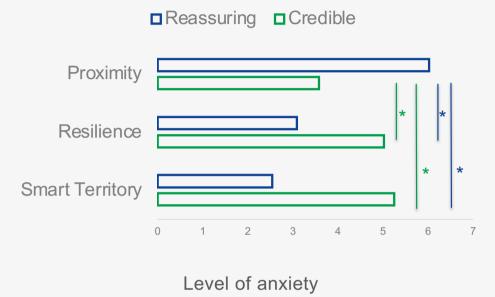
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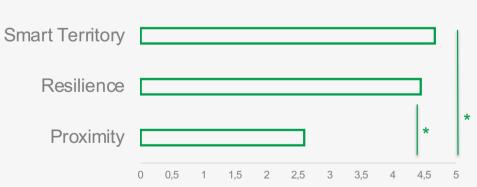
Credibility and reassuring

The **Proximity** scenario is the most reassuring, even though it is perceived as the least credible.

Anxiety

Inhabitants anticipate less anxiety in the **Proximity** future than in the other two futures





Results

Social conditions according to the futures

Taken together:

yesterday's dysfunctions will be tomorrow's.

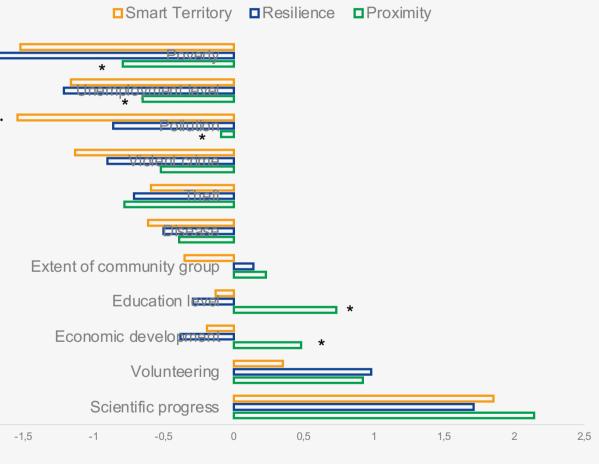
what is positive today will be positive in 2050.

More specifically,:

Proximity stands out on **dysfunction** dimension → less poverty, less unemployment, less pollution

And on development dimension → improvement of education and economy

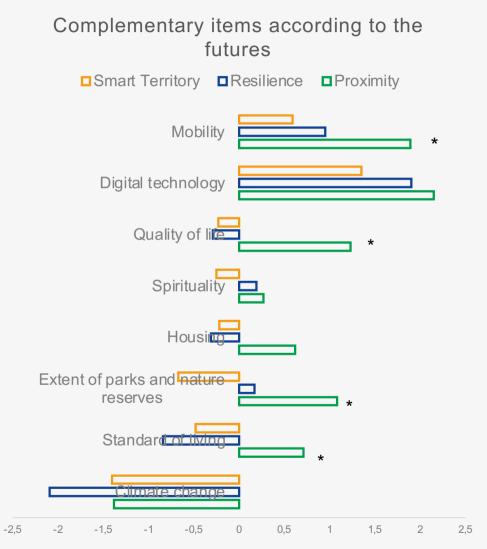
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Results

Once again, the future **Proximity** improves

- quality of life
- mobility
- extent of park and
- standard of living



Focus Group

Study 2

Method

6 Focus group by videoconference

6 inhabitants living in different areas of the Region

Assigning a future to focus group: Proximity, Smart Territory,

Resilience



Assigning a persona to each participant



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In 2050,

• coping with a new pandemic

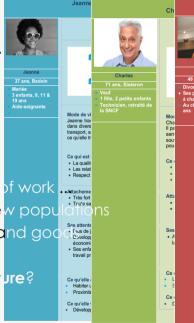
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transport / mobility of people and god

• what kind of economy ...

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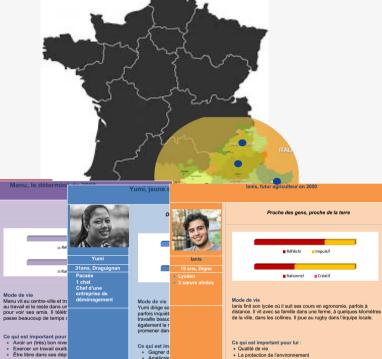
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Ses attentes |
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• Survenue

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Ce qui est important pour lui

• Qualité de vie

· La protection de l'environnement · Réduire son empreinte carbone

Envisage de reprendre l'exploitation familiale

. Les transports en commun

Ses attentes pour l'avenir • Développement économique via une agriculture verte

Ses habitudes

• Participer à des matchs de rugby le weekend

Présenter et vendre les produits de la ferme sur les marchés et l'internet 4.0

Ce qu'il aime dans sa ville Proximité de la mer

Ce qu'il voudrait voir changer Un mode de vie plus simple et moins techno

Results

Smart Territory Hyper-connected society

A paradoxical society, in which being hyper-connected becomes humanly disconnected.

- All-digital technology, combined with the disengagement of public authorities, has given rise to a society where connected technologies are alienating and liberating.
- Living in rural areas is becoming a militant act of rebellion against the GAFA-controlled system.
- To this digital lifestyle characterized by individualism, a more environmentally-friendly way of life is being promoted by communities and subcultures that reject the connected way of life.
- Ultimately, this future will deepen territorial inequalities and the feeling of abandonment by public authorities.

Proximity Ecology and digital

A future driven by values: humanism, respect for oneself, others and the planet

- Ecological concerns and digital technologies coexist to improve quality of life.
- Public authorities organize health care and care for vulnerable groups.
- Development of citizen initiatives: solidarity and collaborative economy.
- Solidarity between generations and between neighbors contributes to quality of life, both locally and nationally.
- A peaceful relationship with time: living and working close to home means more time for oneself and one's family. This calmer relationship with time contributes greatly to quality of life.

Resilience Future without future

The society is adapting, but not innovating

- What we know today will continue in 2050.
- Mobility remains almost exclusively roadbased (cars).
- Digital technology is perceived as a threat, particularly through the replacement of humans by robots in the workplace, rather than as a resource
- The recurrence of pandemics becomes commonplace, while agriculture continues to use its current production methods.
- The circular economy is being set up to compensate for falling living standards, rather than as a social choice.
- The only breakthrough: ecological energy measures. There is no reference to public power.

Conclusions

Focus groups

- confirm the main results of the survey and
- refine the anticipated consequences of each scenario.

The **Resilience**, **Smart Territory** and **Proximity** projections sketch out different futures and societies

- While the Smart Territory future marks the ascendancy of digital technology and the retreat of individual freedoms, the Proximity projection illustrates a future that could be described as empowerment, where citizens take ownership of the issues of their time, trying to provide answers or elements of solution.
- The Resilience future generates apathy and piecemeal adaptation rather than a proactive dynamic.