

La CLASS

La Caisse Locale
d'Alimentation Solidaire
de Schaerbeek

A pilot project of Social Security for Food in Brussels : the CLASS



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What is CréaSSA ?



Collectif de réflexion et d'action sur la
Sécurité Sociale de l'Alimentation

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<http://campagne-ssa.be>

- ❖ **Studies and food for thought**
 - ❖ Legal faisability in EU context
 - ❖ Economic faisability : a 16y modelisation for Belgium
- ❖ **Follow-up of Pilot Project and others activitvies**
 - ❖ 2 pilot projects : AS Bean, for 70 students ; and la CLASS
 - ❖ Dozens of more modest projects in farms or/and social aid
- ❖ **Conferences, webinars, stand and workshop**
- ❖ **Advocacy**
 - ❖ **Large support from political partis for the experimentations of the idea**
 - ❖ **But unfavorable context for human rights**

Who sits in the CréaSSA ?



We defend a systemic vision of food, based on the right to food:

- ❖ Antipoverty organisations (food aid, but also in general)
- ❖ Public health and health promotion (mutualities, doctors, health houses...)
- ❖ Environment (in food and in general)
- ❖ Production, transformation, distribution of food products (farmers, cooperatives...)

- ❖ We're missing the trade union workers organisation

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The proposal of Social security for food in Belgium

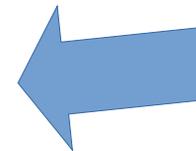
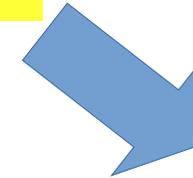
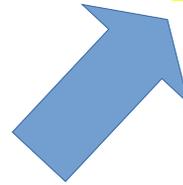


To be inspired by the today social security institution as it works for health, pension of family funds.

A monthly allowance of 150 euros, contributed by the affiliates

A democratic process to define what type of food production is supported

An investment in food supply chain providing healthy, sustainable, socially just food.



1/3 PILLAR: Solidarity

Pillar 1: the financing is proportional to income of affiliated; everyone contributes

- 50-60% Contributions from people based on income (worker, employers)
- 40-50% Public funding

Imply :

1. self-management
2. Direct state participation without reducing existing rights (social security or other)
3. Investment on future and hidden cost



2/3 PILLAR: UNIVERSALITY

universal redistribution: everyone receives 150 euros / month / person on a card

100% of the budget of the most vulnerable, 50% of the middle class, 25% of the richest

Total would be: 20 billions

Can be used :

- At the store
- At peasant market
- To pay school canteens
- In restaurants
- Etc...



3/3 PILLAR: Democracy

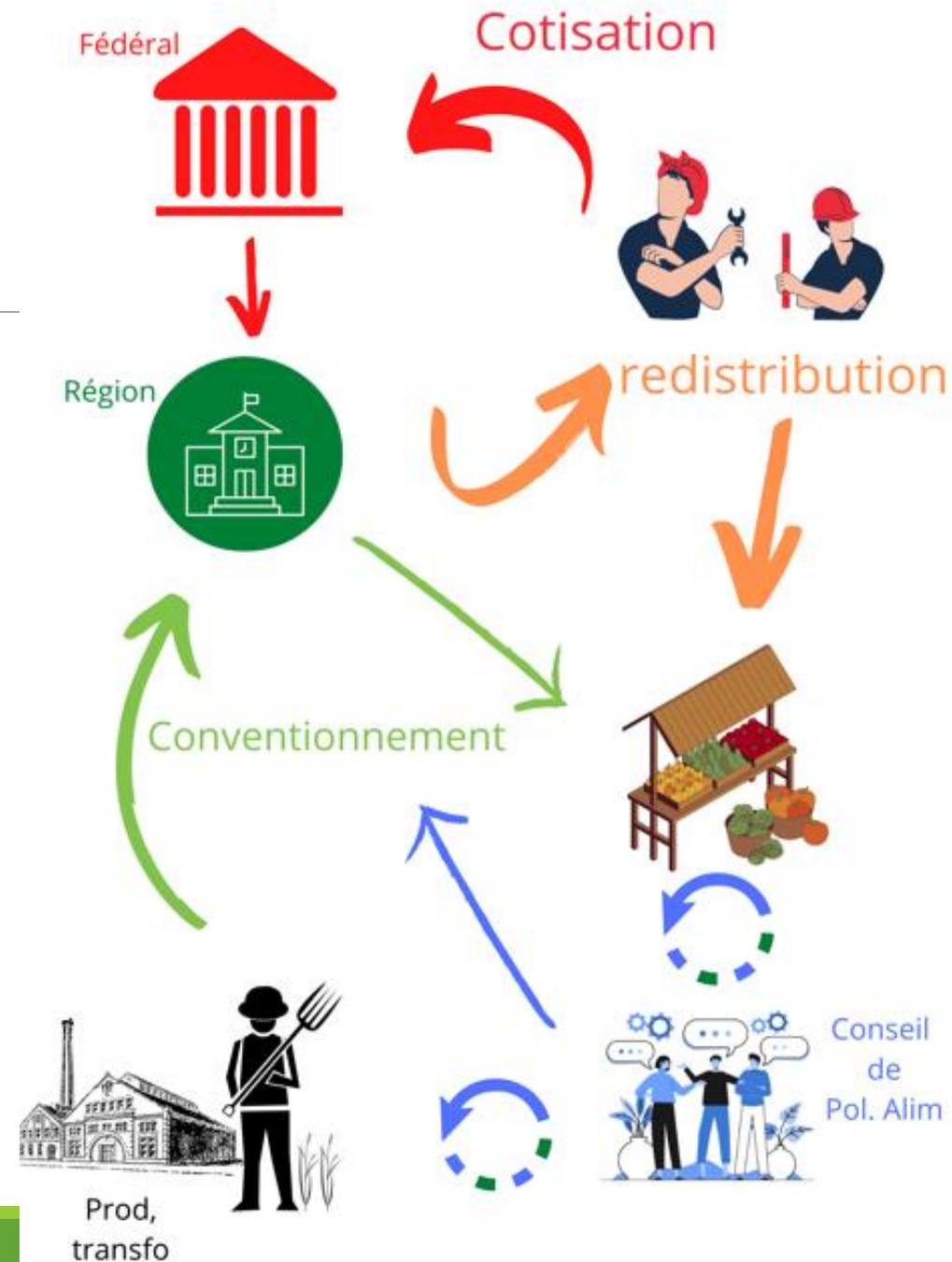
democratic agreement on products/structures.

Discussion based on 4 criteria :

1. Sustainable
2. Fair prices and social rights
3. Short circuit
4. Exclude ultra-processed products
5. (Social economy?)

Organizing food democracy, between citizen participation and good administration

Empowering citizen to contribute to food politics with real mean of influence



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Schaerbeek local
food solidarity fund



Previously :

Food accessibility project: 150 euros for disadvantaged people in a cooperative supermarket

- Huge social and economic impact of the project
- Strong partnerships

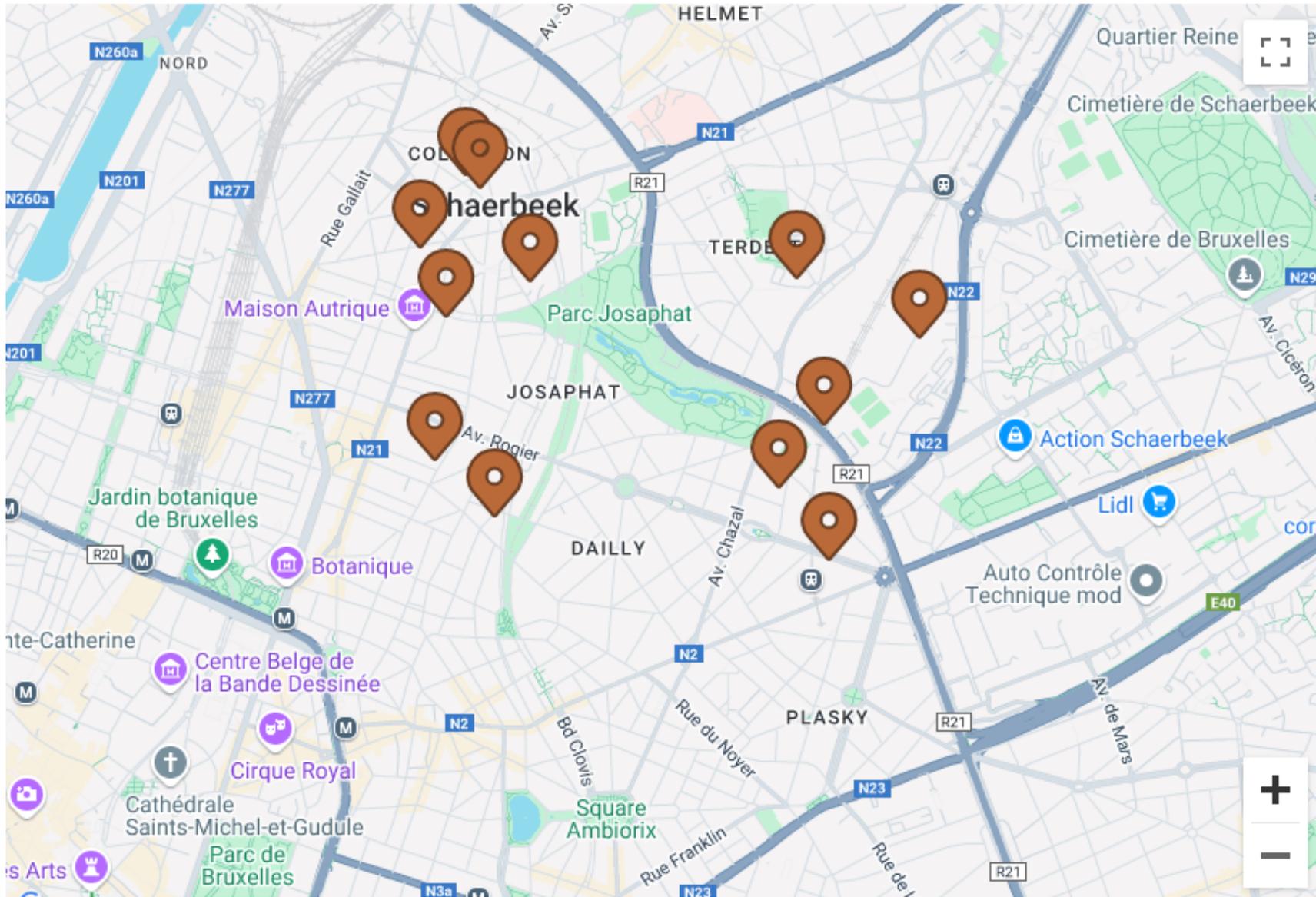
Objective:

100 people in June 2025 contributing to a common pot

500 in 2026

1000 in 2027

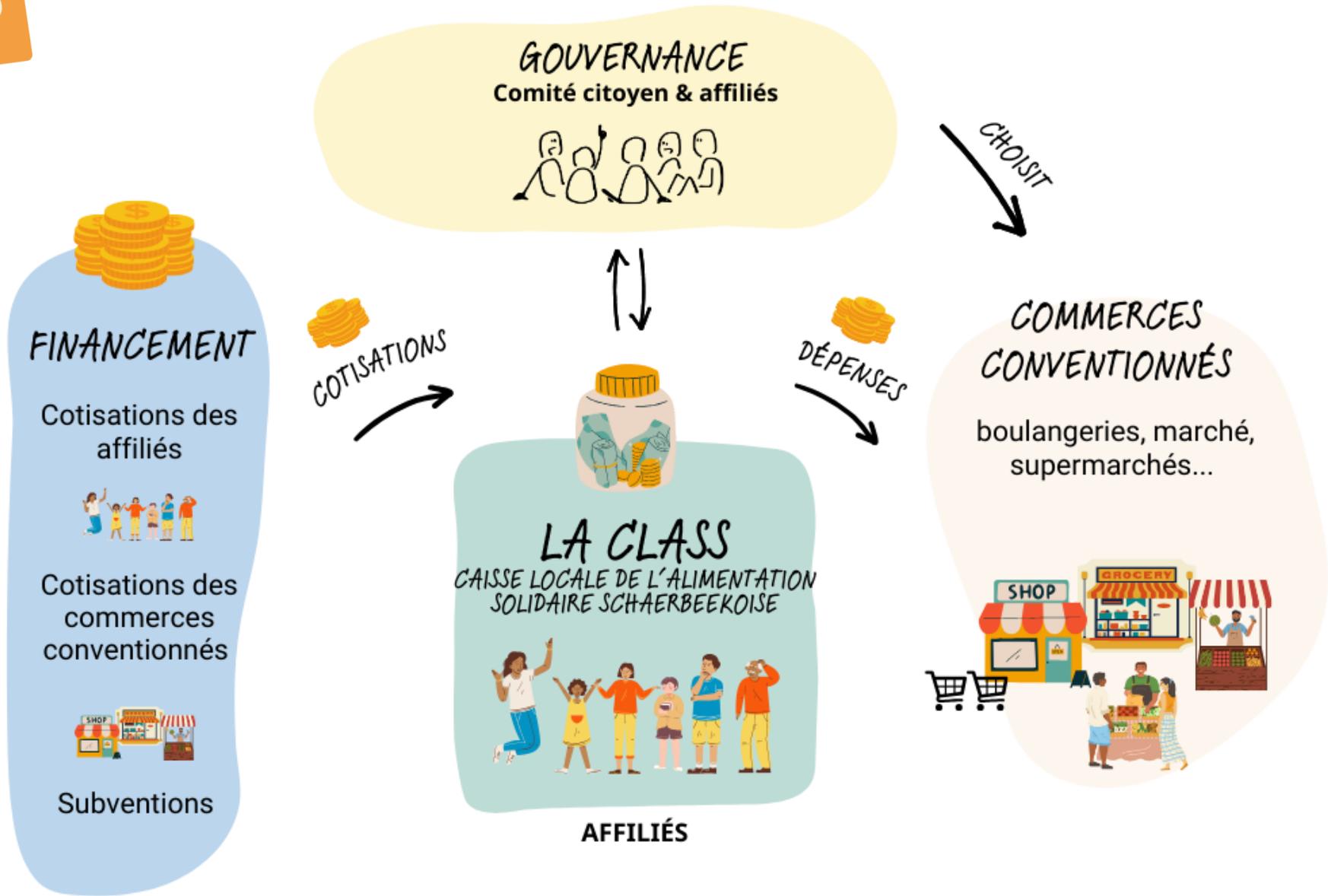
=> 1.8 million euros budget to influence food supply in Schaerbeek



130,000 inhabitants
12 m350 food outlets
sustainable food stores!

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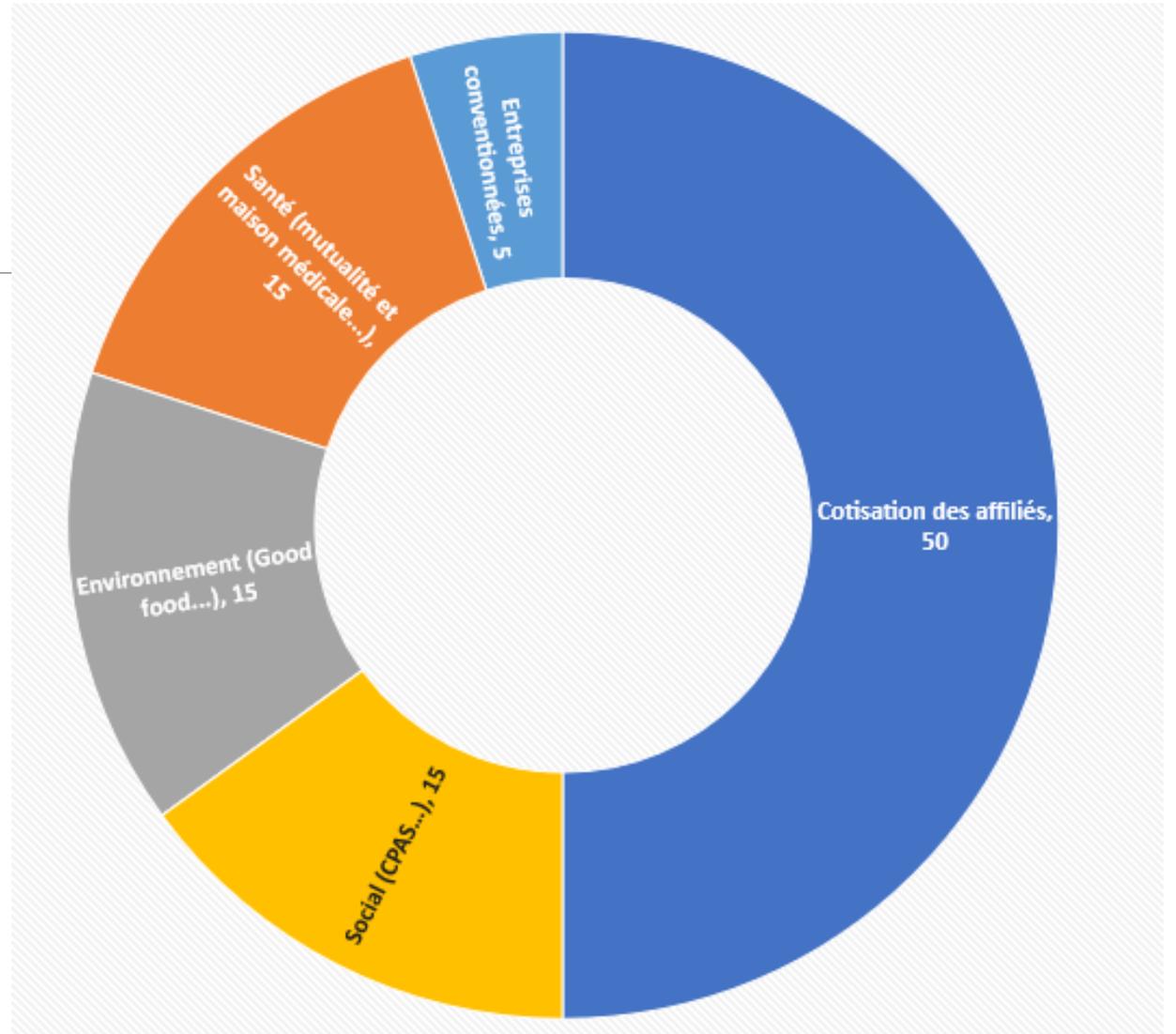
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Expected funding

150 e / month
For 100p =
180 000 / an

For 1000p =
1.8 millions/year



But most importantly

A committee of 30 people to decide on :

- Precise operation of the membership fee
- Choice of stores

Citizen empowerment

- Strong engagement
- Social cohesion

Supporting local food shop and short chain

Restoring political hope in food matters



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Thank you!

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Merci !

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