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# The Union of Walloon Women Farmers

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## The Union of Walloon Women Farmers:

1. Is the women branch of the biggest Walloon Agricultural Federation: The Walloon Federation of Agriculture / Fédération Wallonne de l'Agriculture (FWA);
2. Is an association of continuous education.

Our members are women farmers but also rural women who come from all the provinces of Walloon Region (South part of Belgium)

The **objective** is to promote the women farmers and their family on professional, social and cultural aspect.



## Our democratic organization :

**the Office**

**Steering Committee**

**General Council**

150 delegates = Parliament of the  
UAW

**5 Provincial sections**

**36 Locals**



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## In practice...



- **Members of our movement are concerned by the strengthening of agriculture and rural areas.**
- **The Union is a women exchange network based on solidarity and friendship.**





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## The Union of Walloon Women Farmers works on different projects:

- **Inform members** about applicable laws and regulations
- **Conduct debates on agricultural and rural issues** to adopt the right position
- **Lobby** : defend the interest of women farmers and agriculture
- **Organizing various forms of trainings**





- Member of the **Women's Commission COPA**
- The Union works on **solidarity projects with farmers groups** from other countries or continents:
  - Exchanges between farmers;
  - Contacts between leaders;
  - Solidarity chain.

Ex: Burundi, Niger, Senegal, Romania, Vietnam, Cameroun, Brazil,... These projects are financed by regional money or with the collaboration of the **Collective Food Strategies/ Collectif Stratégies Alimentaires**.





The Union of women farmers developed:

- **A social committee**
- **A support group** for farmers who need help





The first aim of the Union of Walloon Women Farmers is the conservation of **family farming**.

This requires a **SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF INCOME**





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At the UAW, we defined the family farming as



« An agricultural structure in which the head of the agricultural holding and his/her family are:

- Economically independent;
- Make decisions;
- Supervise the management;
- Provide the essential part of the work and the capital.





**Thank you for your attention!**





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