

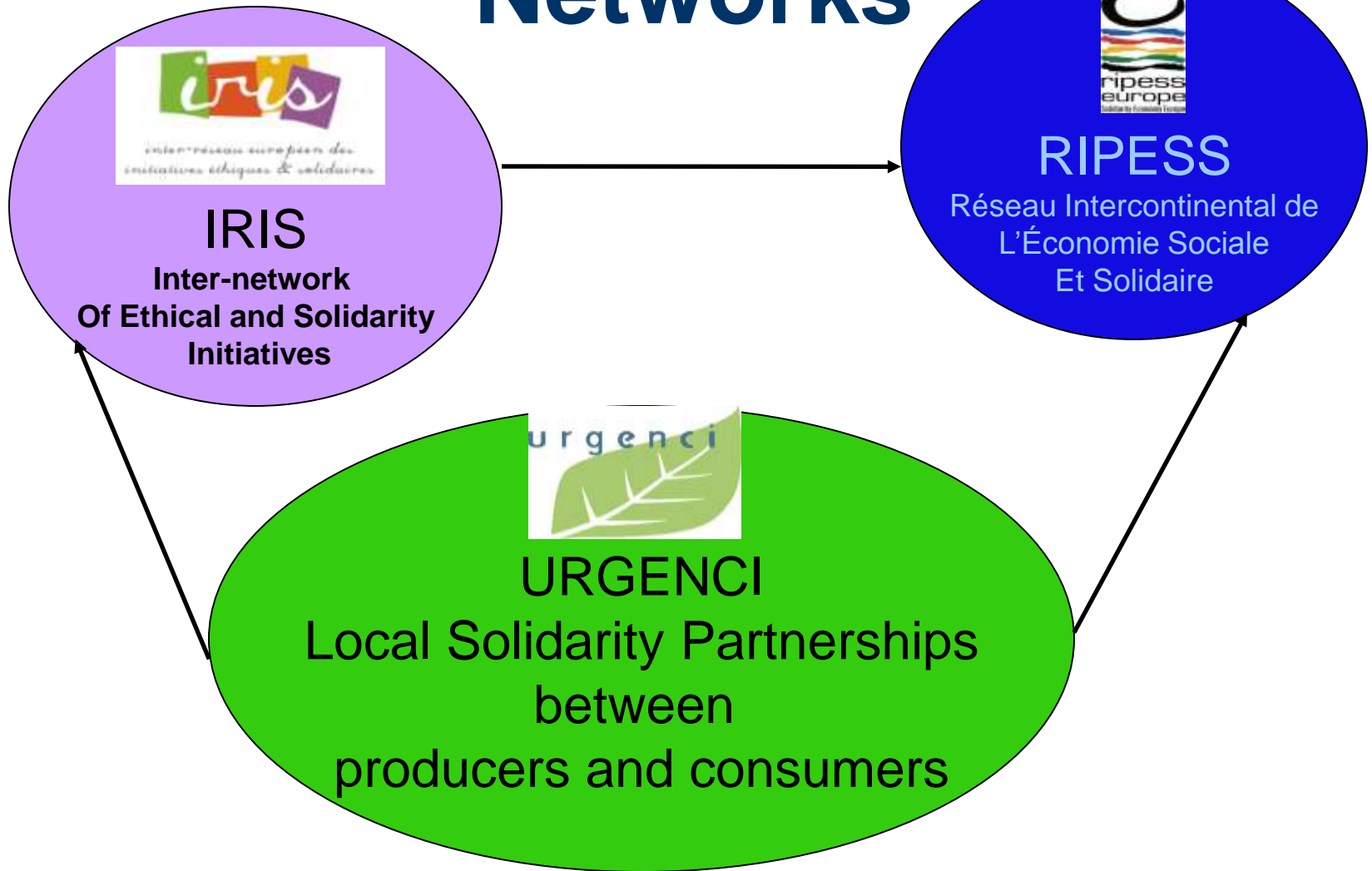


International Network URGENCI

Presents



Networks



In a world in crisis, Recent innovations in Europe



- *European networks of global networks:
WFTO, URGENCI, RIPESS (lobbies, sharing experience & exchange, pushing for legal frameworks...)*
- *National, regional and European participatory networks working with Local, Regional and European authorities (Bottom-up solutions)*
- *Mapping to help consumers & citizens locate answers to their real needs*
- *Transfer of expertise and cross-training*

IRIS in Romania



- *An ethical solidarity initiative platform since 2007:*
- *WFTO, URGENCI (ASATs), ENSIE, FEBEA & INAISE, ASECO*
- *A pilot project, launched initially in Timisoara*
- *A participatory methodology*
- *Projects now led by the CRIES in 8 Romanian cities*
- *Transfer of expertise and training*

The CSA Concept



- ***Community-Supported Agriculture: it all started in Japan...***
 - ***1970s: first Teikei in Japan***
 - ***1985: first CSA in the US***
 - ***2001: first AMAP in France***
- ***2004: First Urgenci Symposium in Aubagne, France***
 - ***2010: IVth Symposium in Kobe, Japan***
 - ***2012: Vth Symposium in Italy***

One Concept Many names



- *ASC in Quebec*
- *AMAP in France*
- *ASAT in Romania*
- *CSA in the USA and Canada*
 - *GAS in Italy*
 - *GASAP in Belgium*
- *Nekasaria in the Basque Country*
 - *Teikei in Japan ...*

Austria, Benin, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, India, Ireland, Korea, Lithuania, Latvia, Mali, Moldavia, Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Togo, UK, Vietnam ...

Introducing CSA



- 1/ **Partnership**: A mutual commitment whereby producers grow & produce food and consumers to share the harvest & products. Models vary from country to country.
- 2/ **Local**: Local partnerships are part of relocating economy and promoting sustainable local economy and exchange
- 3/ **Community-based** : the partnership is based on a feeling of community that brings producers and consumers together. This is expressed by 1) **Sharing the risks and benefits of a sound production model**, 2) **A fair income, advance payment to support cash flow, and sufficient to guarantee a dignified life for the farmers and their families**
- 4/ A **balanced relationship** between consumers and producers: this relationship is based on communication, dialogue and trust.



URGENCI AND THE CSA MODEL

- *CSA is globally increasingly recognised, and adapted to different contexts. What experience has been gathered in adapting and inventing CSA in various regions of the world in recent actions led by Urgenci?*
- *In terms of the crisis, "Farm to fork" and "Grow it Yourself" are part of the answer and an alternative form of distribution to supermarkets*

Strength of the Global CSA Movement



■ Japan

- The ten principles of the Teikei written in 1978, 1000 Teikei, hundreds of thousands of consumers

■ USA and Canada

- Over 12,000 Farms operate CSAs (USDA in 2008), probably more than 1 million CSA consumers/activists. In Canada there is the Equiterre network in Québec

1. Strength of the CSA Movement

Worldwide



- **Towards *Urgenci-Europe*: the CSA Movement in Europe**
 - The largest movements are in France and Italy
 - *More than 1,500 AMAP (Miramap) 2,000 farms, 200,000 consumers*
 - *In Italy: 750 GAS, 250,000 consumers*
 - The everyday struggle for Food Sovereignty in the West and in the East
 - *In the West: AMAP and CSA are replicated in many countries*
 - *In the East: Urgenci Dissemination Program to 11 Central and Eastern European Countries*

Strength of the Global CSA Movement

- High expectations in countries of the South
 - CSA in Western Africa (Mali, Togo, Benin)
 - Overcoming obstacles to the producer-consumer partnerships, empowering local traditional cooperation between producers and consumers in Latin America and Africa





2. Urgenci, the legitimate representative of the CSA Movement

■ Members

– 4 National networks

- *French Miramap (600 AMAP)*
- *Japanese Organic Agriculture*
- *Soil Association CSA Project (70 CSA)*
- *Italian National GAS Network*

– 8 Regional networks

- *GASAP in Brussels' area*
- *All the French Regional networks*
- *Hyogo Prefecture in Japan...*

- **A Czech activist, organising a CSA in Prague:** *“Here as everywhere, people don't trust each other. It takes some time, probably months, to get the consumers to trust their farmer, and the farmer to trust his consumers. But once they've all been on the farm, everything becomes clearer, and they recognise the work done by one another. Open days on the farm are the key”.*

2. Urgenci, the Legitimate Representative of Consumers



■ Advocacy

- Member of the Civil Society Mechanism of the FAO
- Participate in the PAC negotiations with the EU

■ Allies

- Food Sovereignty Movement
 - *La Via Campesina*
 - *Nyeleni Europe Process*
- Organic Agriculture movement
 - *Urgenci-IFOAM Relations*
 - *CSA at the Organic World Congress in Korea*

Food is a fundamental human right



- **Local Solidarity Partnerships between producers and consumers build a sustainable, environmentally-friendly local economy**
- **They are an important component of solidarity economy**
- **They strengthen the local community's resilience and interpersonal relationships and build trust**

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