



Rurality and development: local and global issues

- Practical -

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Introduction

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General overview

- Science and techniques depend on their use
- Complexity of issues to deal with professionally
- Complexity of the links between sciences, techniques and societies

Examples in professional context

- Intellectual property of public research for development
- Research on GMOs in Europe

Objectives of the practical

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Identify the following elements

1. Objects of the controversy
2. Actors and their motivations
3. Scientific/technical/social/economic/political/ethical arguments
4. Use of those arguments by the different actors
5. Crucial elements

Synthesise the controversy

1. Present the controversy to a non-specialist audience
2. Do not try to solve the controversy
3. Groups of 9 people with 1 rapporteur
4. Elevator pitch with one slide only - *3 minutes*

Examples of current controversies

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Controversial issues

1. The deforestation debate
2. Food miles and carbon footprint
3. Family or capitalist farming for development?
4. Are biofuels a better alternative to fossil fuels?
5. Are supermarkets profitable for local communities?
6. Feeding the world: do we need to double food production?
7. Water resources: a private commodity or a common good?
8. Should rural areas maintain their traditional agricultural role?
9. Should we genetically modify organisms to ensure development?
10. On what basis should countries pay a carbon tax?

Discussion

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Feedback

- Common mistakes
- Pieces of advice

Wrap-up

- What have you learnt?
- How to use it?
- Links with your assignment