

Accompanying the governing of commons **lessons from some field experiences**

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Ostrom's works have stressed essential preconditions for an efficient governing commons, specially about a process which can produce from sharing stakes, judgment, norms and values between appropriators to information obtained and shared at a low cost. With these basis, we have conceived and experimented since 1995 methods and tools to help in concrete terms this sort of endogenous process being reinforced, increasing its empowerment and improving its sustainability. Our approaches are focus on three principles: (i) complexity implies a multiplicity of legitimate perspectives; scientific knowledge is not enough to solve this uncertainty and is only one of these several legitimate perspectives; (iii) decision-making process being incremental and continuous (see Ostrom), the stake for the principals is not to solve uncertainty but to handle it. Though it has already been used several authors, our puzzle is how can methods and tools be involved in this process, i.e., how can they *help actors to govern commons* ?

We then are seeking to develop the idea of an *accompanying* support processes, using several sorts of linked tools conceived specially with our principles (role-playing games, maps and GIS, MAS). The stake of this *Accompanying Approach* has been not to produce definitive decisions and results but to improve making-decision process, as much as technical (information, technical quality,...) as sociological (negotiation, empowerment,...). That is an incremental, iterative and continuous *Accompanying*, facing to an incremental, iterative and continuous collective decision-making process. That means we have to put all supports that can be mobilized at stakeholders' (and others principals) disposal, in order that they can themselves handle their matters.

Several experiments have been conduct in some different situations (irrigated schemes, land use management, negotiations between stakeholders and environmental departments,...). We will present some of their results and their lessons to conceive new approaches and tools supporting in practical cases common self-governing processes on renewable resources.