



TRADITION, RENOVATION AND INNOVATION OF LAND USES IN MEDITERRANEAN MOUNTAIN AREAS

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THE MOUNTAIN AS A HERITAGE AND A RESOURCE

❖ Mediterranean mountains confine a unique natural and cultural heritage with an important historical component. Their significance and economical valuation have evolved at the same time as society.

❖ The strong rural exodus and farmland abandonment in the middle of the twentieth century caused the territorial uprooting and the patrimonial disaffection in the mountain zones. However, mountains continue having great resources. Its economic value has not disappeared, but has changed in character. Facing the traditional production, local in nature and material, the current benefits are indirect and delocalised.

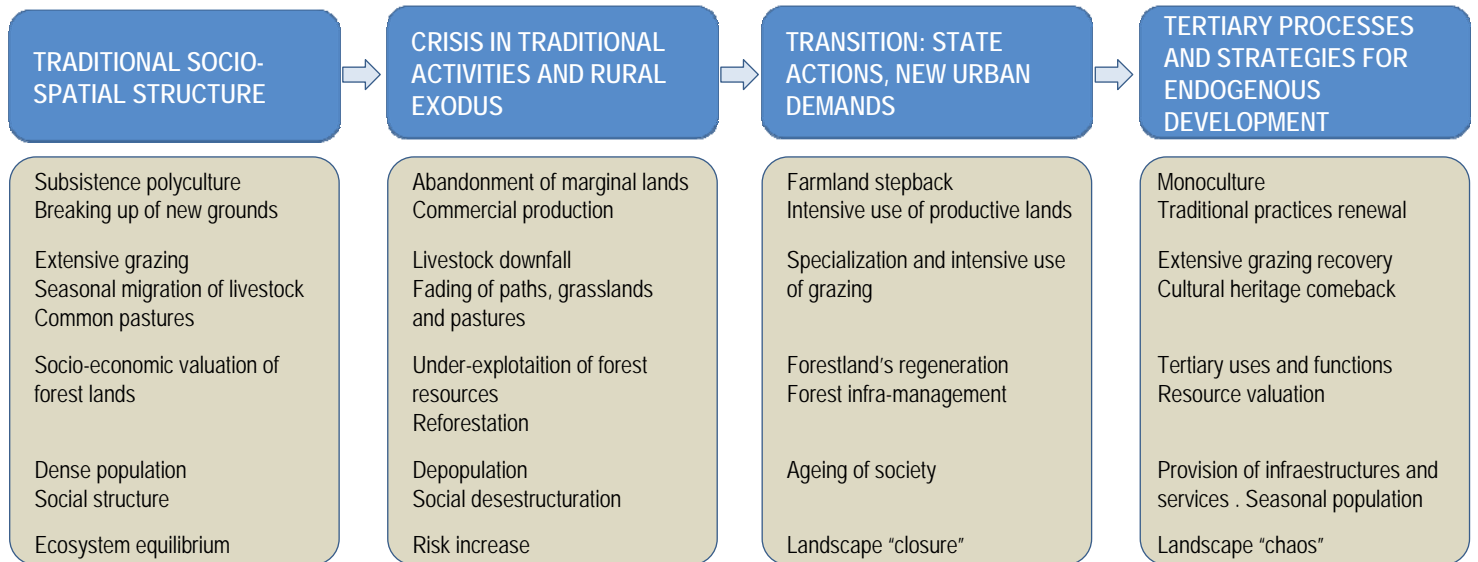


La Axarquía, Málaga



La Marina, Alicante

SPATIAL DYNAMICS IN MOUNTAIN RURAL AREAS



Yanguas, Soria



Sierra de la Puebla, Madrid



Sierra Calderona, Valencia



Callosa de Ensarriá, Alicante

OPEN QUESTIONS

- ❖ Are the new territorial models of the rural mountain areas sustainable?
- ❖ Is it appearing a new kind of dependency in the mountain zones respect of public policies and dynamics and urban demands?
- ❖ Is it being adequately integrated the conservation policy of natural areas in the strategies for endogenous development?
- ❖ Is it evolving from the primary option of tourism as an activity of *takeoff* towards a more diverse and qualified options which backed into training and innovation?
- ❖ How to ensure the multifunctional character of mountain forests by integrating in the same management natural risks prevention, environment and biodiversity protection, leisure, local development and economic activities?

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MOUNTAIN AREAS

"An explicit territorial order, discussed and agreed, where the possible ways towards a true development without degradation were weighted and the values of the environmental assets inherent of the mountain were estimated as a good in itself"
(E. Martínez de Pisón, 2000)

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