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1. Cravirola farm, near Minerve (Aude region, France).
2. Solongo farm (Pardailhan), combining horse rearing, horseback riding and wilderness camping.
3. A valley in the Cathar region.
4. Cherry trees in Fontfroide Valley (Aude region, France).

## Training on rural multiactivity companies



This multiactivity training/support initiative is offered by UMR TETIS and GRETA in Bédarieux (Hérault region, France). This full-scale experiment is carried out within the framework of a research project on tailoring support initiatives to multiactivity and territorial needs.

It is funded by Languedoc-Roussillon region (France) under its 'Expérimentation/Recherche/Innovation' programme. The aim is to facilitate the creation and development of territorially integrated rural multiactivity initiatives.

Fourteen trainees are hosted. Half of the 13 projects (one project involves two trainees) are agriculturally based, and the

other fields involved are mainly linked with tourism, services and art crafts. Each project leader, can, depending on the progress of his/her project, realign or reframe his/her activity if the constraints become overwhelming (or, conversely, shift to another multiactivity when one sector seems more suitable).

The first phase of the training (6 weeks) is focused on project formulation and write-up (from the concept to the project) so as to prepare the support, which is provided by territorial support structures, both individually and collectively. This will enable structures that currently provide sector-based support to work together and share their experience.

The second phase is focused more on offering individual support to each project leader at their chosen pace, while also strengthening their skills and know-how.

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