

3. Arguments of Roybon inhabitants who support the project

A Centre Parks is a holiday village built around a central dome which houses swimming pools, restaurants, shops and various sport and leisure activities. The project at Roybon involves the building of 1000 bungalows and lead to the creation of 700 jobs at the park plus another 140 in ancillary sectors (e.g. suppliers and caterers). It will generate 3 000 000€ of income each year at communal, departmental and regional levels and also boost local tourist related businesses.

Arguments of Roybon inhabitants who oppose the project

This project will destroy 110 hectares of a flood plain (zone humide) and endanger 37 protected species. It will have an adverse impact on rivers which are classified as biological reserves. It will also entail the privatisation of a public space, currently accessible to all, into a private area.

Development as a response to Inequalities



Translations

A territory organised by urban areas

Capital city

Regional city

Regional Contrasts

Dynamic Space (employment basin, high population density)

Former Industrial Region in decline

Rural Isolated Space

Remote and dependant space

A Space open to the world

Important Airport

Important Port

Significant maritime trade

Major communication axis

(dotted blue line) navigable river

Development to respond to inequalities

Territorial development is managed at a range of scales and aims to reduce inequalities in transport or housing, whilst offering inhabitants equal access to public services especially in rural areas.

Faced with international competition, development projects are an important means of stimulating the economy of a territory. Large cities compete with other European cities due to their business quarters, transport infrastructure and museums.

Such improvements need to respect the environment however certain projects can lead to conflict between actors when economic development is placed before protection of the environment.

The Regions are the major actors promoting territorial development

