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## **Tasteful** East-Flanders

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### Tasteful East-Flanders promoting local gastronomy















Initiative by Economic Council of East-Flanders (government), since 2015

244 local food producers united

- all producing in East-Flanders
- AND a clear bond with the region:
  - or from a rich tradition (family, recipe),
  - or by a traditional way of producing,
  - or by working with local raw materials.











# 4 pillars

- 1. learning network
- 2. promotion of regional products
- 3. sales and distribution
- 4. experience and tourism











### Learning network

### Knowledge sharing



### Learning network

#### Labelling products as Flemish or European regional products





### Learning network

### Research into new trends and international projects



#### Promotion Centre – Butchers' Hall



Markets & fairs

#### Foodtruck



#### Recipes

#### Zelf aan de slag met één van onze recepten!

Hier vind je lekkere recepten gemaakt met Oost-Vlaamse streekproducten. Zelf een idee? Contacteer ons via het contactformulier.



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Lees meer ->

Ovenbroodjes met Breydelspek

Lees meer ->

Slaatje van Superanoham met gebakken scampi's

Lees meer ->

## Sales and distribution

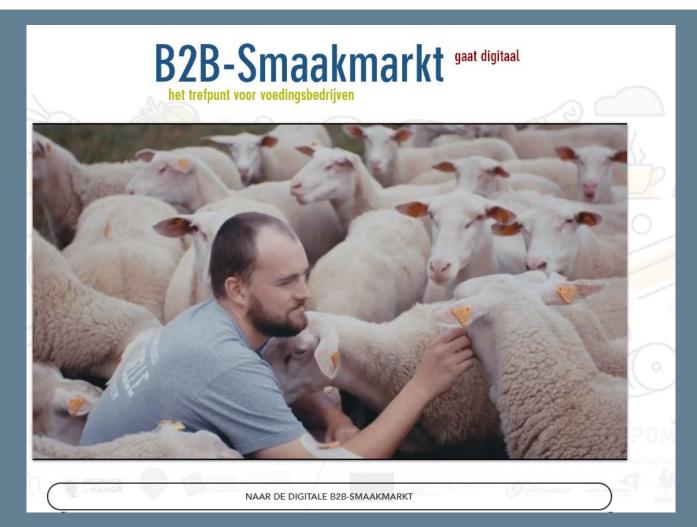
#### Institutional kitchens & cooking schools



## Sales and distribution

#### B2B online taste market

<u>link</u>



### Sales and distribution

#### Ambassadors



### Experience and tourism

#### **Tourist valorisation**



## Experience and tourism

#### Raise awareness primary school children



**Resources**:

1,25 FTE and 70.000 euro working costs/year

(Butchers' Hall not included)











# Challenges:

1. Local producers are quite diverse (small farmer vs bigger SME)

2. Distribution: to consumer / restaurants / shops / retail -> logistical challenges

3. Communication (low budget, high impact needed)











# Covid-19 impact:

- + buy local
- + farm to fork sales during lock-down /
- turnover (-12%, more in small SMEs): in retail/supermarkets = in restaurants/catering export
- economic crisis => government support needed















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Thank you!

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