

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...”

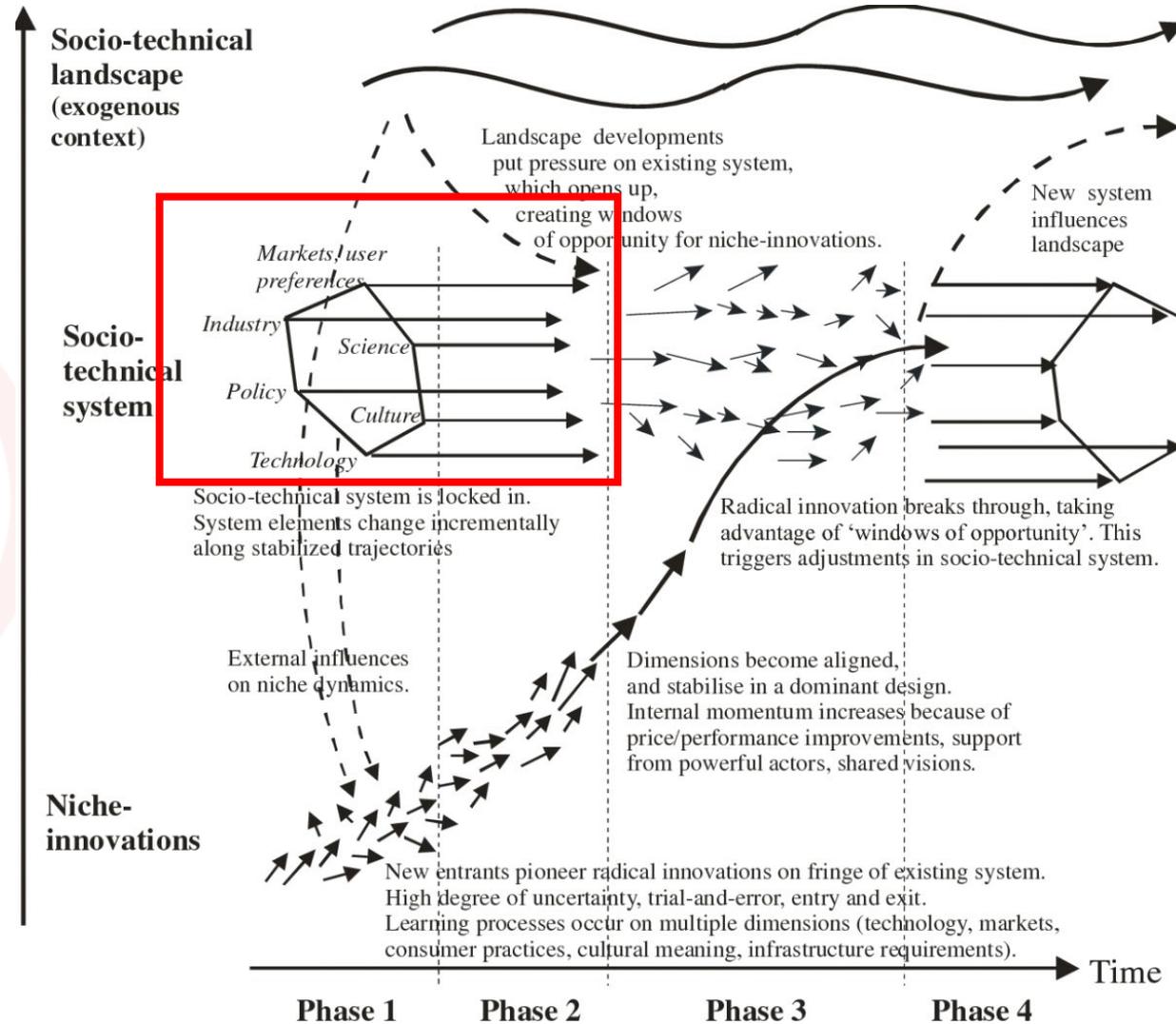


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A project inspired by multi-level perspective (MLP) as scientific transition framework





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'terre
Réinventons notre alimentation!
Invent'Terre
Production

TERRE d'HERBAGE
COOPÉRATIVE DE PRODUCTEURS
Terre d'Herbage
Distribution

VERVICOOP
«SUPER-MARCHÉ COOPÉRATIF»
Vervicoop
Distribution

RAYON 9
Service

Chez ADM Bio
Atelier des Maraîchers Bio
Production

HESBI COOP
BON & JUSTE
HesbiCoop
Distribution

Brasserie Coopérative Liégeoise
Production

HISTOIRE d'UN GRAIN
Production

Point FERME
Vente de produits fermiers
Point Ferme
Distribution

Novacitis
Service

Cycle en Terre
Production

Fungi Up
Production

La Coopérative ARDENTE
Distribution

VIN DE LIÈGE
Vin de Liège
Production

Compagnons De La Terre
Production

Terre en Vue
Service

Marguerite Happy Cow
Production

Le Temps des Cerises
(épisode naturelle & biologique)
Le Temps des Cerises
Distribution

VENT DE TERRE
Production

Les Petits Producteurs
Distribution

Unis Verts PAYSANS
Production

Brasserie Coopérative Liégeoise
Production

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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



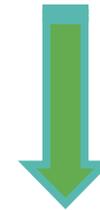
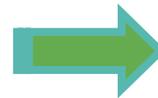
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Liège
Une ville, un esprit.



Investment support,
Provision of additional income and outlet

Les petits producteurs



Technical support
for Community
supported agri-
culture setting up





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



Citizen awareness and involvement



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



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

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



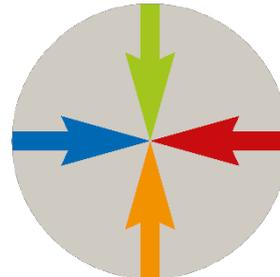
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Liege Métropole Food Policy Council



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Liège
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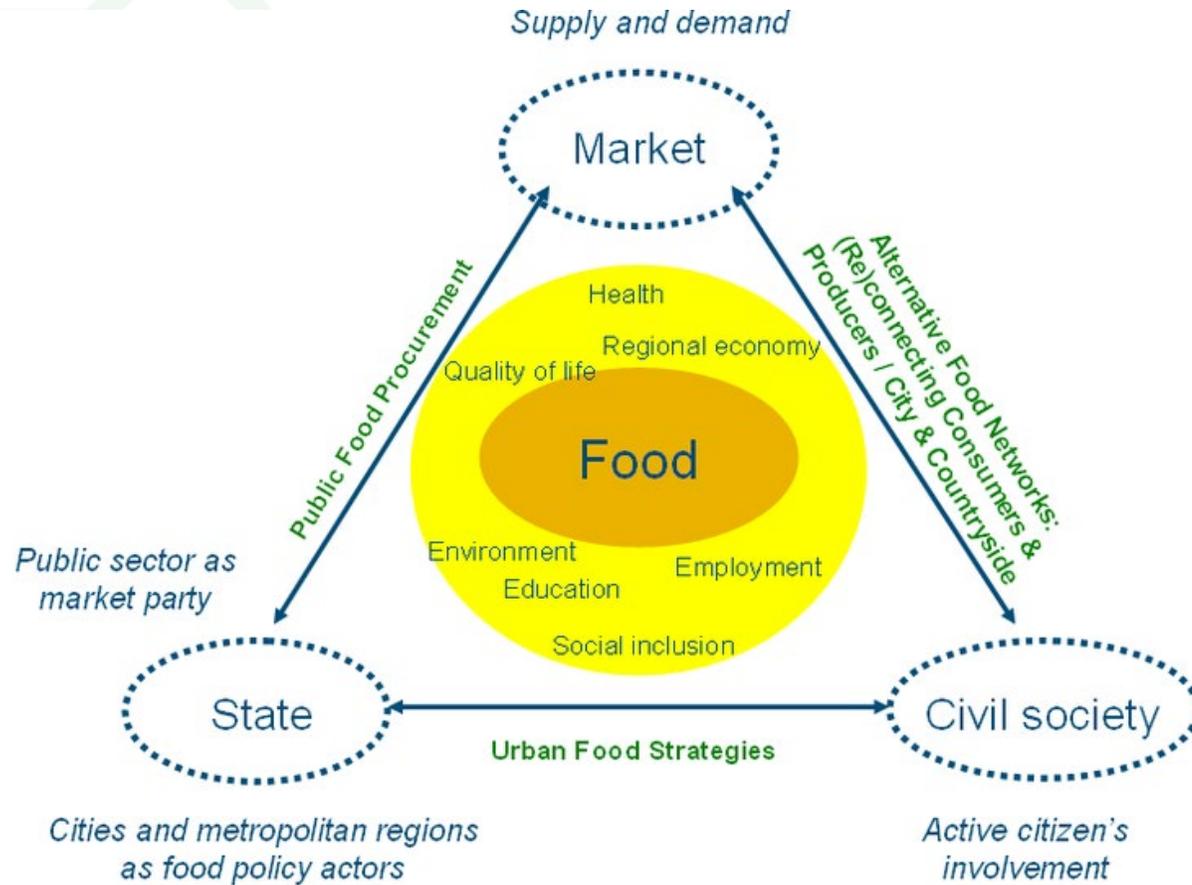
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DES BOURGMESTRES ET DU COLLÈGE
PROVINCIAL DE LIÈGE A.S.B.L.



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



Henk Renting & Han Wiskerke theory



Thank you