



Food Belt

Topic

Food sustainability

Where was it implemented?

Liège (Belgium)

Who made it possible?

A coalition of citizens, economic and cultural stakeholders



Ceinture
Aliment-Terre
Liégeoise

Link to the project

<https://www.catl.be>



Brief description

This project was launched in 2013, with the aim of creating alternative food systems because many of the agricultural exploitations in the region were disappearing due to the rise of global food systems. By doing so, they were also hoping to preserve the local biodiversity.

Results achieved

Citizens and local farmers shared the same fears about the future of agriculture in the region, and they wanted to do something to provide an alternative to supermarkets and large retailers that were slowly replacing small farms.

Success factors

By organising local events, the stakeholders managed to gain the interest of people.

Their methodology consists of a three-step circular process: citizen and institutional mobilisation / collective strategy / projects dynamics.

People/organisations involved

The initiative started when six organisations joined forces with a citizen movement. After pitching the project to local stakeholders, they gained the support of 40 other organisations and 600 more citizens. It is now also supported by local authorities.

Replicability tips

To implement a similar project, you will need to find small farms that are willing to form a network, and citizens who want to consume locally produced food items.