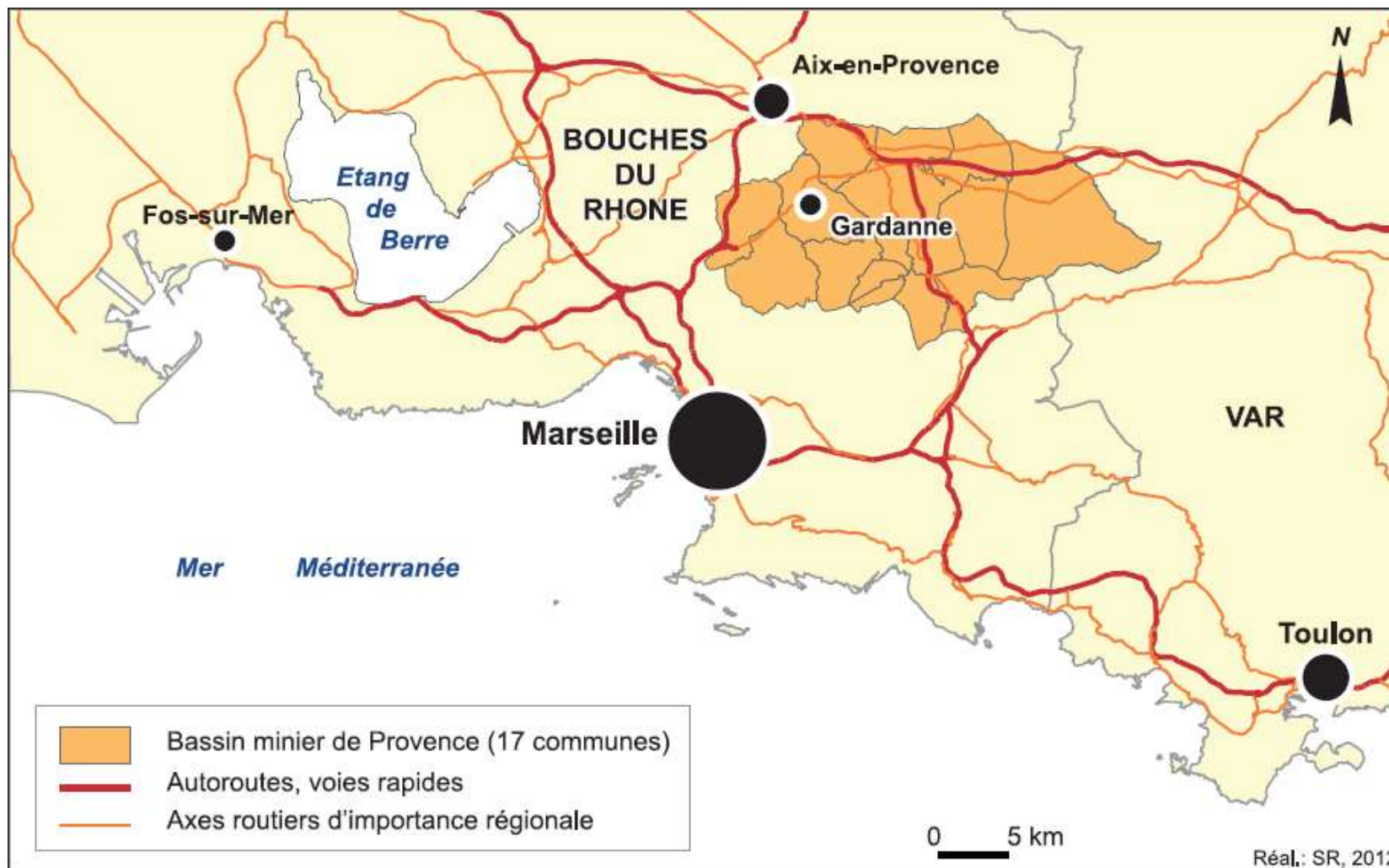


# L'OHM Bassin Minier de Provence :

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**333 km<sup>2</sup>**

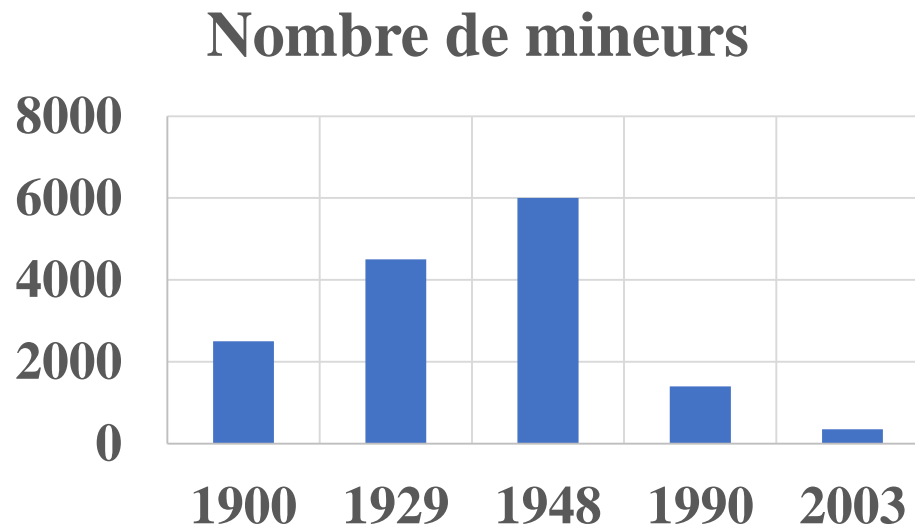
**17 municipalities**

**109 000 inhabitants in 2015**

# The structuring fact: industrial exploitation of lignite since 1840

The private companies period (1839-1946) : 51 millions tons

The national compagny (1946-2003) : 75 millions tons



# The founding event: an “antagonic” event

1994 : Pacte charbonnier and Congé charbonnier in view of a closure in 2005

2003 : Abrupt closure 31 Janvier 2003

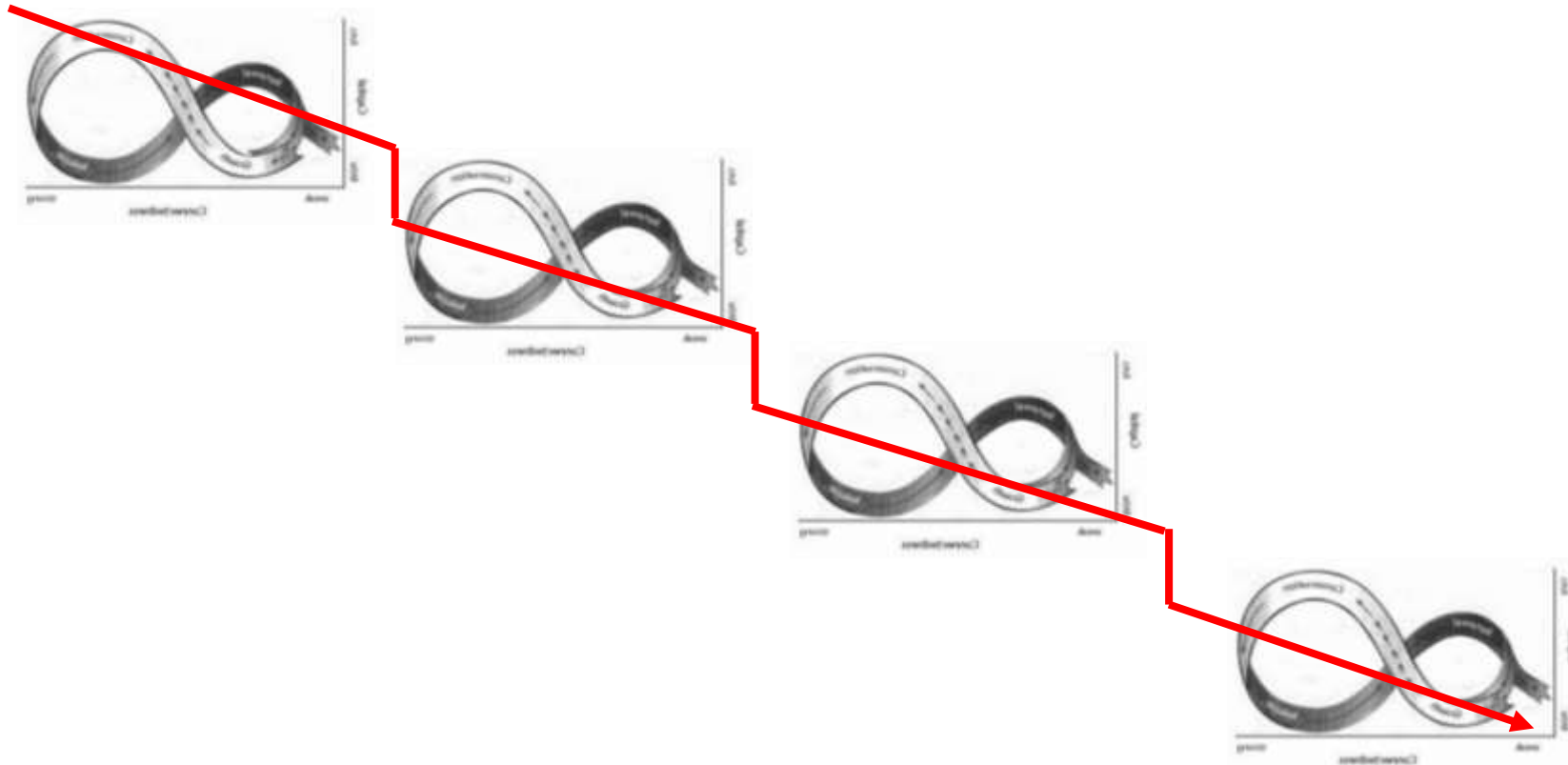
Disruption of the cycle

Local # National/International

# A local level “en résistance”

- Mines closure
- Future of the coal power plant
- Future of the alumina plant
- Aix-Marseille-Provence Métropole

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# Sustainability in the long term ?

- Disappearance of the heavy industry, replaced by PME, development of the urbanization, new populations without industrial memory
- A large part of the territory became a suburb of the two main cities (Marseille et Aix)
  - ➔ Loss of the “bassin minier” identity, banalisation of the territory
- Gardanne : primacy of economy on ecology : “l’écologie”
  - ➔ preservation of an industrial activity, “positive energy” city (geothermal heating, solar, chemin des énergies)