

## **An active housing policy**

Housing in our territory is generally an inheritance from the history of the migrant stone masons, builders of famous buildings and monuments in many large cities.

Its architectural characteristics lie in the use of granite, metamorphic stones and steep flat-tiled or slated roofs.

There were 5 714 premises in the territory according to the 1999' general census (62% principal residences, 29% secondary residences and 9% unoccupied premises).

The departure of people from rural areas since the 70's has had a disastrous effect on local housing : closed houses and buildings, more or less neglected, conversion of numerous premises into secondary residences.

That's why, as soon as it was created in 1999, the "Communauté de Communes" policies focused on housing and the environment.

This has resulted in three kinds of actions :

- Developing joint-project policy in private and public housing ;
- Enhancing the value of traditional property ;
- Observing local housing and accommodation.