

## La Corrèze: Developing potentials

### SHARING A VISION ON A REGIONAL SCALE: SHARING RESOURCES ON AN INTERCOMMUNAL SCALE.

La Corrèze is a territory of 5,857 km<sup>2</sup> where public transport is lacking and where the car is still the most frequent form of transport. In such a territory it is vital to develop a sharing strategy of services and equipment. The three sites are too far apart to imagine an efficient cooperation in such terms and this is why intercommunal partnerships are much more relevant in organising the sharing of resources and places. Nevertheless, the challenge is similar: how to develop the village ecosystem? Defining a process to answer that question is what Turenne, Argentat and Ussel can help each other with.

This project proposes a vision of experiences and ideas at a large scale while maintaining and exploring the diversity of Corrèze's landscapes. The focus for the region is the protection of the environment with an aim to stop urban sprawl by returning focus to the village centres. In order to make this migration happen our approach is to re-introduce a specific local activity at a small scale to strengthen the opportunities of 'rurality'. We invite a target population to join and help create the spark: *The New Nomads*.

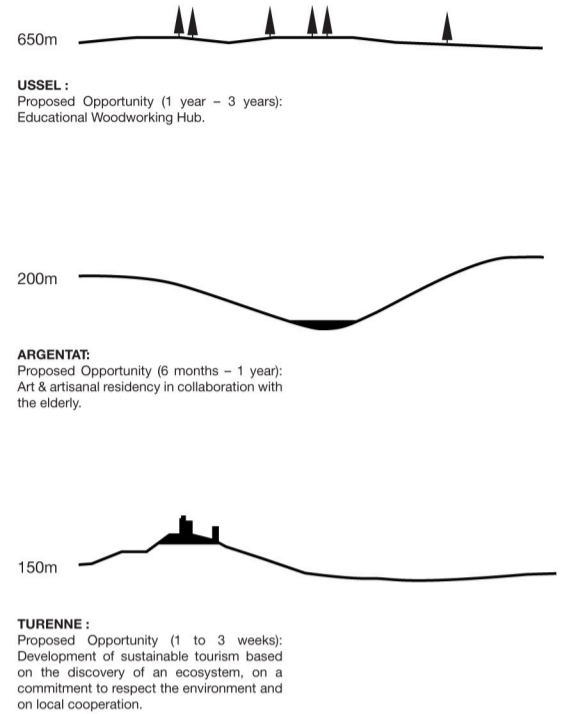
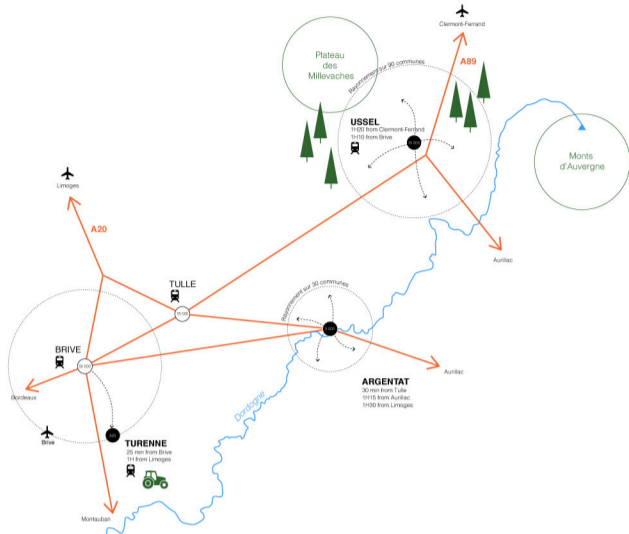
### SPECIFIC POTENTIAL :

Each of the three projects has been developed in accordance with its strategic position in the region:

**The Station Hamlet of Turenne:** situated at the foot of the famous castle and only 15 minutes away from the airport, the site can rely on a very short-term programme. Its geographical situation is also the perfect setting for agriculture activities.

**Argentat :** taking advantage of a beautiful river landscape, the intercommunality of Argentat has the potential to become a popular destination. By focusing on the amazing quality of life, it can turn its geographical position into an advantage.

**Ussel :** being a larger centre, the intercommunality of Ussel can strengthen itself around its resources and in turn create a new, sustainable kind of industry.



### Turenne Sustainable stay

#### Phase 1 : ALLOTMENT GARDENS

1 : The local residents of Turenne's station hamlet start organising organic allotment gardens in their backyards.

2 & 3 : The *New Nomads* are hosted by the locals and discover organic farming by giving time and energy to working on the gardens.

#### Phase 2 : THE STATION TABLE

Renovation of the derelict train station of Turenne hamlet. The project happens in stages and is funded thanks to a crowd-funding operation advertised directly on site and a larger scale through the short-term opportunities programme.

4 : The *New Nomads* and the local residents use the excess production of the allotment to prepare meals at the Station TABLE.

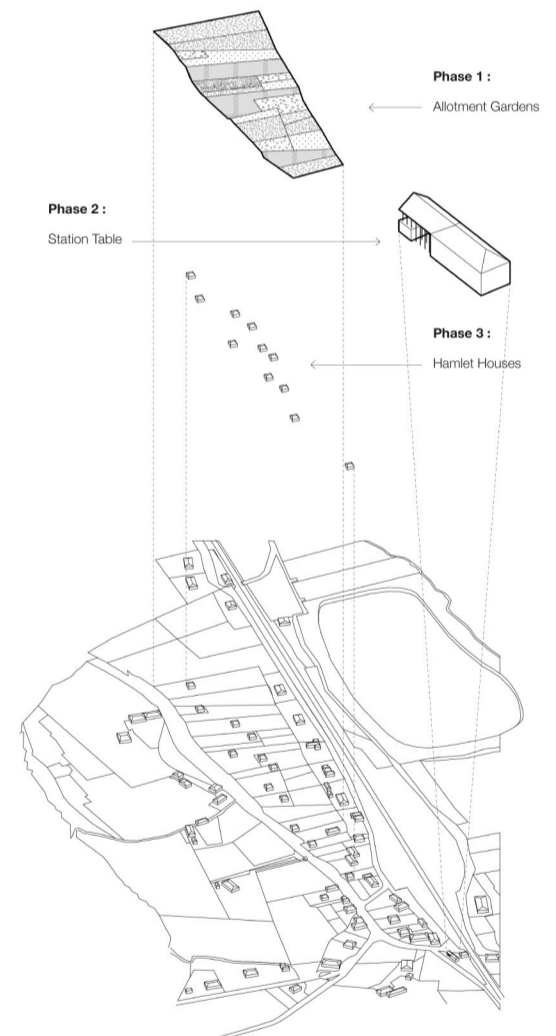
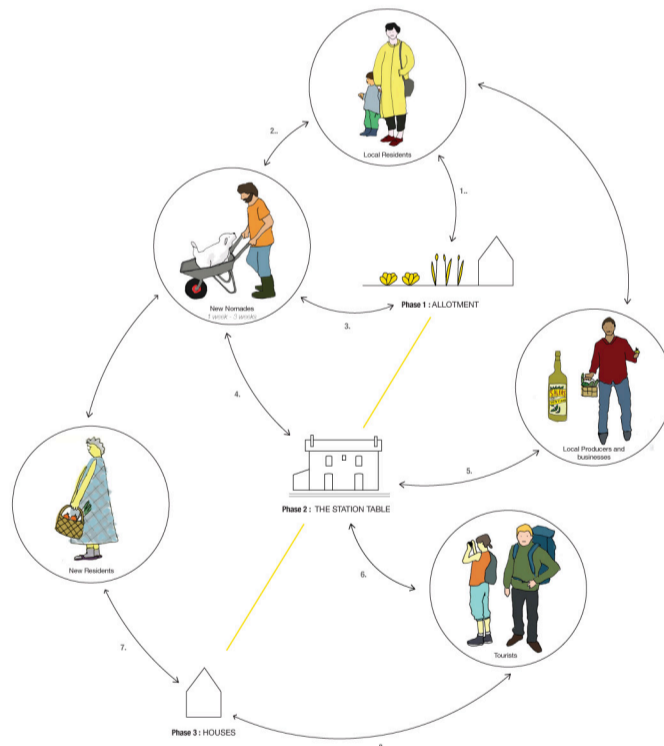
5 : The local businesses (*Salers Gentaine* for example) and producers participate in the renovation of the Station. In exchange they can sell their products on site.

6 : Turenne's Tourists are invited to share the table with the *New Nomads* and the locals.

#### Phase 3 : HAMLET HOUSES

7 : *New Nomads* wanting to settle and new residents interested in being part of this project start building their homes on the site.

8 : Development of responsible and sustainable eco-tourism providing quality accommodation and sharing knowledge on agriculture.



View of the allotment gardens



View of the Station Table



View from one of the hamlet houses