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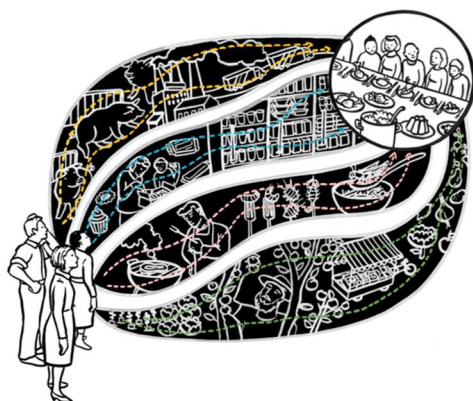
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SYNTHESIS REPORTS



TRANSMANGO aims to obtain a comprehensive picture of the effects of the global drivers of change on

experts to identify vulnerabilities and drivers of change in the European food system, the outcomes of analysing five EU

European and global food demand and raw material production, and specifically aims to analyse vulnerabilities and transitions at EU level. The synthesis report summarises the results of a Delphi method with ex-

case studies as key areas where different vulnerabilities to deliver FNS are expressed, the development of European scenarios and transition pathways. This report is written by the TRANSMANGO team of Cardiff University: Ana Moragues-Faus, Roberta Sonnino, Terry Marsden. It is available on our website.

REPORT ON POTENTIAL TRANSITION PATHWAYS GENERATED BY EU STAKEHOLDERS

This report describes the results of a multi-stage, multi-actor and multi-level foresight process carried out through TRANSMANGO which ultimately generates the elements of transition pathways to sustainable and equitable food and nutrition futures for Europe. This process equipped policy makers and other societal actors from local to European levels with ways to plan for and with the uncertainties faced by the European food system.



This report is written by the TRANSMANGO team of Oxford University: Joost Vervoort and Ariella Helfgott. It is available on our website.

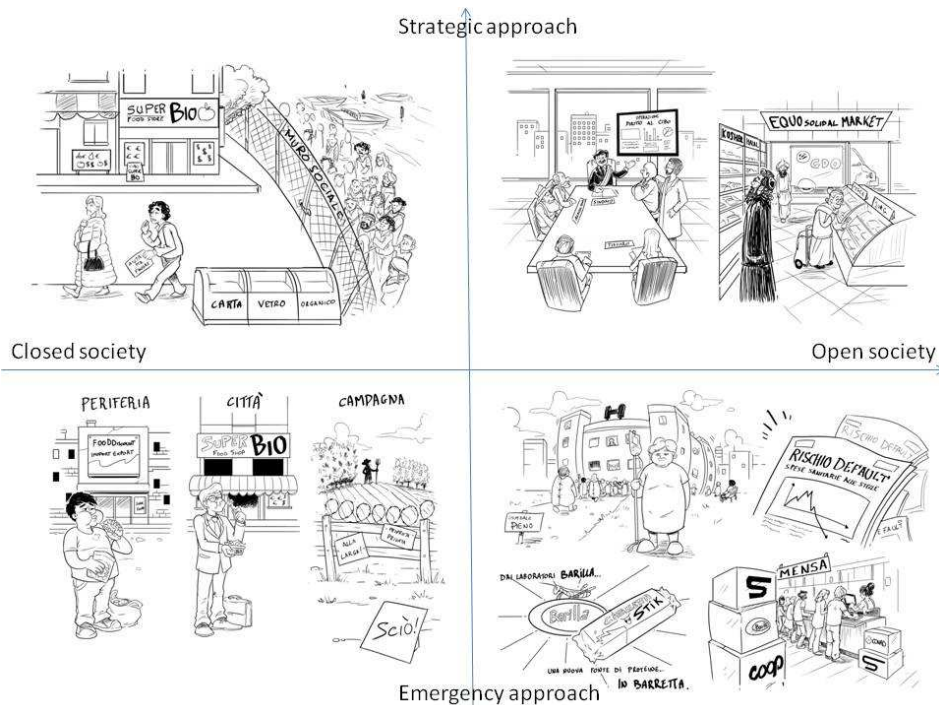


TRANSMANGO PUBLICATION

Exploring scenario guided pathways for food assistance in Tuscany

Francesca Galli, Sabrina Arcuri, Fabio Bartolini, Joost Vervoort, Gianluca Brunori
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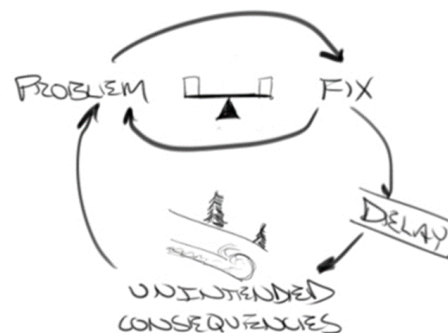
Focusing on food assistance in Tuscany (Italy), authors aimed at bringing together the main actors that operate within a fragmented food assistance system and to expand on the idea of an ‘Alliance for food’. Historically, extreme (food) poverty in Italy relies on aid resulting from state, religious bodies, third sector initiatives and private and civil society interactions. The goal of the foresight process was to reflect on the role of these actors within the ‘Alliance for food’ together with outlining actionable strategies in different domains. Two workshops were held and facilitated, combining various methods that aimed to build upon one another, including visioning, back-casting, and scenario-testing. Results comprise the definition of shared priority themes and plans tested across a set of downscaled scenarios. The methodology provides a promising learning tool to engage with stakeholders and foster a creative future oriented thinking approach to food assistance system’s vulnerability and resilience.



Development of Organic Farming in Europe at the Crossroads: Looking for the Way Forward Through System Archetypes Lenses

*Authors: Natalia Brzezina *, Katharina Biely, Ariella Helfgott, Birgit Kopainsky, Joost Vervoort, Erik Mathijs Sustainability 2017, 9(5), 821; doi:10.3390/su9050821*

Over the last several decades, policymakers and stakeholders in the European Union (EU) have put considerable effort into increasing the adoption of organic farming, with the overall objective of its sustainable development. However, the growth of the organic sector has come with many challenges that jeopardize its sustainability. The question then is how to move organic farming in Europe forward and at the same time capitalize on its potential contribution to sustainability? In this paper we use three system archetypes – Limits to Growth, Shifting the Burden and Eroding Goals – to sharpen our ability (1) to analyze and anticipate difficulties in the development of organic farming in the EU under the current policy measures, and (2) to find effective ways to address these difficulties. The analysis reveals that in order to move forward, policymakers and stakeholders should reemphasize fundamental solutions rather than ‘quick’ fixes that often generate unintended consequences.



TRANSMANGO Workhop at EAAE 2017

The XV EAAE Congress is titled Towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems: Balancing between Markets and Society and will take place in Parma, August 29th – September 1st 2017. This triennial event will gather academics, scholars, practitioners, stakeholders and policy makers in the Food Valley to dissect the latest and most pressing issues characterising Agriculture and the Food Industry, from a local to an international perspective, dedicating significant attention also to novel and emerging concerns for society.

TRANSMANGO will have an organised session on « Assessment Of The Impact Of Global Drivers Of Change On Europe's Food Security ». This session will be organized by Francesca Galli, Erik Mathijs, Natalia Brzezina, Andre Depperman, Donato Romano, Petr Havlik, Joost Vervoort, Henk Oostindie, Ariella Heflgott, Gianluca Brunori and Fabio Bartolini.



TRANSMANGO AT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS ANNUAL MEETING

TRANSMANGO researchers Brídín Carroll, Deirdre O'Connor and Terry Marsden travelled to the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Boston, held between April 5th and 9th, 2017. The AAG hosted approximately 9000 geographers. Brídín had organised a session centred around TRANSMANGO's key aims and themes, inviting paper submissions under the title Understanding Challenges and Opportunities for Future Food and Nutrition Security. In total, 12 presentations were delivered by scholars from Africa, Europe and North America. Two of them were based on TRANSMANGO's research, delivered by Brídín and Terry. The session's papers focused on diverse topics including Right to Food movements, community food democracy, food policy councils, food system governance, urban gardening and food insecurity among producers. The session was introduced by Middlebury University's Molly Anderson. This session was well attended allowing for TRANSMANGO's work to be disseminated to a North American audience, and for the development of a network of international scholars who are particularly interested in the themes which are most relevant to TRANSMANGO.

FINAL TRANSMANGO CONFERENCE

LEUVEN, 28 - 29 NOVEMBER 2017



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. On this pre-conference, we provide a space for our stakeholders to meet each other in an organised setting. Registration is on invitation only

29 November 2017 : Final conference

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 gam jam competition

Registrations open on the 25th of June 2017. .

EAAB MEETING VALENCIA

The 7th project meeting of TRANSMANGO took place on 6 and 7 March 2017 at Universitat Politècnica de València.

At this meeting, the consortium also invited our expert board (EEAB). Birgit Kopainsky, Alan Matthews, Alexandre Meybeck and Karen Cooper attended the EEAB meeting.

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