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AGRICULTURE ET SOCIAL
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Nos Oignons asbl



- **2012** : from Brussels : a daylife center for people suffering from psychological difficulties >> a vegetable producer in the green belt

Collective workshops

1 day / week out of Brussels

Exchange of services

- **2014** : First employees & extension in Wallonia & investigations in other EU regions (benchmarking)
- **2015-2016** : First accompaniment of **individual experiences** in farms

From **2017-2018** Nos Oignons is co-author of 3 projects co-funded by European agricultural fund for rural development (EAFRD) and Wallonia

**Public center for
social action
Tubize
(2017-2021)**



**Mental Health
Service 'Safrans'
Braine l'Alleud
(2017-2019)**



**Mental Health
Service 'Entre Mots'
Ottignies
(2018-2021)**



3 projects centered on individual experiences in farms, with an aim of *better-being and social insertion* (explicitely not professional)

3 projects co-funded by Wallonia and Europe through Programme wallon de Développement Rural 2014-2020



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Collective Workshops

(1) Distillery Farm

www.fermedeladistillerie.be

(2) Willow's Garden

www.lejardindessaules.be

(3) Cauldron's Field

www.lechampduchaudron.be

(4) Urban Farm of Neder-Over-Heembeek

www.haricots.org

*Around 90 registrations and
40 participations/week*

Individual Experiences

(5) Nos Oignons d'Entre Mots

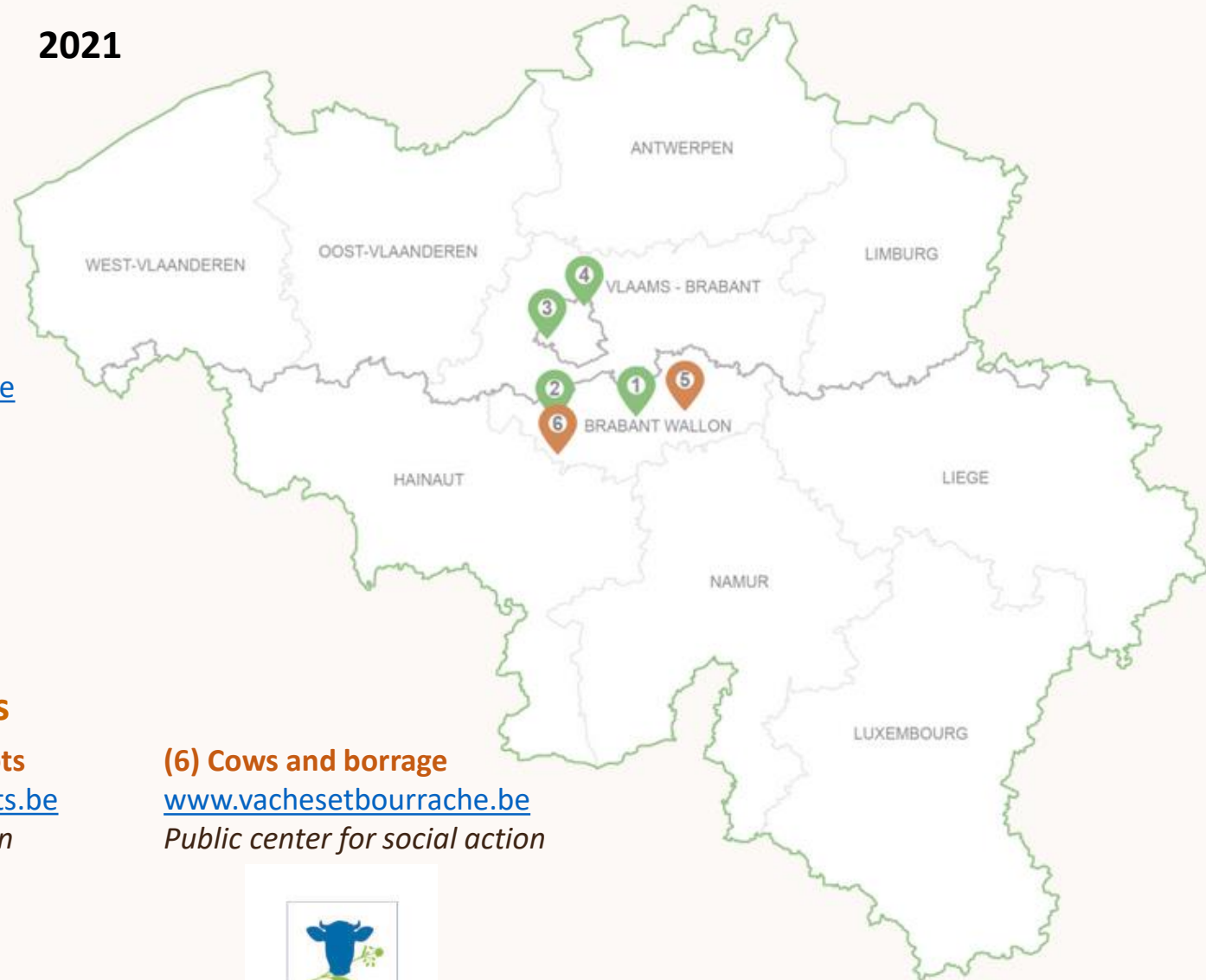
www.nosoignonsd'entremots.be

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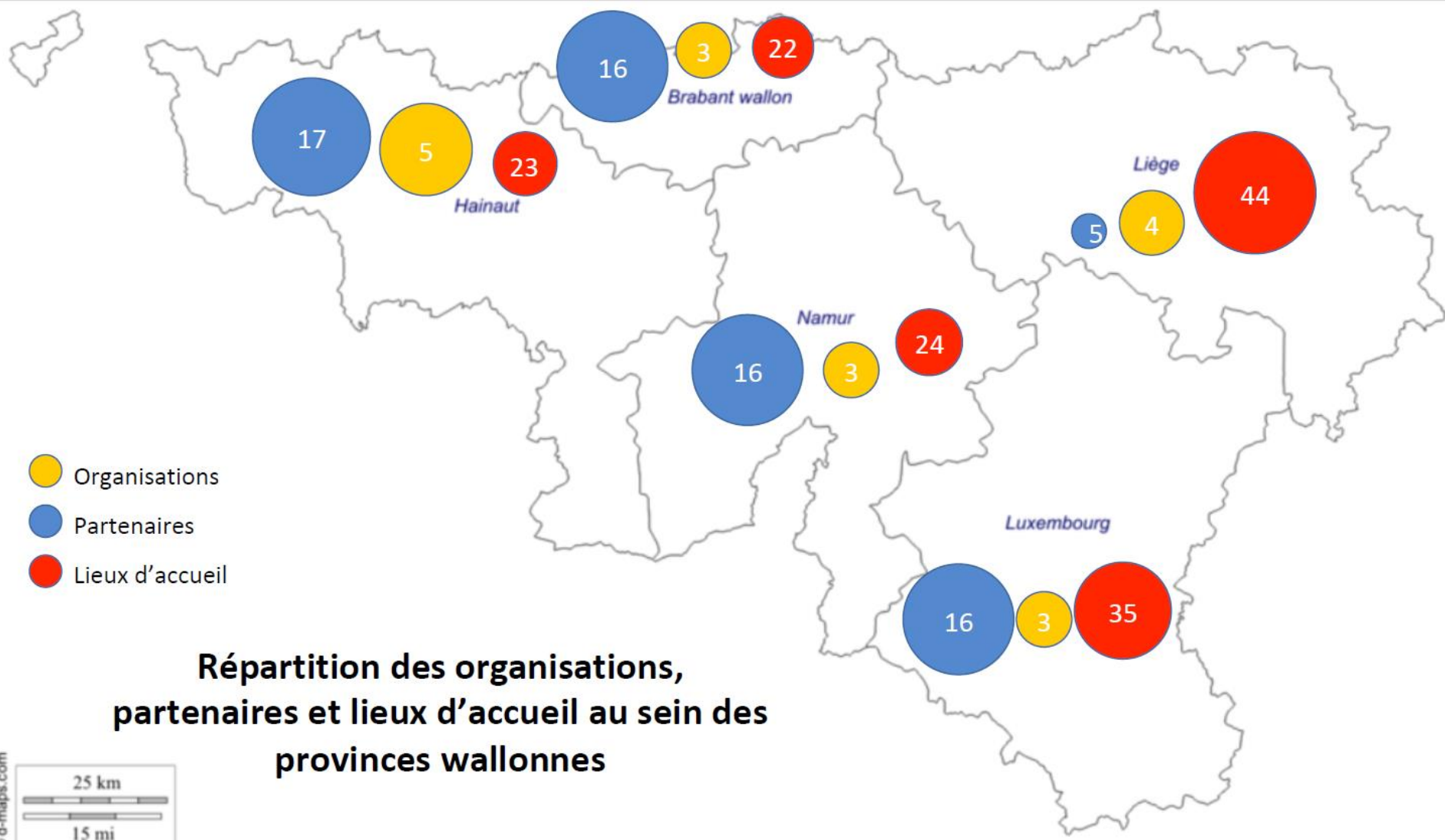
(6) Cows and borage

www.vachesetbourrache.be

Public center for social action



*Around **45 farms** at the moment. On June 30th 2020 :
1000 participations en farms & 142 persons*



- Organisations
- Partenaires
- Lieux d'accueil



Walloon landscape of Social Farming

A series of initiatives on the territory

www.agriculturesociale.be

GT RwDR

Code + AGW

Hosting Farms

175 farms in activity
or in standby
37 in planning
(dans les projets pilotes)

Polyculture
breeding, vegetable
production, dairy
products processing,
viticulture,
apiculture...



Pilot projects led by social organisation and some LAG



Social and health institutions

510 bénéficiaires
among which 237 on
the field presently

CPAS, SIS, SSM, IMP,
IPPJ, SRA, habitations
protégées, hôpitaux
psy, écoles
spécialisées, MIRE,
mutuelles ...



Benefits for stakeholders

The farm

- **New encounters, local bounds... improving the image of agriculture**
- **Diversify farmers' activities** while helping somebody t the same time
- **Enhance farmers' social and health skills** through his activity
- **Share** a passion, know how, **open** one's doors

The person 'volunteering' at the farm

- **Contact with** the earth, animals, nature,... **Life!**
- **Share** friendly moments in a non-institutionnal context
- Get back into motion, find **a rhythm of life**,
- Regain **self-confidence**, feel **useful, valued**
- (Re)gain **autonomy** in a context of **high social mixity**

The social or health institution

- Diversify and **reinvent** social or therapeutic support **outside the walls** of the institution,
- Benefit from the **unique setting of the farm** to promote inclusion in the community, destigmatize
- Provide a **support solution** for people who are not able to integrate socio-professional integration mechanisms (a '**step-in-the-course**'), ...

Benefits for the Rural Communities

Economic benefits

Reduced care cost for patients or beneficiaries of social institutions.

Valorisation of existing infrastructures (farms) and help / small complementary defrayment/income for farmers (max. 40 EUR/day)

Environmental / Climate action benefits:

Encourages environment-friendly agricultural practices.

A means of helping them to rebuild links with their neighborhoods and food consumers.

An evolution in food practices among beneficiaries and communitary kitchens.

Networking benefits: brings together a diverse range of actors !

Transferability: current work on a regional framework may benefit all farms and social institutions' beneficiaries in Wallonia.

















Want to know more? Contact us ;-)



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