Tourism, data base and regional atlases: an evaluation of problems to get a sound operative tool.

Worldwide literature speaks about the role of tourism in regional development, but practice tells it is very difficult to get sound data on a regular basis. In addition, the enlargement of European Union leads to the enforcement of supranational touristic regions. It is clear a new need of an operative tool through a GIS in order to get a picture of today situation, but also a good evaluation of new projects on a region in general and on its environment in particular.

The paper tries to apply to theory and after it to an Italian region.