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Like all agricultural production systems in the world, the territories where geographical indication products (PDO and PGI in France) are produced are fully affected by climate change. The sectors must adapt to maintain the quantity and quality of their production and continue to benefit from the GI.

Indeed, meticulously codified in the specifications and based on local, often traditional, know-how, the conditions of production of these products as well as the delimited areas of production are questioned by climate change. Effects can also be observed on the analytical (including sensory) profile of products. In this context, maintaining the human activities developed around these GIs in the long term is both a major issue for the sustainability of the sectors and a real challenge, as these changes question their fundamentals. It is therefore necessary to be able to propose adjustments to the rules of production: new grape varieties or varietals, relocation of the production of the raw material, harvest dates, grazing conditions. However, these proposals must not distort the link between the product and its territory, which is based on a sometimes-complex combination of natural and human factors. In this communication, the INAO proposes to present an overview of the discussions held by the various sectors in France and some examples of changes in specifications in relation to climate change.

A focus on the question of the possible evolution of production areas will also be presented.

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