

Invitation

To the Figeac area in France

12th > 14th of May 2025

General Assembly RURENER 2025

Exploring the
added-value of
locally-led
transition projects



Registration before
March 31st

via the online form or by email

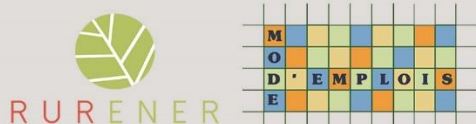
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If you have any doubt about your registration or the conditions of participation, contact us using the contact information below.

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The association **Mode d'Emplois** welcomes us from the 12th to the 14th of May 2025 in the Figeac area in France, for **RURENER General Assembly Meeting**. Through field visits and discussions with local actors, we will discover the transition trajectory of the community and **look back at 18 years of transition projects**. This event comes at a crucial time for RURENER, as this meeting is taking place a year after the association has renewed its business model, governance and ambition. The event will also provide a fitting end to the transregional cooperation project Massif Central in Transitions.

Why participate in the meeting and how?

Taking part in the meeting is your chance to **(re)connect with the leaders of local transition initiatives** throughout Europe and to get inspired by the pilot projects developed in the Figeac area. RURENER's annual event is also a key moment for the network, when all members and aspiring members get to sit together and **debate joint advocacy messages**. Last but not least, you may find your future European funding and project partners by taking part in the dedicated workshop to **build a proposal** in response to an open call at E.U. level. RURENER's annual event gives some meaning to being European... Just ask the participants of the previous editions!

To take part in the event, check out all the details on our website and register online.

About the host: the non-profit organization Mode d'Emplois

Established in 1999, the association had many missions throughout the years to promote local development and jobs. Mode d'Emplois promotes **capacity-building as a lever for local development** and it started out by encouraging mutualization of trainings for business clubs in the early 2000s. Later on, the association worked on local development initiatives, promoting **forward-looking approaches** and defending an apolitical position. The association is used to developing cooperation projects in order to **do together, what we could not do alone**. They have been nurturing the local transition dynamic in the Figeac area for many years and, member of RURENER since 2021, they volunteered to host this year's general assembly.

Programme*

* Final programme on April 11th 2025

Monday 12th of May



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Tuesday 13th of May

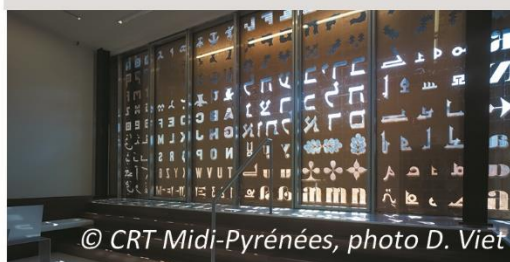


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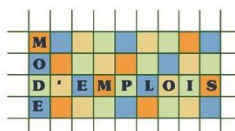
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Wednesday 14th of May



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Partners & co-funding:



10h00 Opening speeches

Vincent LABARTHE, President of the Grand Figeac intermunicipality and VP in charge of agriculture for the Region Occitanie

Nathalie PHILIPPE, Mayor of the municipality of Viazac

Dominique OLIVIER, President of Mode d'Emplois

Vincent TURPINAT, President of RURENER

11h00 Assessment of the forward-looking approach started in 2007 that shaped the future of the community: 18 years of transition.

12h00 Local wood sector: "The Burlande's Villages and forests" project, developed by three mayors

12h45 Lunch in Viazac

14h30 Local wood sector: Visit of a wood-chip boiler in Bagnac-sur-Célé fueled by locally and discussion with the actors of the value-chain

15h30 Visit of a farm that invested in the forward-looking approach in 2007 (wood boiler, PV, anaerobic biogas plant), and testimony of the road traveled by its owner.

20h00 Dinner in Figeac

9h30 Welcome addresses of Pascal LEWICKI, mayor of the municipality of Lacapelle-Marival

9h45 Presentation of the Cooperative "Fermes de Figeac" and its approach of "local resources for the local community" through actions for the energy and agricultural transitions

11h15 Workshop: Shaping RURENER's plea for the future of rural communities

13h00 Lunch at the Cooperative

14h30 Agricultural and food systems' transitions: Visit of a butcher's shop and meeting with the butcher at the origin of the proximity food system

15h45 Visit of the Fermes de Figeac: efficient building made of biobased material, equipped with solar PV panels and heated by local wood chips produced by the Cooperative's sawmill

19h30 Festive dinner and torchlight tour in the town of Figeac

9h00 Welcome addresses of the mayor of Figeac, André MELLINGER

9h15 RURENER General Assembly meeting

Ordinary General Assembly

Closing of the Massif Central in Transitions project

11h30 Workshop: Building a proposal to answer an open call at E.U. level

12h30 Closing lunch