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Tourist models and environmental valorisation in Valle Varaita

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This work is made to look at natural, historical, cultural and economical potentialities of the observed area thinking to its possibility of development. The object of this work is the Valle Varaita (CN).



Pontechianale, Church of S. Antonio in Chianale

The survey has been developed in four moments:

- analysis of statistical information
- collection and analysis of documentations
- interviews to expert witness
- suggestions of occurrence

Looking at the demographic and social structure of the area, it's appeared that depopulation has hurt in different ways the villages and has caused a redistribution of people originated by many reasons (emigration and immigration, presence of economical activities, possibility to have enough money to live, presence of service for habitant, geographical position and vicinity of roads).

This trend is confirmed by economical structure's analysis.

For agriculture there are possibilities of development connected to:

- valorisation of typical productions
- actions to limit the founnds' division and to encourage new entries
- application of spinneret's method
- development of agriturism and shops for direct sold
- creation of cooperatives

There are factories specially in the upper part of valley and in all the area is developed craft of wood and stone.

Spooking about natural and cultural resources, are important woods and water and important element like Monviso and Bosco dell'Alevé. You can see important signs of human history in architecture and mountain homes.



Church of SS. Pietro e Paolo a Sampeyre, particular of têtes coupées

Others aspects of culture could be found in Occitan traditions, cultural associations, music and traditional events, that interest tourist and are important to confirm the community's sense of membership.

The tourism seems to be too much developed in weekends, when a lot of people come in Valle Varaita and there are a lot of cars that congest the streets; tourists come specially from cities of Piemonte and some from France.



Bellino, Borgata Chiesa

In interviews are heard opinions of 35 people (local administrators, functionaries, economical operators, members of local associations). From this work are finally formulated ideas for the development of tourism.

In particular, for every season are proposed activities to do:

- **Winter:** sports (alpine ski, northern alpinism-ski, snowshoes, ice-skating, ice-hockey), carnival's celebrations
- **Spring:** visits to cultural and artistic resources, activities in nature, holiday and visits for schools, cultural evenings, enogastronomic tours
- **Summer:** visits to natural and artistic beauties, sports (bicycle, mountain bike, horse riding, golf, via ferrata) traditional music and celebrations, creation of restore points along the excursion routes
- **Autumn:** meeting to valorise typical productions, enogastronomic tours, visit to factories, courses, concerts

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