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Good practice: Regional cooperatives connecting local food producers and consumers

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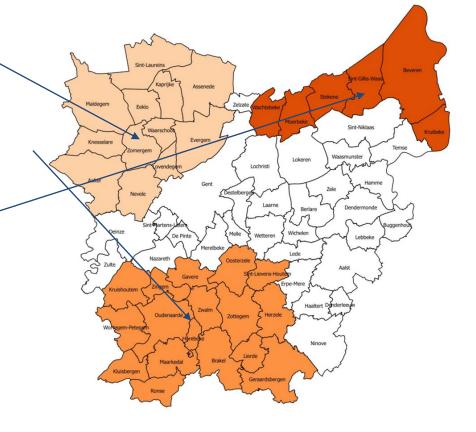
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Introduction

Belgium (10 provinces)

- East Flanders (capital Ghent)
 - 6 regions
 - Meetjesland
 - Leiestreek
 - Ghent
 - Vlaamse Ardennen
 - Scheldeland
 - Waasland







Three cooperatives

Mmm...eetjesland (2008) in region Meetjesland



HOEVE- EN STREEKPRODUCTEN

Vlapas (2013) in region Vlaamse Ardennen



SMAAK

Smaak van Waas (2018) in region Waasland







36 producers of local/regional food products



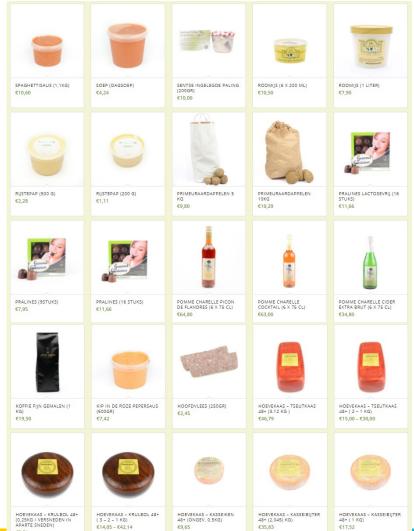








Web shop



Physical shop







Events: market





Gift baskets











Financial part

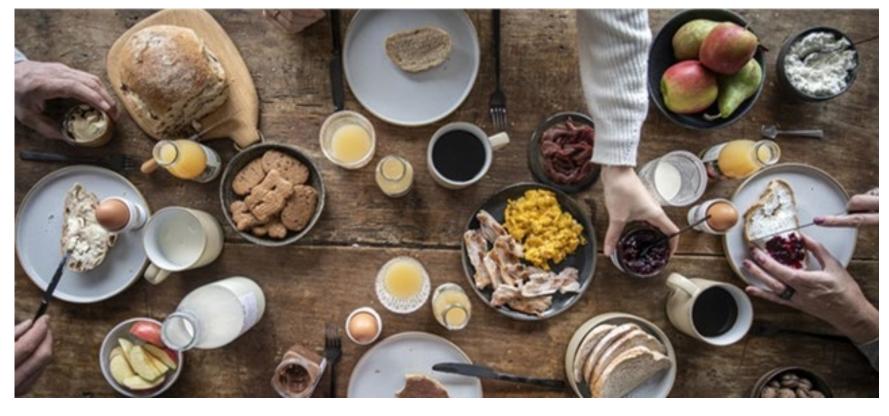
- Shares (worth 450 euro): actual price 150 euro
- Admission fee: 200 euro (annually)

Same story for Vlapas and Smaak van Waas



Difficulties

- Large areas
- Flaws in the offer
- Incompatible opinions





Lessons (to be) learned



- Collaboration of ALL food producers
- More consumers
- More producers







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Thank you!

Questions welcome



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