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Abstract

The work analyzes the barriers and opportunities generated by the energy transition and renewable energies in two mountain areas and their impacts at the local level, as perceived by the population. It will also take into account the differences in the restrictions existing in the protected natural spaces of both areas, the relationship with other neighboring territories and the formulas to make compatible the different uses and interests in the territory, since all this influences the solutions adopted by each of these territories to face the energy transition and the fight against climate change. To this end, fieldwork has been carried out and social participation techniques have been used based on interviews and surveys of the population and social agents carried out between 2019 and 2020, which have made it possible to recognize that there are points of convergence and differences in the practical application of energy transition strategies and in the perception of the population of the French Alps and Sierra Nevada regarding renewable energies, landscapes, the protection of the natural environment and the fight against climate change, among other factors. The barriers, opportunities and challenges for territories with these characteristics will also be identified. Finally, the shared experience has served to share proposals, successful experiences and difficulties between these territories and to open new lines of shared research.