Main characters:

Molines en Queyras (altitude: 1,760 meters) is a small village in the Hautes Alpes, nestled in the heart of the Parc Régional du Queyras. It offers an exceptional natural and architectural heritage.

The community is composed of the center, Le Serre, and of the hamlets Gaudissard to the north and La Rua below. In the Agnelle valley are Pierre-Grosse (at 1,926 meters and whose name is inspired by the numerous rocks surrounding it), Le Coin and Fontgillarde.

The village, largely repopulated thanks to tourism, currently has 322 inhabitants, having reached a minimum of 244 in 1968 and a maximum of 1,050 in 1836.
Like all the villages in the Queyras, Molines passed through a series of trails and tribulations: 1629, the armies of the King; 1630, the plague; 1689, fires; 1690, the raid of the Vaudois; 1746, a fire that destroyed 250 homes. This history was recorded in writing of the registers called the "transitons."

The architecture in the valley has the traditional and rustic feel given by the use of larch that the Queyras is well known for. The presence of ancient glaciers also left traces of soft lines in the composition of the landscape.

Local authorities involved:

Municipality of Molines  
Natural Regional Park of The Queyras (PNR)

Pictures

Molines en Queyras
Hameau de Pierre Grosse

Maison typique de Molines
architectural and technical guide

The pilot project consists in establishing an architectural and technical guide of the area.

About 20 studies will be carried on, regarding:

- architectural typologies
- building techniques (walls, structure, roofing and renderings)

Already done:

- Preliminary search, contacts
- Methodology (related surveys and processes, criteria selection…)
- Provisional summary
- Design of the files