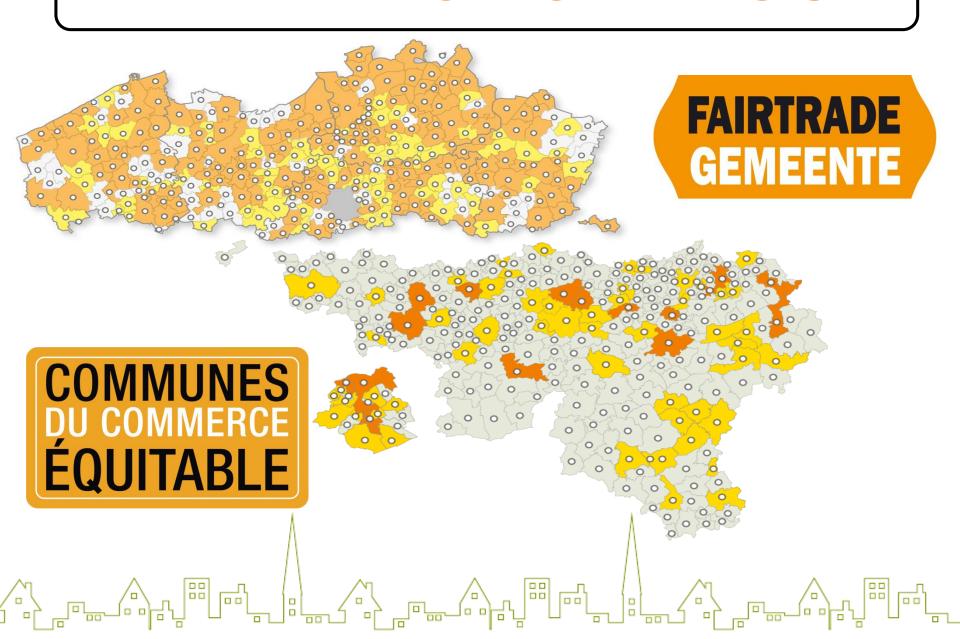
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#### FAIR TRADE TOWNS IN BELGIUM



### FAIR TRADE TOWNS IN BELGIUM SUCCES STORY

- A sixth criterion: one story, strong local movement
- The coordinators regularly support the steering committees. (Small size of the country helps ☺)



- Belgian Week of the Fair Trade
- Use the local elections to boost campaign
- Highly creative volunteers, we spread good practices

Houffalize: Fair Trade Awareness Program for students in local schools.

Wanze: Fair breakfast with a small market of local products for the participants.

Namur: A poster with "Namur is engaged for Fair

**Trade" -> Automatic poster layout online** 



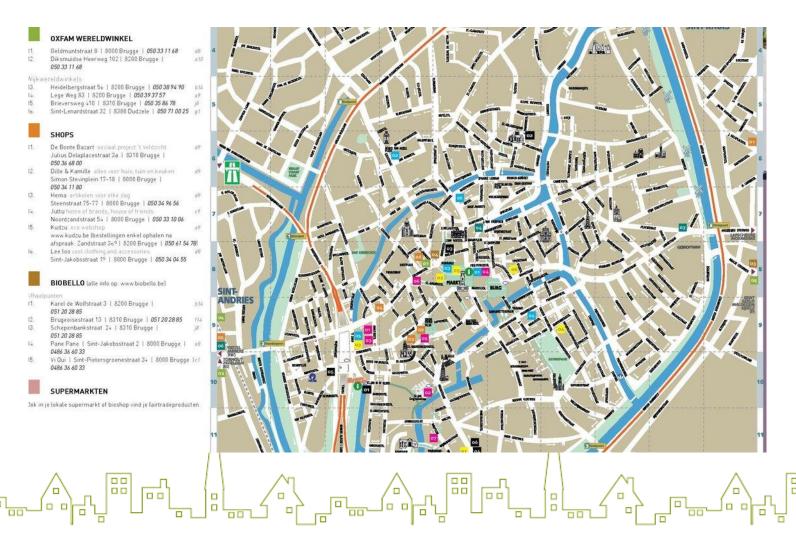




Tenneville: Organization of a "jog & go for fair trade"



Brugge: Tourist map with local producers and points of sale of fair and local products.



- Bike routes passing by local producers and Fair Trade locations

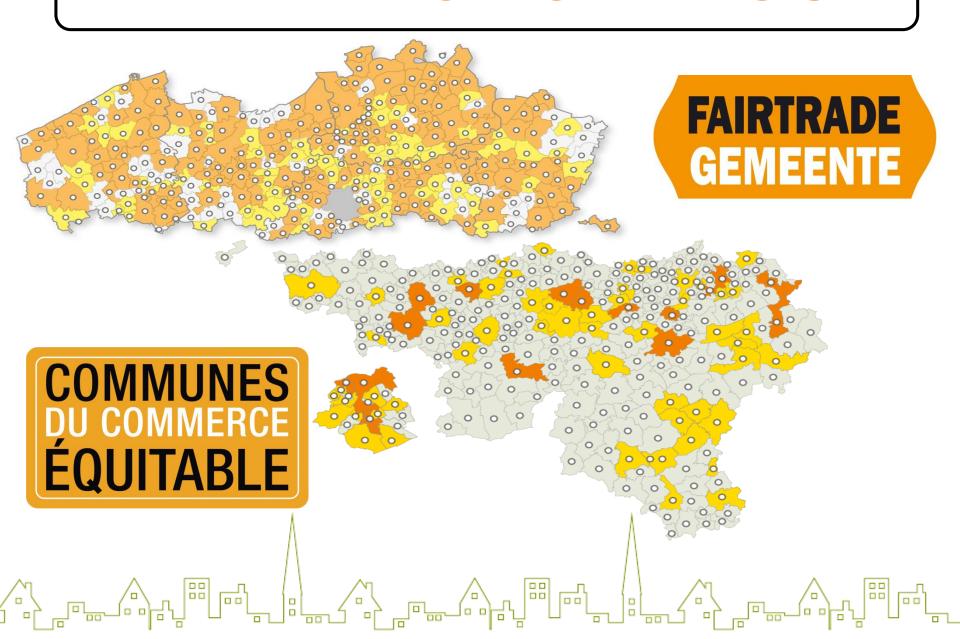


- Turnhout: Fair Greetings From: Belgium, Germany, Ghana To: USA, Lebanon, ...
Idea for 2018?



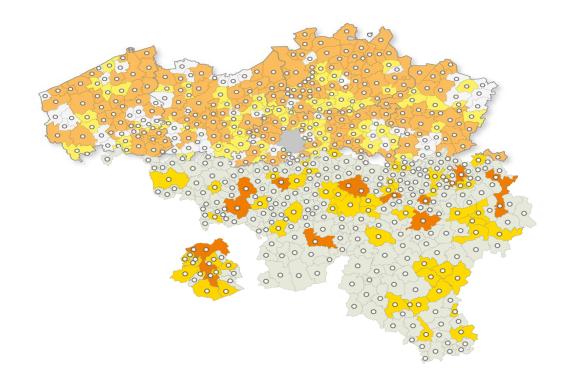


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### FAIRTRADE GEMEENTE

- A regular follow-up, with direct local support (more staff)
- 4 partners with local and civil society roots
- Support of regional government: provinces / states / Regions



- An irregular follow-up
- 2 partners















# FAIR TRADE TOWNS IN BELGIUM Beyond 2017



- 1. More follow-up: Have more contact with the municipalities and more support for the steering committee. How?
  - By organizing meetings between various actors/steering committee/volunteers,
  - by increasing communication
  - and by having a direct contact with all the local actors.

#### 2. Work with the "Fair Trade Towns" and doing more

Continue work with fair trade towns to perpetuate the campaign on the community. Integrate a follow-up every two years of the titled towns and propose them to go further than the 6 criteria.



## FAIR TRADE TOWNS IN BELGIUM Beyond 2017



Challenge: keep the dynamic in the existing FairTradeTowns

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)
Fair Trade North-South & Fair Trade North-North

## FAIR TRADE TOWNS IN BELGIUM Beyond 2017

#### 1. BECOMING A FAIR TRADE COUNTRY IN 2020

An initiative from Trade For Development.

The main objectives are:

- greater awareness of fair trade among consumers
- more responsible consumption

One of the criteria is to have more than 50% of the Belgian municipalities "fair trade towns".

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# Thank you, Questions?

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