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A Review of Recent and Current French Initiatives in Rural Economy and Land Use Research

This project looked at French research programmes, which could be seen as parallels to the RELU programme. The Principal Investigator interviewed a number of people involved in setting up these research programmes, commissioning research under such programmes, as well as to people involved in doing the research. This award focused specifically upon how interdisciplinarity is constructed within such programmes and within research on the rural in general.

As a result of the research, the Principal Investigator has been invited to write a paper for the leading French journal *Nature, Sciences, Sociétés* on the RELU programme and the specific role of interdisciplinarity in rural research within it.

In addition, arising out of the project, the Principal Investigator has been invited to sit on the French 'Groupe de Prospective' on the future of French rurality, a coordinating and reflexive body that will commission research and look into French rural futures. This body will meet three or four times a year over the next couple of years.