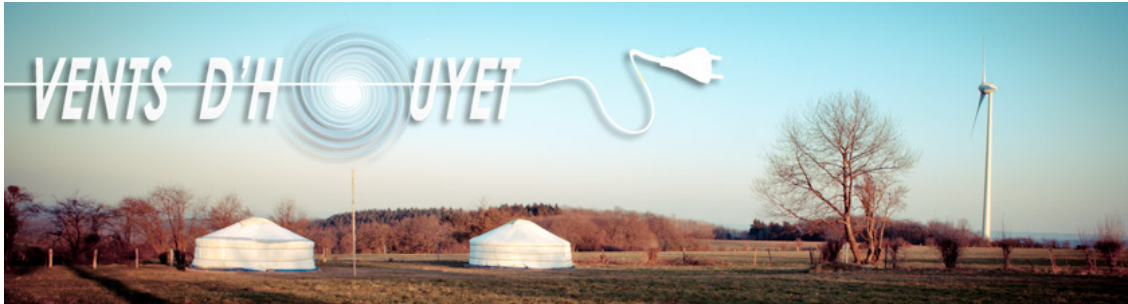


Road-book « Financing local economy projects »

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Vents d'Houyet



Launched in 2002, ONG Vents d'Houyet first objective is to build a citizen windmill supporting its project of eco-village Maisoncelles. Over time, association set up a more ambitious objective : collective, united entrepreneurship and financing. Association uses financial margins linked to energy invests in other sectors : eco-building, housing, culture, training, food.

Mains realisations are :

- Renewable energies : studies, financing and implementation of windmills under citizen control and self-governing, installation of photovoltaics micro-systems.
- Eco-building : creation of Terre Académie : purchase of lands, projects of eco-villages.
- Bio-food : co-creation of an organic farm « 2050 Vue sur mer ».
- Mobility : creation, in collaboration with Houyet local community, of a mobility centrale using solar energy and electric vehicles.
- Education and training : création of the Wind Academy for children between 6-12 years, creation of Terre Académie, training center for eco-building.
- Art and culture : Wind Organ, film,...

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L'Epi lorrain ASBL

L'Epi is a local currency, acting as complement to euro on belgian Lorraine area.

One Epi = 1 euro

Epi formats are 5 vouchers dedicating to support local economy or bills with values of 1, 5, 10 , 20 or 50 euros. Contrary to euro usually used for shopping or speculating, Epi only serves one objective : the everyday exchanges, essential in daily life.



Main objectives of association are :

- To create a local currency as complement to euro, as a way to support a local, ethical and sustainable economy.
- To make citizens aware on weaknesses, forces and downward slides of euro system, aware on positive answers brought by local currencies.
- To present local currencies advantages to walloon government.

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Videos :

- Description de l'Epi - http://www.enepisubonsens.eu/pages/LEpi_une_monnaie_locale-5987399.html
- Pourquoi l'Epi - http://www.enepisubonsens.eu/pages/LEpi_pourquoi_-5987401.html

Colibris Famenne



« Colibris » is a citizen movement who wants to build, together, un real ecologic and human society. This association is integrated in a wide process of Transition. Colibris-Famenne has implemented a local marketplace of farmers, the first local group around Ferme Marion activities.

This local group gathers local producers and active consumers around a Charter of Colibris Movement.

Main realisations are :

- Local Group Terre en Vue (see Ferme Marion) that gathers 30 families and have bought 7 hectares of meadows for organic meat production.
- A local marketplace of farm products that supports, each month, local food chain supply.
- A common workspace for meat processing (on going project).
- Group producers / consumers trying to define new ways of selling products.
- Co-organisation of a festival called Terre Ferme (conferences, theater, films,... on rurality and agriculture).

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La Ferme Marion (Wavreille)



Location : Province of Namur - Rochefort

Local Group

Around 36 members of the cooperative

Project leader : Claudy Marion

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In 2011-2012, ONG Terre en Vue accompanied its first local project in Wavreille, a small village in Rochefort area. This project follows on from a strong decision of Colibri Famenne group to sustain a local farmer, Claude Marion. They have, on a collective way, bought 7,5 hectares of land (meadows). This collective arrangement allowed Claudy to develop his organic breeding farm of Blondes d'Aquitaine.

This project was supported by Terre en Vue and meadows were bought by cooperative in April 2012, respecting local dynamic.

Practically ONG attended to local group meetings, supported negotiations with the seller and redaction of a sale agreement.

La Brasserie de la Lesse



In 2010, a group of friends, gathered in a guild and fascinated by beer, decided to rekindle beer production in an old brewery closed since 2000.

Main objective of this association is more creating activities than searching maximal profit. That why they have developed a cooperative society with a social finality : relocalisation of economy, cration of activities in rural area, and citizen mobilisation. Benefits are mainly reinvested in project.

With support of CREDAL, structure of alternative credit, they created a cooperative and called on members. It allowed them to collect a first capital and to ask a credit to CREDAL for buying material and renovating the old brewery.

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