

Food governance : French context

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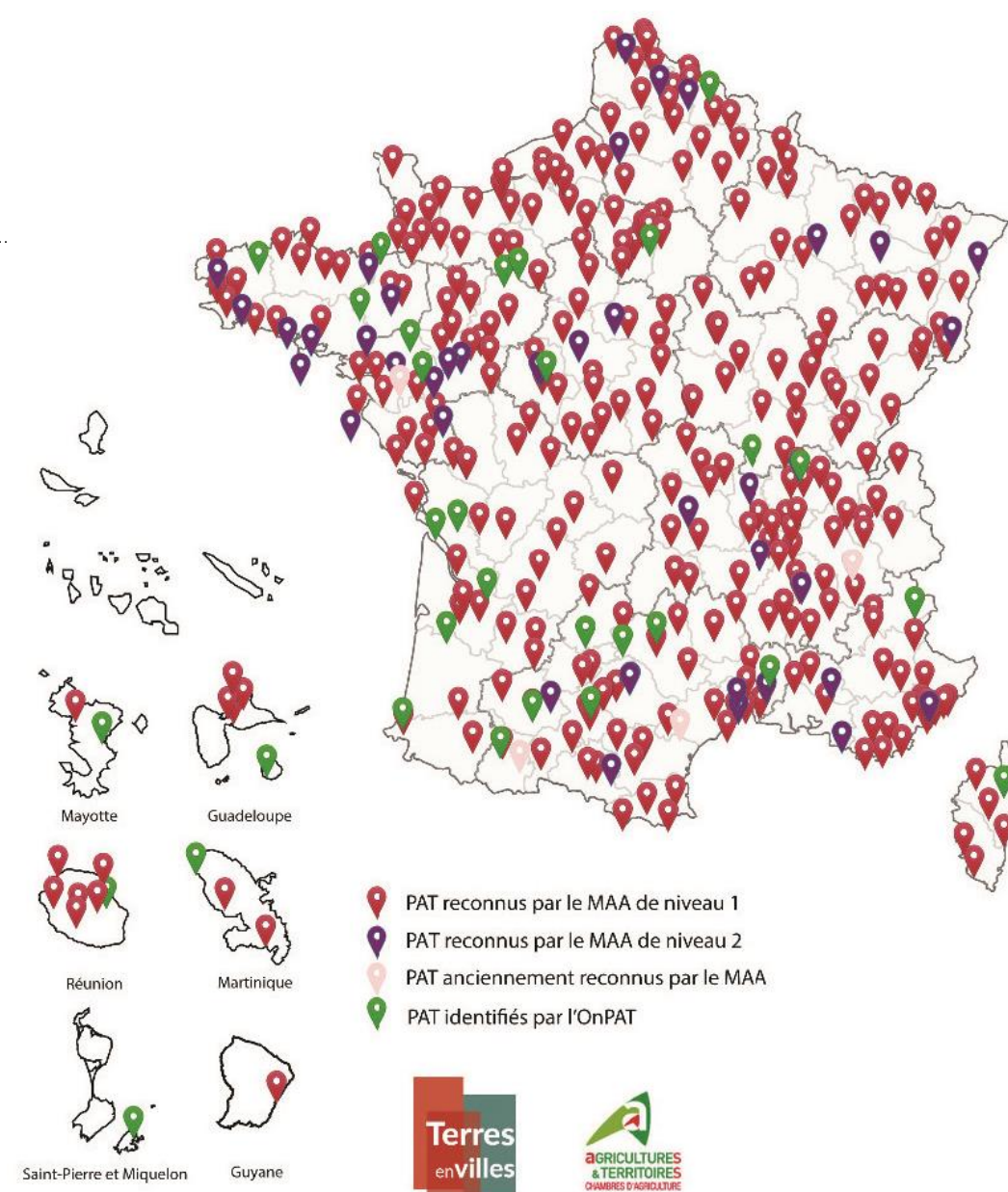
National Territorial Food Project Network - National seminar (2020)

Territorial food projects (TFP)

Global overview

- Enshrined in the law in **2014**.
- Aim : to gather stakeholders of the local food system around a **shared project**.
- Beyond agriculture, a **systemic view of food** : social, economical and environmental dimensions.
- A **strategy** and an **action programme**.
- More than 90% are lead by **intermunicipalities**.
- **451 TFP** identified by the national TFP observatory (april 2023) .

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The 403 PAT identified by the national TFP observatory in may 2022

Territorial food projects (TFP)

Types of local governance.

- Distinguish a **policy steering group** and a **technical steering group**.
- **Internal governance** : municipality elected members.
- **Agri food governance** : municipality and chamber of agriculture.
- **Multi stakeholders governance** : all sectors of the food system (incl. citizen).
- The **more systemic** is the TFP, the **more open** is the local governance.



The six food sectors (RnPAT)

Sustainable food system and food governance

Local and national stakes

- A **tension** between national food policy and local initiatives.
 - A **national TFP network** under reconstruction (2024) : a tool for shared multilevel food policies ?
 - Local initiatives in **conflict with national and EU policies** and a lack of financial means.
 - Progress to make toward a **food democracy** : the lack of citizen involvement in the local and national debate.
 - **Food competence** doesn't exist : how to formalise it ?
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