The syndicat mixte des Villages et Cités de Caractère des Alpes de Haute-Provence works at valorising the heritage, the local events and particularities of the 12 remarkable 12 villages.

- In Haute-Provence

Simiane-la-Rotonde with its aromatherapy laboratory, Mane with the Salagon conservatory, or Dauphin, Cruis and Lurs.

- In the Verdon

Riez, a Roman town, Moustiers-Sainte-Marie well-known for its faience, Castellane and its Sirenian Museum, Entrevaux and its famous citadel, Annot the town of the Sandstone rocks.

- In the Alpes-Mercantour

Colmars-les-Alpes with its Vauban fortification and the mule-breeding tradition in Seyne-les-Alpes.

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- Province of Cuneo

Overlooked by castles, the austere witnesses of its medieval past, and full of villages of character, the province of Cuneo has generally managed to retain its urban fabric of yesteryear.

It offers its victors around 40 manor-houses and noble residences, to which can be added 15 small urban centres placed under the protection of national associations in charge of valorising the historical, artistic and ecological heritage of the towns. Among the points of interest are the historical centres:

crossroads where different styles of architecture are concentrated, from Romanesque to Gothic, and the Baroque which developed considerably in these places and which gave distinction to the main towns.