Marketing of places and destinations: the "French touch"

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Introductory question:

Territorial marketing: what's the point?

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Competition in Europe through territorial brands Furopean city branding. Concept: Evert Ypma, Design: Femke Herregraven. 200\$ ource: Greater Sydney Partnership

Zapping by customers + competition =

put the client at the center of your

strategy





Customer-oriented diagnosis =

- o Target customer categories for study
- Make market surveys of each client category
- Assess the external environment
- Benchmark our strengths compared to identified competitors!





Part 1: Define territorial marketing



Territorial marketing is not only Communication





Territories: Who are your clients (/customers)?

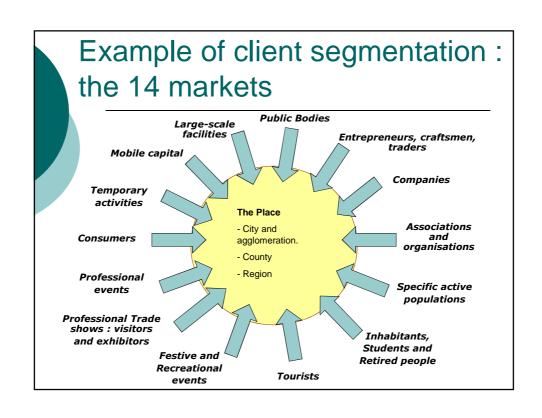


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Let's start by identifying segments

- o Approach. To market your territory properly, you should first of all segment the market, then target one or more segments, and lastly position yourself in the chosen segment(s).
- o The purpose of <u>segmentation</u> is to identify customer groups with similar needs and behaviour. Through market surveys you can learn about the nature of each group.





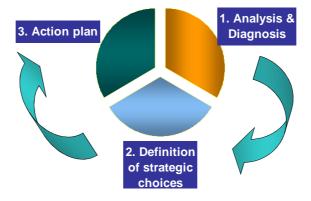
Definition of territorial marketing

"Territorial marketing is the effort to promote territories in a competitive market, in order to influence the public's behavior in their favour through an offer whose perceived value is lastingly superior to that of the competition".

Sources: Author and Mercator®

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The three stages of the marketing approach



The marketing method: 10 steps

Stage 1: making the diagnosis

- Step 1: putting information at the heart of the approach Step 2: analysing the markets Step 3: studying the markets' environment

- Step 4: evaluating the competitive positioning of the territorial offer
- Step 5: analysing how to establish the relationship Step 6: summarizing the assessment of the territorial offer in the light of demand

Stage 2: defining strategic choices

- Step 7: choosing an ambition
- Step 8: building the promise (positioning)

Stage 3: drawing up the action plan

- Step 9: creating the plan via the marketing mix
- Step 10: plan in order to optimise

Source: Territorial Marketing Guide, January 2010.

Location of best practices adopted in France



Source: http://www.umapper.com/maps/view/id/39165/

More on experiences, methods, etc:



Territorial marketing: www.marketing-territorial.org

Part 2: Territorial marketing in France is based on collective initiatives

Building an attractiveness strategy together:

Example of an attractiveness action plan (P2A) in the Paris region



Source: Paris Region Economic Development Agency (www.paris-region.com)

Attractiveness action plan (P2A) ambitions

- Organise a response to the challenges posed by competitors through a strong initiative approved by the Regional Council.
- Build <u>collectively</u> an action plan based on collective initiatives in order to <u>act together</u> with more powerful leverage.
- Introduce new innovative initiatives in territorial marketing (be cutting edge)
- Be pragmatic and conciliatory.

Source: Paris Region Economic Development Agency (www.paris-region.com)



Response to

expectations

The Attractivity Action Plan: P2A

- o 6 work groups formed in 2008:
 - strategic projects
 - international presence
 - international economic image
 - service offer
 - professional gatherings and events
 - marketing of territories
- A dedicated website
- o 250 people mobilised during the 9 months of the project
- o 45 priority action sheets, of which 34 were implemented
- o 2 collective restitutions
- One document for the public at: <u>www.P2a-idf.com</u> (in French)

Source: Paris Region Economic Development Agency (www.paris-region.com)

The P2A box of initiatives (examples)



- Shared market surveys
- Targeting of investors between competitiveness clusters and development agencies
- Barometer of real estate investment
- Directory of international presence of territorial bodies
- New presentation of "regional economic profile"
- Welcome package
- International component of local marketing strategies
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Source: Paris Region Economic Development Agency (www.paris-region.com)





"Futur en Seine on Tour" Asian tour



o Goals

- Promote Parisian skills in digital content by using editorial logic of Futur en Seine
- Three cities targeted: Shanghai, Seoul and Tokyo
- Reinforce joint technological projects with international players
- Facilitate welcome of foreign players in the Paris region for the 2011 edition of the Futur en Seine Festival

Partners

- Regional Council
- Cap Digital competitiveness cluster with participation of Systematic and Advancity
- Other partners contacted: territorial partners, organisations involved in promotion of French know-how (design), etc.

Initiatives undertaken so far

- Initiative launched
- Partners mobilised
- Business Plan drawn up

Sources: www.futur-en-seine.fr and www.paris-region.com



Paris Region Business Tours

Goals

- Target visitors
- o Organise 1 to 2 day circuits
- o Precise theme
- o Intended effect: the "Wow" effect



Cap Digital business



English journalist business tour

Automotive business tour





Eco activities business tour

Source : Paris Region Economic Development Agency (www.paris-region.com)

Acting together through a collective marketing strategy:

The example of collective brands

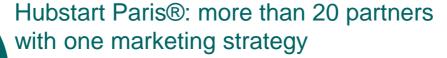






Why Hubstart Paris®?

- o Hubstart Paris® is a collective brand.
- Hubstart Paris® has been created in order to reinforce the competitiveness of the Greater Charles de Gaulle Airport Area, Paris Region, France
- This alliance gathers 22 Key local players, public or private

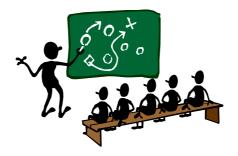




Part 3: Some territorial marketing best practices « made in France »



The marketing techniques and methods place the client centrestage



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11 territorial marketing mix variables



Cerise Revait©: 13 criteria for identifying a territory's assets

- C Celebrities
- **E**nterprises
- Resources Allocation
- I Infrastructure and real estate
- **S**ervices
- **E**vents
- Research and Development
- **E**xchange Economy
- V Values and identity
- A bilities & Human Capital
- I Image
- Telecommunications & IT
- © Collective, structural action

Source: http://0z.fr/VGYRK

ID portraits are all the fashion in France



Source: AGUR, Dec. 2009

Promoting the territorial offer through cartography



How to promote the Diversity of the offer?

Interactive maps « clients oriented » Example : www.econovista.com



www.econovista.com

Proposing innovative services in one place



Datagora is a multimedia space providing real-time socioeconomic information, in a comprehensive and targeted manner, for delegations and potential investors.

http://www.datagora.com/



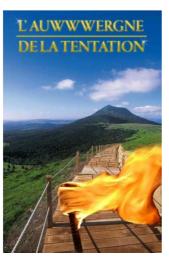
This kind of facility exists also in Lille (Project Center), Caen (Normandy) and Nice (French Riviera)





http://www.leloiretvousreussit.com/cgloiret/

TV show parody in the Auvergne region







Source :http://www.delatentation.com/





Connecting: "Futur en Seine on Tour" Asian tour

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Successful operations

- Shanghai: conference (July 2010)
- Seoul: exhibition (October 2010)
- Tokyo: exhibition (November 2010)



Source: Paris Region Economic Development Agency (www.paris-region.com)



Conclusion on some major trends

- Marketing doesn't just mean communication tools
- Professionalisation of marketing approaches in France and elsewhere
- Growing interaction of major urban projects and marketing strategies
- Comprehensive collective approaches from start to finish
- "French touch" and « international touch": let's share our know-how and best practices!



Territorial marketing: www.marketing-territorial.org (english section)

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