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The Farmer Workshop (FR: L'Atelier Paysan) - The Usage Project

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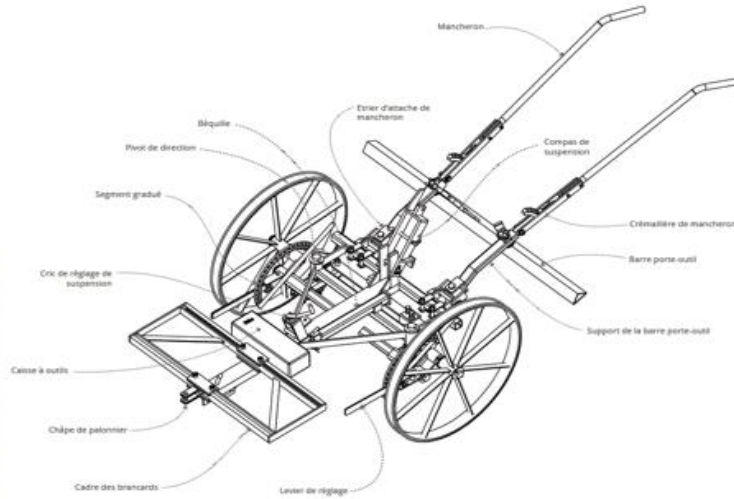
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Two specific viewpoints / 'parti pris':

Outils paysans libres
NÉO-BÛCHER

PRÉSENTATION :

«Copié sur le bûcher qui a eu un énorme succès avant que le tracteur ne se généralise, le néo-bûcher est l'aboutissement d'une collaboration entre l'association Hippotese et l'Atelier Paysan. En regroupant toutes les bonnes idées de l'original et en intégrant des améliorations comme le ressort de suspension ou le mancheron réglable, voici maintenant un outil accessible, reproductible et encore plus fonctionnel.»



1. Young people in rural areas:
 - Between 18 to 40 years (as for the Young Farmers' Scheme)
 - Needs: breaking isolation, improving technological capabilities
2. Some evidence of scattered initiatives supported by EAFRD and inspired by the Fab Lab movement



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What is a Fab Lab?

Fab Lab is a movement closely aligned with the Do It Yourself and the free and open source movements. It started at the turn of XXI century in USA.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fab_lab

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPF7zDSf-LA>

Fab Labs include various types of organisational models: fablab, makerspace, hackerspace, living lab, media lab, coworking space, 'Tiers Lieu', and maybe soon 'Farmlabs'! The next global conference of Fablabs will be held in France in 2018.



Fab Labs are hybrid places (community café, community centre, training room, etc.) organised by 'makers' with the aim to allow activities in the field of education (e.g. hands-on, practice-based learning), investment (e.g. crowd-funding and alternative finance), consumption (e.g. circular economy), knowledge production (e.g. free culture), and other key areas of social life.

Tags: open innovation, digital social innovation, social economy



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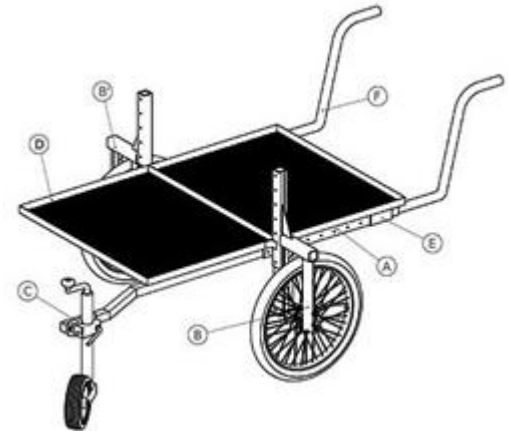
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Aims:

- Create the conditions for open innovation, user-centered tools and techniques for farmers and rural communities;
- Develop low tech tools and techniques intended for the benefit of those who need it, creating common value (the 'Commons');
- Accelerate the transition to farming practice in agro-ecology;
- Expand the sharing of collective innovation processes in the field.

Resources:

- €623,000 for 3 years (June 2015 – June 2018)
- €264,000 EAFRD (National Rural Network RDP - call for projects)



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- **Activities:**
 - Year 1: inventory of peer learning processes and low-tech innovations among users (farmers and rural communities);
 - Tutorials and users' workshops gathering 600+ participants;
 - Exhibition of 50+ technical plans.
- **Social inclusion dimension:**
 - Open to anyone, non discriminatory;
 - Part of the social economy movement (in French 'Economie Sociale et Solidaire');
 - Peer to peer approach from the idea to the project ('Commons transition');
 - Social ties as intrinsic component of the project;
 - Adult vocational training included in the learning curve as a sharing process among rural communities.



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