

Rural Pact Conference

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Ceinture Aliment-Terre Liégeoise Liege Food Belt

Empowering local communities and engaging stakeholders in building the future of rural areas



Liege Food Belt (CATL)

What is it ?

- CATL is a dynamic that emerged in 2013 as a Liege in Transition spin off
- Mission: promote the development of local sustainable food supply chains, by raising awareness on this topic, supporting its stakeholders and facilitating their development
- Association employing 6 persons (for 5 full-time working equivalents)
- ~300 producers reached via the food groceries and distribution cooperatives of CATL's network

Origin in 2013 – an event that mobilized the creativity of the community (600 persons)



Exercise using the Open space technology

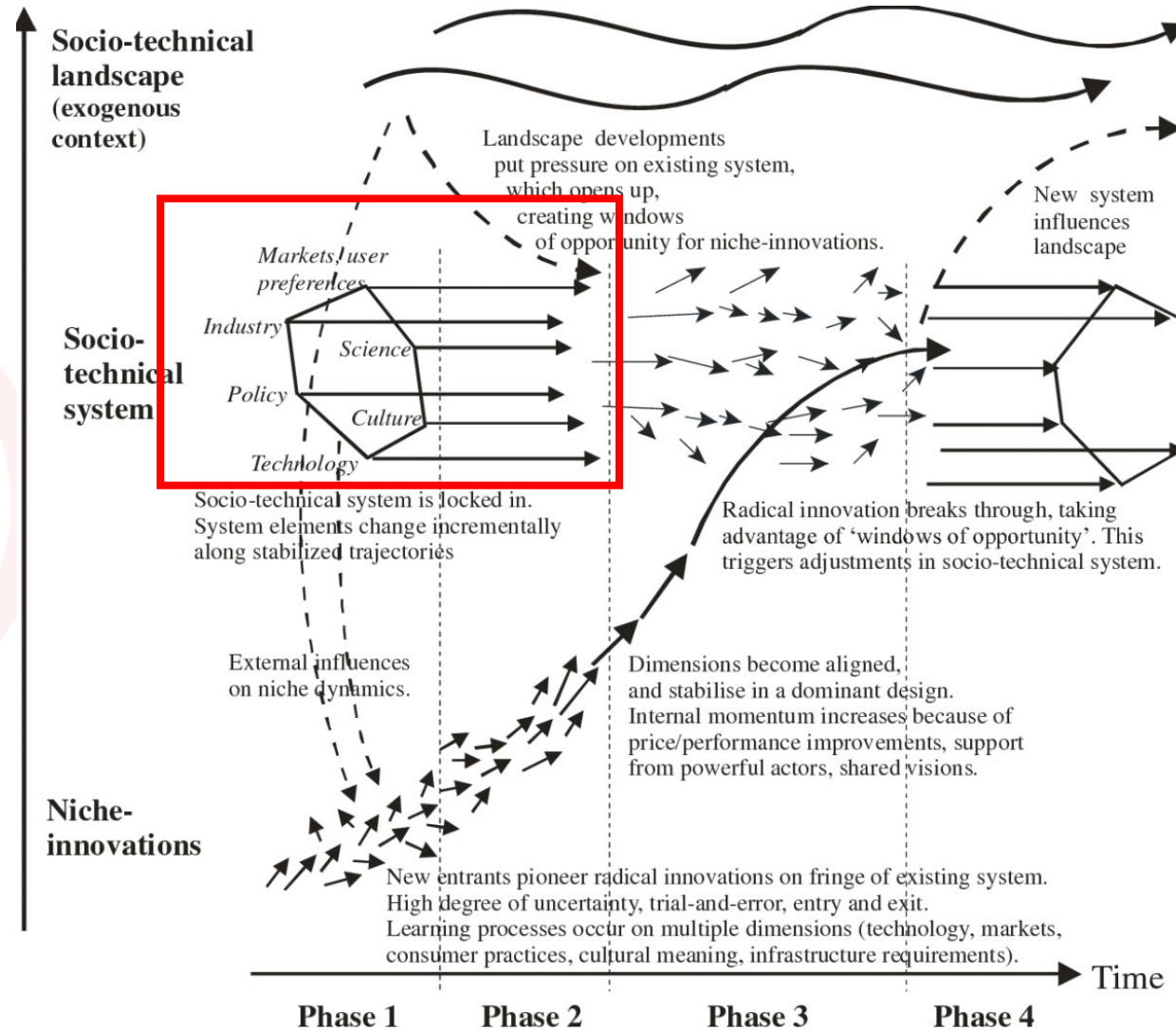
“Imagine that within a generation, at least 50% of the food consumed locally is produced locally under the best ecological and social conditions...”



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A project inspired by multi-level perspective (MLP) as scientific transition framework



Aiming to Build a shared and systemic strategy



Supporting the boom of local sustainable food initiatives



~100 new vegetable producers

And ~20 new cooperatives



Vin du Pays de Herve
Production



Invent'erre
Production



Terre d'Herbage
Distribution



Vervicoop
Distribution



Rayon 9
Service



Chez ADM Bio
Production



HesbiCoop
Distribution



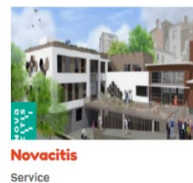
Brasserie Coopérative Liégeoise
Production



Histoire d'un grain
Production



Point FERME
Distribution



Novacitis
Service



Cycle en Terre
Production



Fungi Up
Production



La Coopérative Ardente
Distribution



Vin de Liège
Production



Compagnons De La Terre
Production



Terre en Vue
Service



Marguerite Happy Cow
Production



Le Temps des Cerises
Distribution



Vent de Terre
Production



Les Petits Producteurs
Distribution



Unis Verts Paysans



Brasserie Coopérative Liégeoise
Production



OufTi Coop



Supporting producers, what does it mean ?

The best practices of our cooperatives network :

- Committing to producers in advance on volumes and prices, in a coordinated and transparent manner.
 - Disposing of surplus production.
 - Not negotiating producers' prices.
 - Respecting payment terms
- Not putting artisanal productions in competition with industrial products, even if they are labeled organic.
- Knowing and defending the producers and their practices
- Mobilizing resources, in particular capital and profits, to support producers whose agricultural and social practices are endorsed

Innovation and cooperation for a fairer food system

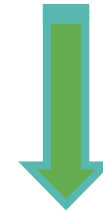


Investment support,
Provision of additional income and outlet

**Les petits
producteurs**



Technical support
for Community
supported agri-
culture setting up



LES POUSSES POUSSENT



Citizen awareness and involvement



Festival Nourrir Liège Feeding Liège Festival

Since 2017

in 2021:
150 partners
180 activities

Spin offs in many other
cities

Partnership development with municipalities



European program which consists of a network of exchanges with other cities across Europe in order to share experience and expertise in the provision of sustainable school meals

Liege City Commitment :
by 2024, 100% of schools
and nurseries meals will be
organic, seasonal and as
local as possible

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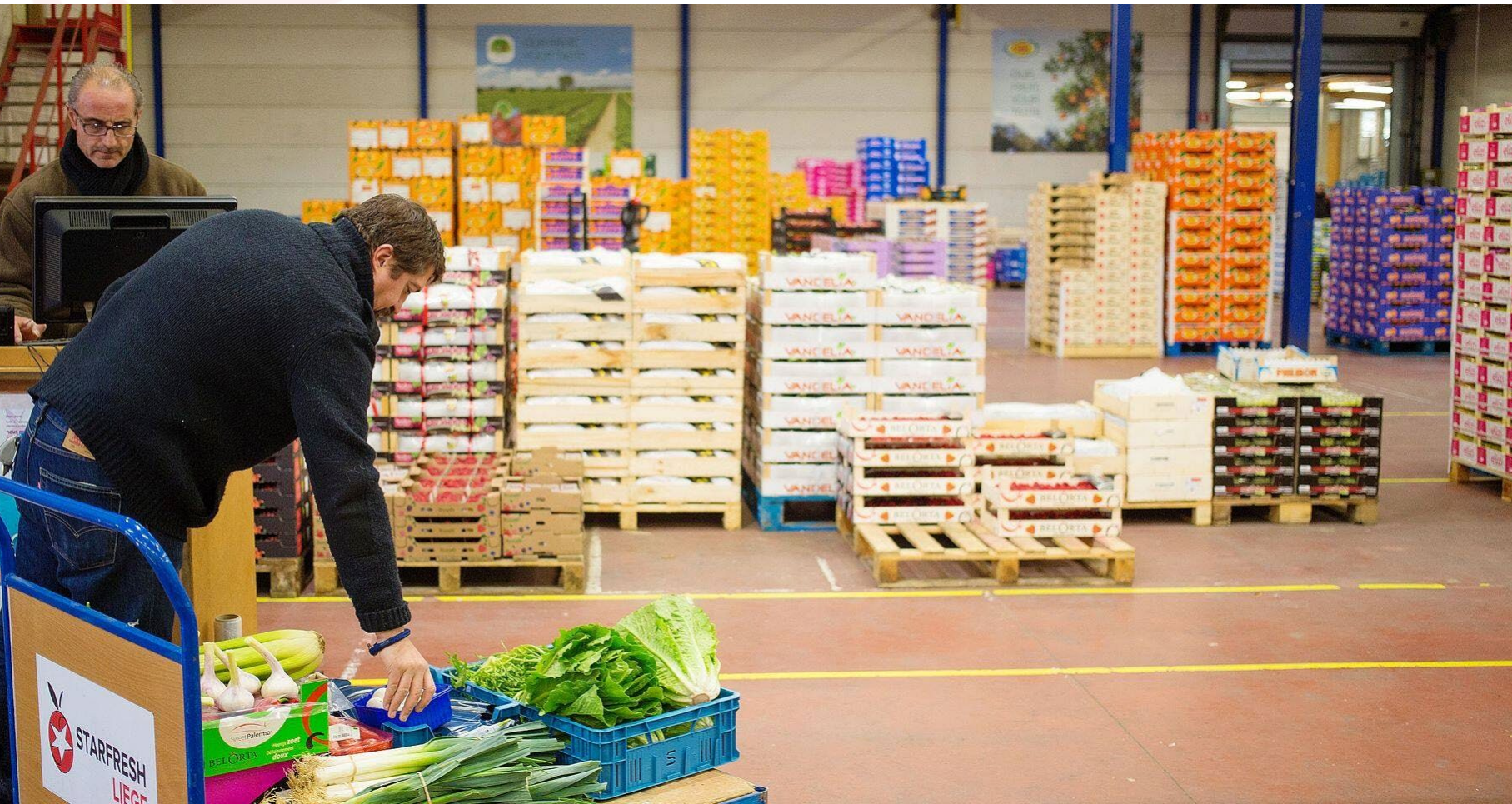
**Maison de
l'Alimentation**
durable et inclusive
de Liège



**“house of
sustainable and
inclusive food in
Liege”**

A place to
(re)create a link
between Liège
citizens, local
producers and
initiatives aimed at
a more sustainable
and inclusive food
supply.

Creating the missing links of the local food chains



Food Hub in Liege

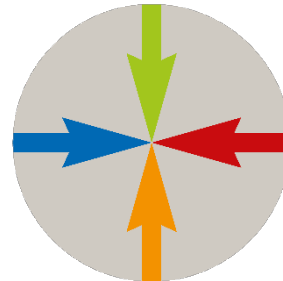
- B2B Logistics hub
- Vegetable cannery
- Jar & bottle washing unit
- Food Processing workshops
- storage infrastructures

Partnership development with municipalities

Liege Métropole Food Policy Council

cpa

Liège
Métropole

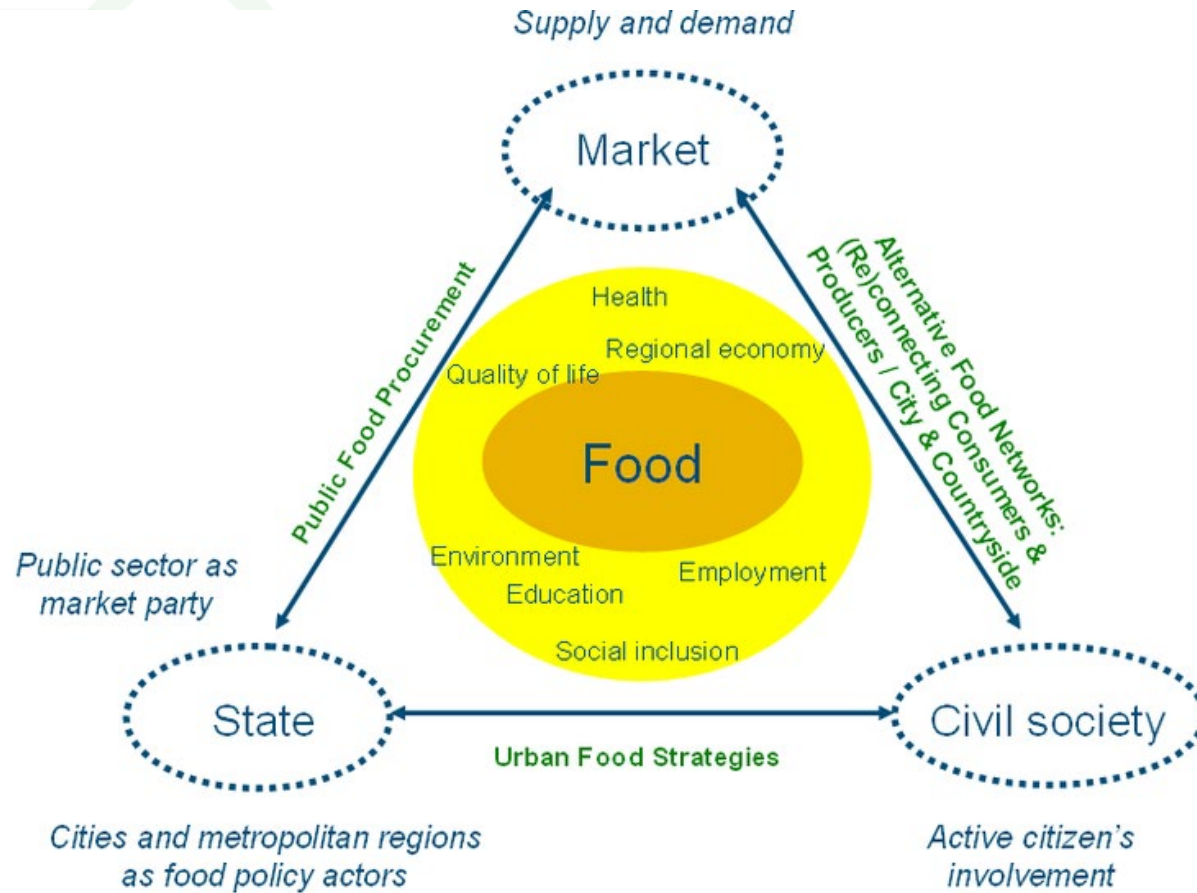


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CONFÉRENCE D'ARRONDISSEMENT
DES BOURGMESTRES ET DU COLLÈGE
PROVINCIAL DE LIÈGE A.S.B.L.



A partnership between the associative sector (Liege Food Belt), academics (Liege University) and local politicians (24 mayors)

New Emerging Roles for Public Institutions and Civil Society in the Promotion of Sustainable Local Agro-Food Systems



A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills, a small village with a church, and distant mountains under a cloudy sky. The foreground is dominated by a field of tall, golden-brown grass. In the middle ground, a small village with a prominent church is visible, surrounded by green fields and trees. The background shows a range of mountains under a sky with soft, white clouds.

Thank you