Lozère French department is the least inhabited department. Nature is at the forefront with Gorges de la Jonte, together with karstic and granite natural landscapes in Lozère Mount. This lands, transhumance activities has been developed in the territory by many farmers, offering and galvanize the territory

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Field Trip

Causses and Goraes du Tarn: Heritage, Quality products and local development

Field Trip #7

7:45 **Departure from Clermont** (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture)

10:00-11:15 Visit to BienManger.com, a bio food platform in La Canourgue



In the east of Lozère department, a local initiative has been created to promote local farmers products online. Located in La Canourque, this initiative is perfectly well thought as farmers are numerous. Selling local farmers products online is really helpful for them, especially in this new e-consumption society. It is a new challenge for them to make profit more easily.

11:15-12:45 Through Causse Meiean and Prievalski horses



Along the road to the next stop, we will have a look at Causse Méjean and Causse de Sauveterre. The Causse Méjean is the land of Prjevalski horses. This endangered horse breed, coming from Mongolia, live now safely in the Causse Méjean thanks to the close environment conditions. We will have a short stop and try to see them.

12:45-14:45 Lunch in Le Fédou, a cheese diary shop (Hyelzas)



We will have lunch in a cheese diary shop directed for many years by the Pratlong family. While tasting their cheeses, we will discuss about the organoleptic qualities of their cheeses and pasture. The aim of this project was also to help the local economy in the village. We will also discover the history of the family and their projects with a young farmer, and you are warmly invited to exchange with her.

15:35-16:20 Pierre Plate Peak (Florac)



Close to Florac - both subprefecture of Lozère and Cevennes National Parc Headquarters-, the Pierre Plate Peak offers a magnificent view on the Tarn valley: karstic Lozère Mount, granite lands and the karstic Cevennes landscape. This diversity of the territory has led to different kind of agropastoral methods. We will meet both UNESCO and Cevennes National Park representative members. They will explain the actions of the National Park and of UNESCO.

17:00-18:00 Wine terraces in Ispagnac



The village of Ispagnac is located in a valley named "the Garden of Lozère French department" This valley contains many fruit trees and lots of granite, limestone and schist rocks. Wine terraces have made the beauty of this place. You will taste some of Sylvain Gachet's wines and walk through his wine terraces.

18.00 - 19.00Farm Les Boissets and contemporary art exhibition



If time allows us, we will discover architectural exhibitions made by Artelozera, a community of artists who promote contemporary art through Lozere. The agropastoral farm Boissets has a typical Caussenard architecture and has been occupied by three families in the past. There are still dwelling places, barns, sheepfolds, seed storage place, bread oven, wheat threshing places. The farm now offers local products sale visit tours and exhibitions

19:00-19:30 Trip to Mende through cultural landscape of Aubrac





