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# Newsletter 7: TRANSMANGO

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### TOWARDS RECOMMENDATIONS

All TRANSMANGO case studies, local and European, have been finalized. A final and crucial question however remains. How can the TRANSMANGO insights be translated into policy recommendations? And, what is the message that we can draw for the stakeholders in the European food chain?

TRANSMANGO researcher, Paul Hebinck and Henk Oostindie (Wageningen University) take the lead in writing up the recommendations.



Simultaneously, project coordinator Erik Mathijs (KU Leuven) formulates the roadmap on research priorities. The roadmap,

including the novel approaches applied in TRANSMANGO, will facilitate enhanced capacity to identify future research priorities leading to improved interaction between policy makers, researchers, and the wider stakeholder community.

### IMPACTS OF A REGIONALIZATION OF EUROPEAN FEED SUPPLY CHAINS



The Environmental Resource and Development group at IIASA has finalized its [report](#), which analyzes the impacts of a regionalization of European feed supply chains against the background of different TRANSMANGO scenarios. Results indicate that the implementation of regional feed supply chains leads to lower livestock production in Europe and that with a mainly meat based diet of the European population, regional supply chains are not easily achievable. Contrarily, with a more vegetarian diet the concept of regionalized feed supply chains could be feasible in Europe.



## TRANSMANGO a grasp of European actions

### Session at EAAE

TRANSMANGO managed an **organized session** titled “Assessment of the Impact of Global Drivers of Change on Europe’s Food Security” at the 2017 European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) Congress, which took place in Parma from the 29th of August to the 1st of September. This session was organized by University of Pisa team (Francesca Galli, Fabio Bartolini, Gianluca Brunori).

The FIRAB team contributed in the same conference to the session on Sustainable Agriculture for Solidarity Communities: Degrowth, Climate Justice, Food Sovereignty. TRANSMANGO findings were used to discuss local food movements and policies.

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reaching a very broad public, from academics and policy makers, to local farmers and children

### Session at ESRS



FIRAB disseminated Transmango’s findings at the Krakow European Society for Rural Sociology (ESRS) Conference (Krakow, Poland, July 2017). FIRAB presented the topic of access to land and urban food values, based on the outcomes of the project case-study developed in Rome. Furthermore, the Finnish TRANSMANGO team presented in Krakau, Ville Tikka presented “Food waste -based food aid: shifting the focus from social policy and human rights to environmental ethics and sustainability” and Tiina Silvasti presented “Faith based organizations and food aid in the context of food system in Finland”.

### FOOD 2030



Professor Roberta Sonnino has been appointed as Vice-Chair of the FOOD 2030 Expert Group, which will assist the European Commission with the development of a coherent Research and Innovation policy agenda where R&I can provide effective solutions to future-proof our food systems for food and nutrition security.



## TRANSMANGO a grasp of national and local actions

### TRANSMANGO in Ireland

In recent months, UCD team member Bridín Carroll made a presentation to the Northern Irish Assembly's Knowledge Exchange Seminar Series (May 17th) in Stormont which provided insights on food system planning derived from TRANSMANGO and in particular its scenarios method. Bridín also attended the Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference in De Montfort University Leicester (July 5th), contributing to a panel which was entitled 'Achieving Integrated Food Policy: slim pickings or feast of possibilities?'



### TRANSMANGO in Latvia

Data collected in the Transmango project illustrates that in Latvia school food regulations are scattered across various policies. Food regulations lack integration and might hold contradictory goals. During the past few months, Baltic Studies Centre has been working to illustrate how municipalities are using these contradictions to bend the rules. Some municipalities have used contradictions as an argument to remain disinterested in school food. However, other local governments have used the same shortcomings of the regulations to align the food regulations according to local values.



### TRANSMANGO for kids



TRANSMANGO is a research project, so it is obvious that we spread the message of our research to our colleagues in the academic world. However, TRANSMANGO is about food and security in Europe and vulnerability of European citizens, today and in the future.

One group of citizens we therefore can't ignore in the project is youngsters. How do they think about food security, about healthy food and sustainable food systems? What kind of future food system do they dream of, and what kind of food system do they fear? KU Leuven TRANSMANGO team bundles forces with the project 'voedsel voor de toekomst', providing workshops for youngsters on food for the future.



# TRANSMANGO LEADING TO LONGTERM BILATERAL COOPERATIONS

TRANSMANGO is a European project and therefore opens opportunities for longterm bilateral cooperations. In this context, University of Dar es Salaam and Cardiff University are currently working on a joint publication. Furthermore, The Finnish team cooperates with the Latvian team in writing an article concerning food and nutritional security of schoolgoers. Finally, Leuven University and Cardiff University organized a joint event in Leuven on [good food governance](#).



## FINAL TRANSMANGO CONFERENCE



### 28 November 2017 : Stakeholder meeting

Meeting with local and European stakeholders that were involved in TRANSMANGO. TRANSMANGO has built heavily on close cooperation with various actors in the food system, both at the local level and at the European level. At this pre-conference, we provide a space for our stakeholders to meet each other in an organised setting.

### 29 November 2017 : Final conference

The program includes presentations of TRANSMANGO researchers, contributions from key stakeholders of the project including representatives of local initiatives, dialogue with EU stakeholders and policy makers, and award of TRANSMANGO game jam competition

Confirmed keynote speakers: Jessica Duncan (Wageningen University), Alexandre Meybeck (FAO) and Inge Van Oost (EIP AGRI)

**Location:** Promotiezaal KU Leuven, Naamsestraat 22, Leuven

## CONSORTIUM NEWS

The 8th project meeting of TRANSMANGO took place at University City Dublin, in Ireland, on the 18th of September.

Helen Coulson (Cardiff University) joined our consortium.



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