

**Ecl<sup>o</sup>sio**

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THE NGO OF LIÈGE UNIVERSITY



# Editorial

Prefacing an annual report with an editorial allows us first of all to take stock of all Eclósio's achievements in 2022, and there are many of them, which you will be able to trace in figures, images or text in this report. The launch of a new programme financed by the DGD, which will enable Eclósio to continue its work in many areas while initiating new projects; the arrival of new staff and the departure of others; the closure of certain projects such as [Upscale \(Upgrading Strategy for Small Scale Cambodian Farmers\)](#) in Cambodia; continued collaboration with NGOs from other French-speaking universities grouped together in the [Uni4Coop consortium](#), and confirmation of the development of projects implemented by Eclósio, which are increasingly embracing the theme of socio-professional integration: All these developments show that Eclósio's teams are doing a great deal of work, but above all that they are doing so by gradually developing the activity, sometimes to respond to the changing environment in which we are evolving, sometimes out of a desire to better guide Eclósio's action. Eclósio will need this capacity to adapt in the years to come. The challenges we face are indeed significant. The most obvious is that of accelerating the imperative transition made necessary by climate change, the effects of which are becoming increasingly visible. Together with its partners, Eclósio can make its contribution to this immense challenge: it is necessary to act globally by tackling many areas, while seeking solutions adapted to local needs. Eclósio's expertise in multi-actor strategy, its in-depth knowledge of the field and its ability to encourage the search for solutions can help us to make progress in this area. Another challenge, closer to home, concerns Eclósio's desire to become even better integrated into the university community. Eclósio joined the University of Liège a few years ago, at the end of a process of rapprochement with Universud. A great deal of progress has been made in recent years, enabling Eclósio to become better known to members of the university community. These efforts must be pursued so that Eclósio's work is even more visible within this community and so that this better mutual knowledge nurtures collaboration in research and teaching. Finally, another challenge concerns the structure of our association. Eclósio has a long history of working in West Africa, the Andean region and Cambodia. The teams active on the ground total several dozen people, whose expertise and hard work enable us to bring ambitious projects to a successful conclusion. We need to ask ourselves how we can adapt our structures to give these

teams and, more generally, civil society in the countries where we operate, a greater say in important decisions. There's a lot of work to be done by 2023... I'm convinced that with its dynamism, the expertise and enthusiasm of its teams, Eclósio is ready to rise to the challenge!

On behalf of the Board of Directors,  
Patrick Wautelet

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Bolivian producer in her greenhouse  
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# About Eclosio

## Our vision

A world where present and future generations exercise their rights to live in dignity together, in harmonious interaction with their environment.

## Our mission

**Eclosio: towards the agro-ecological transition, the socio-economic integration of vulnerable populations and a civic commitment to societal and climate issues**

Together with the university community and organised civil society, we are driving the agro-ecological transition, the socio-economic integration of populations weakened by exclusion and inequality, and citizen engagement in the face of the societal and climatic challenges of our time. To do this, we implement inclusion dynamics, by creating together skills, knowledge and innovative solutions, and by engaging the public and private sectors.

## Our values

Our positioning, actions and operations are based on the ethical principles described therein and summarised below.

**Respect** for people and communities by valuing the opinions, experience, skills and contributions of others, and respect for the environment by adapting our actions in an interdependent and sustainable manner.

**Fairness** in relations between people and communities in a logic of honesty, transparency and solidarity, without prejudice.

**Integrity** of our staff and members by avoiding conflicts of interest and condemning acts of fraud and corruption. We reject any physical, sexual or psychological abuse or mistreatment of one person by another, any discrimination and any behaviour that violates human dignity.

**Cooperation** with our partners, acting together in a relationship of trust, placing mutual learning at the heart of our relationships.

**Self-criticism and empowerment** of each individual, embodying the change we want, in line with our values.

**Commitment and personal development**, by contributing to a working environment where everyone can express themselves, develop their skills and commitment and find joy in their daily work.

# Action themes

Eclosio works according to a systemic approach. This means that there are no barriers between our different themes of action: they are permeable, intersect and reinforce each other.



## Ecological transition

- **Agroecology and sustainable food systems** : we support the transition to agroecology through training, exchange of experiences, methodological/technical support. We set up participatory action research projects where farming families and researchers experiment together with new practices.
- We support rural communities and vulnerable populations in the development and implementation of **sustainable land and natural resource management plans**. We organise climate change mitigation/adaptation and ecosystem protection actions.
- In our projects, we take into account the concept of **One Health**, which emphasises the interdependence between human health, animal health and the environment.



## Socio-economic integration

- **Value chains** : we strengthen and promote Value Added Chains for products from family farming in order to value agroecological and environmental practices.
- **Social protection and inclusion** : we support the development of solidarity-based systems (mutuality and cooperation), in articulation with state interventions and private sector initiatives.
- **Social entrepreneurship, professional integration and employment** : we accompany women and young people in the search for or creation of a job related to food production or processing, through training, personalised follow-up, and support to social economy actors.



## Civic engagement in the face of societal and climate challenges

- **Gender and intersectional approach** : we aim for the informed and powerful participation of women in public decision-making, we work to strengthen and secure women's access to factors of production and to quality agricultural plots. In Belgium, our actions aim to raise awareness and deconstruct relations of domination.
- **Migration** : we take a positive view of migration dynamics and take into account the issues at stake in each of our actions, regardless of the country.
- **Civil society and democracy** : we are involved in several initiatives or platforms aiming to empower civil society organisations as actors of development and change with capacities to monitor, analyse, propose and evaluate public policies.



# Methodologies for actions



## Training and capacity building

We strengthen and support the partners and farmers' organisations with whom we work, particularly in their management capacities, their legitimacy and recognition in their territory. Our capacity-building activities (knowledge, know-how and skills) are intended to be participatory and inclusive, based on the experience and knowledge of the participants. Thus, we favour the exchange of experience between peers, experimentation in the field, or participatory action research, in which the participants are subjects and actors of the research and experiment innovative alternatives.



## Advocacy

Present in the majority of our intervention strategies, advocacy (political and academic) is addressed in different ways :

- Contribution to the co-construction of knowledge through action research to enrich evidence-based advocacy.
- Accompanying and supporting our partners in their advocacy process.
- Contribution to advocacy campaigns within multi-stakeholder platforms.



## Multi-stakeholder partnerships, synergies and networking

Because of our position at the interface of civil society, local expertise and the academic community, we build partnerships, synergies and complementarities with a wide range of actors, in particular through platforms, networks and multi-actor dialogues (in particular academic).



## Knowledge management

We stimulate the flow of academic, practical, traditional and innovative knowledge (knowledge, know-how, interpersonal skills) between our various audiences and partners (through capitalisation, training, awareness-raising, debates between our different areas of action and projects, etc.). We want to work with our audiences to receive, deconstruct, mix, reconstruct and appropriate knowledge from other actors, in order to move together towards sustainable and harmonious human development.



## Global Citizenship and Solidarity Education (GCSE)

Through information, awareness-raising and mobilisation activities, we aim to make students and members of the university community aware of global issues and their various relations of domination. To this end,

we organise training sessions (on interculturality, sustainable development, etc.), conferences, events and film debates on topics related to global interdependence, sustainable food systems, human rights, ... We support student groups wishing to implement awareness-raising or mobilisation actions.

# Eclosio NGO University



The university dimension of Eclosio in 2022 has been reflected in its actions and strategic thinking. We have launched the actions of the new UNI4COOP 2022-2026 programme, all of which include, to varying degrees, relations with ULiège or partner universities in the countries where we operate. We have also developed a number of strategic reflections, in order to bring this university dimension to life more effectively, with a view to enhancing the impact of our actions.

## Our definition of a university NGO

Our strategic plan, finalised in 2022, states that for Eclosio, being an academic NGO means :

- Collectively mobilising players from the university community and civil society, in order to involve researchers in concrete ways in local dynamics related to their areas of expertise;
- Stimulate and consolidate collective citizen initiatives and strengthen the impact of actions in all areas of intervention;
- Occupy a privileged position at the intersection of the academic community and civil society, at the crossroads of their respective knowledge/expertise, know-how and interpersonal skills, with a view to cross-fertilising, enhancing, co-constructing, disseminating and utilising knowledge. This corresponds to the «profession» of inclusive knowledge management;
- Remain committed, carrying out or supporting advocacy actions, in complete independence, both towards the university community and towards other audiences;
- Develop a multidisciplinary and multi-partner approach to finding solutions to development challenges;
- Contribute to the teaching, research and service missions of the Université de Liège through action and advocacy.

initiatives have involved fruitful collaboration between researchers and civil society. Here are a few examples:

- The «**Citoyen-ne de demain !**» project, supported by the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agriculture in Senegal, the University of Parakou in Benin and ULiège, created educational tools for Belgian, Senegalese and Beninese students.
- In Benin, the «**Riziculture Intelligente Face au Climat**» project worked on improving rice-growing systems on farmers' farms in collaboration with the University of Abomey-Calavi.
- As part of our **Inclusive Knowledge Management initiative**, we have set up learning communities around issues related to relations with beneficiaries, capitalisation and agroforestry, so as to co-construct action guidelines and recommendations to address the issues encountered, based on the diverse experiences of Belgian and African participants.
- In Belgium, at ULiège, we supported the adoption of the '**Université hospitalière**' motion, and we have been involved in a number of forums and activities with lecturers and students, both on and off the course. We also initiated our collaboration as part of the «**Accompagner le changement**» international course, under the promotion of Professor Daniel Faulx.

In 2023, we will be pursuing these various projects, developing others, and continuing to move forward within and alongside Uni4COOP, towards a full understanding and realisation of our identity as a university NGO.

## The university NGO in action

In 2022, these various axes were worked on. In addition to our UNI4COOP programme, a number of



« Citoyen-ne de demain ! » project

# The Uni4Coop Consortium

At the beginning of 2022, after months of intense exchange, co-construction, questioning, writing and rewriting, the long-awaited validation of the brand new [Uni4Coop](#) programme for the period 2022-2026 finally arrived! Mainly financed by the DGD (Belgian Development Cooperation), this programme is in line with the general policy of the Belgian government, while combining coherence, innovation and impact. We can be proud of the work we've done with our colleagues and partners, as our programme has been very well evaluated and funded by the DGD.

## What exactly does it contain?

From our 11 countries of action, we will continue our efforts and act together for :

- Sustainable food systems that respect natural resources;
- The development of micro-entrepreneurship;
- Accessible, high-quality healthcare;
- Global citizenship and solidarity;

The coming years will also be synonymous with a broadening of our horizons and a strengthening of our actions on several common objectives:

## Towards inclusive knowledge management

One of the joint initiatives that the four partners will be working on is the inclusive management of knowledge. This is a key element of our university identity, and already occupies a central place in our NGOs. On the basis of an analysis of our practices, we have identified two main areas aimed at expanding our action and improving the sharing of knowledge. The first is the identification, with our partners, of relevant innovations co-constructed in the field, their discussion through a critical, interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder approach and the production of products. And, on the other hand, the promotion and dissemination of this knowledge and innovative practices to the players involved in change.

## For sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems

Uni4Coop is developing actions in Benin, Guinea Conakry, Madagascar and Senegal, with a complementary focus on mangrove preservation, socio-ecological resilience and improving the well-being of local populations. In concrete terms, the work focuses on supporting improved governance for mangroves, raising awareness and improving knowledge and skills concerning these natural areas.

## Empowering young people to tackle major global issues

Education for global citizenship and solidarity runs through our NGOs, through joint projects between the various French-speaking Belgian university

campuses. Campus en Action and DJESA were two of the main events of 2022. Campus en Action, organised in collaboration with UMons, brought together around thirty students from different campuses for a weekend of exchanges and learning, with the aim of co-constructing a collective action around sexism and racism, and the impact of the interaction between these two forms of discrimination. The DJESA project - half-day exchanges on food sovereignty - was carried out in partnership with SOS Faim and Vétérinaires sans Frontières. It enabled students from different campuses, as part of their courses in political science, biological engineering or veterinary science, to discover a play as well as several workshops about the challenges of our current food systems in order to imagine and prepare other agricultural policy models for tomorrow. These two projects, among others, will continue in 2023!



# Eclosio in key figures



**51.701**

Eclosio supports more than 50,000 people around the world\*.

**38**



projects in 7 countries of intervention (Senegal, Benin, Guinea, Cambodia, Peru, Bolivia and Belgium).



**73**

Eclosio works closely with 73 local partners.

**88**



A team of 88 employees, 70 of whom are national field staff.

**14**



volunteers and trainees helped Eclosio to carry out its actions in Belgium.



**116**

people took part in the 10 training courses delivered by the staff of Eclosio's headquarters in Belgium.



**1.331**

people took part in global citizenship and solidarity education activities in Belgium

**81 %**



of resources are allocated to projects representing a budget of 3,674,196 € (2022 figures).



**10 €**


Thanks to the support of our institutional backers, each euro donated allows us to mobilise up to €10 for our actions.

\* This total figure, as well as the country data in the boxes on the following pages, refers to people who have directly benefited from or participated in our actions. Indirect advocacy and awareness-raising activities are therefore not included in these counts.

On the following pages, we are pleased to present some of our key projects and actions that illustrate in concrete terms how we apply our work themes on the ground with our local partners. On our website [www.eclosio.org](http://www.eclosio.org), you will find a description of all our current projects.




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	<h1>Andean zone Peru and Bolivia</h1>			
<b>Peru</b>	<b>4.000</b> Beneficiaries	<b>3</b> Projects	<b>7</b> Partners	<b>369.896 €</b> spent
<b>Bolivia</b>	<b>2.500</b> Beneficiaries	<b>2</b> Projects	<b>3</b> Partners	<b>254.151 €</b> spent



## impulSAD - driving sustainable food systems through a human rights-based approach

### Where? With whom?

The impulSAD programme began in 2022 and will run for 5 years. It is being implemented in various cultural and geographical contexts from the Andes to the Amazon, both in Peru (Ancash, Arequipa, Junín, Huancavelica, Piura, Puno, Lima) and Bolivia (La Paz, Oruro and Tarija). It involves Quechua, Aymara, Mestizo and Creole populations with complex territorial development dynamics, tensions and conflicts over their livelihoods, land use, natural resources and the environment. These are vulnerable populations living in rural and peri-urban areas, most of them family farmers, particularly women and young people, who live in situations of poverty, malnutrition and food insecurity. Within the Uni4Coop Consortium, the Eclasio and Louvain Coopération (LC) teams have been working together since the previous 2017-21 programme.

They are now continuing their integration process, via this new programme, working from now on on the basis of a steering group, strategies, results and indicators that are completely common.

We are working with and on the basis of the contributions, experience and expertise of the Peruvian and Bolivian partners of both institutions: in Peru, CAP-Peruvian Agroecological Consortium, CEPES-Peruvian Centre for Social Studies, DIACONIA-Evangelical Lutheran Association for Community Development, GGE-Gender and Economy Group, CONVEAGRO-National Agro Convention, CCC-Central Café y Cacao del Perú, Slow Food en Perú, El Taller and CEDER-Centre for Regional and Rural Development Studies (the latter two being partners of Louvain Coopération); and in Bolivia, APROSAR - Asociación de promotores de salud del área rural (joint partner with LC), Fundación TIERRA, Fundación Alternativas and Organización Esperanza Bolivia-OEB (the latter being a partner of Louvain Coopération).

**Testimonial**

*I am happy to work in an agro-ecological way in my organic garden and to keep guinea pigs. I use pest control techniques on my vegetables, and this year I also built a slow training terrace in my organic garden, where I grow my vegetables. impulSAD supports me with vegetable seeds to increase my production.*

*Alejandrina Mejía, farmer in Mallacayán, Ancash, Peru*

### What is it for?

The aim is for vulnerable populations in rural and peri-urban areas of Peru and Bolivia to strengthen their rights, in particular: i) environmental rights; ii) rights to food and productive resources by promoting Sustainable Food Systems (SAD) and iii) women's rights. The themes of action range from territorial and natural resource management to agroecology, healthy food, rural entrepreneurship and gender equity.

To achieve this, the programme is implementing **various strategies and actions:**

- **Institutional strengthening of our partners** so that they can exercise their role as promoters of change and debate and create an environment conducive to the exercise of individual and collective rights.
- **Strengthening the capacities and leadership of farming families** and inclusive knowledge management to encourage cross-learning and the co-construction of knowledge and innovative practices between stakeholders - with a particular focus on young people and the links between farming communities, academia, consumers, etc. - so that they are the subjects of change. - to enable them to be the agents of change: training, action-research and farmer experimentation, research, forums for exchanging experiences, capitalisation and dissemination.
- **Raising public awareness and lobbying** decision-makers to change attitudes and public policies.
- **Concerted action and synergies between stakeholders** to achieve greater institutional and social sustainability: beneficiary families, producer, community and youth organisations, civil society organisations, public players, universities, businesses, Belgian and international NGOs, etc.

### Focus on an example of local action

TIERRA's action is taking place in Bolivia in the Amazon region north of La Paz (San Buenaventura). It involves indigenous organisations and people who have migrated from the Andes. This complex social dynamic is compounded by other issues, particularly in relation to the use of natural resources (forests, mining resources, etc.). Against this backdrop of challenges, the project is taking an intercultural approach to territorial and

environmental rights and management, with plans to train leaders, implement local initiatives (agroforestry systems, women's entrepreneurship, etc.) and encourage dialogue and governance between local players (municipalities, grassroots organisations, etc.).



### Focus on an example of national action

Our partner Conveagro is a national agrarian forum formed by various producers' organisations and local NGOs. It is one of the main points of reference for agricultural producers in Peru. Its work in general, and within impulSAD in particular, consists of influencing public policy in favour of the development of sustainable family farming. In this work, particular attention is paid to policies in favour of rural women. Conveagro makes proposals and lobbies the Congress of the Republic and the national government, as well as certain regions and municipalities. It also runs awareness-raising and political positioning campaigns on social networks and in the mass media.




**Testimonial**

*One of the projects carried out with impulSAD is the production of vegetables using a drip irrigation system. I think it's very interesting and I can see that it will be an alternative for generating economic income and food security for our area, where the climatic conditions are unfavourable, with frosts occurring at all times and little rainfall.*

*Dionicia Tuaca Condori de la comunidad Alianza, Salinas, Oruro, Bolivia*



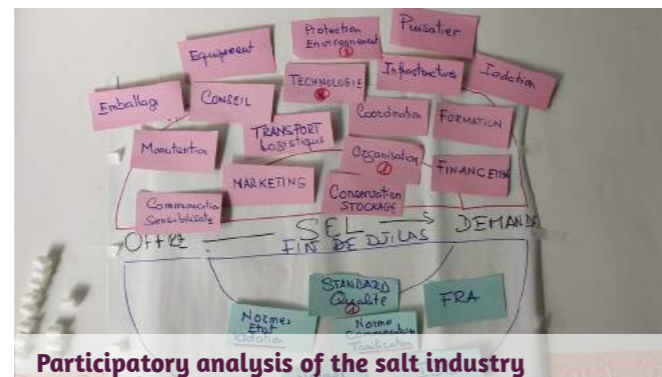
	<h1>Senegal</h1>		
<b>33.195</b> beneficiaries	<b>11</b> projects	<b>28</b> partners	<b>1.447.520 €</b> spent

### MIPRO: Co-building sustainable, equitable and inclusive value chains with mangrove communities

The mangrove forests of Casamance and Sine Saloum fulfil very important ecological and socio-economic functions. However, the area occupied by these forests has shrunk by 25% in 40 years. Today, many efforts to conserve and restore these ecosystems are being made in Senegal. This is the case of the MIPRO project («Marché inclusif des petits producteurs.trices des zones de mangroves en Casamance et dans le Sine Saloum»), which aims to **sustainably improve the livelihoods of communities living off mangroves**, by strengthening their access to and participation in the local produce market.

#### Participatory product selection

In order to raise awareness of the initiative in each of the project's localities, Local Development Committees and community and village information days were organised. Using the «Market Analysis and Development» tool developed by the FAO<sup>1</sup>, the communities selected, in a participatory way, the most promising products for each locality, with a view to developing sustainable, fair and inclusive value chains. An analysis of the market for each product and its needs was then carried out with the economic and institutional players in each sector. The products selected to benefit from the project are **carp, salt, oysters, madd -Saba senegalensis (a forest fruit) and honey**. 2,500 producers from these sectors will benefit directly from these interventions. It has emerged that there is considerable demand for these products at national level. However, producers (mainly women) have difficulty accessing the market because of their geographical isolation and the poor transport and communications infrastructure.



#### Investment and capacity building for better market access

Investments are planned for madd and carp. A cold storage unit for madd will ensure that fresh produce is available to women processors all year round. For carp, fish ponds will be set up in collaboration with the Agence nationale de l'aquaculture (ANA). The project also plans to strengthen the entrepreneurial capacities of producers, who will be organised into economic interest groups (EIGs). MIPRO will also support the development of business relationships between these groups and other market players. However, to ensure fairness in these relationships, a participatory guarantee system<sup>2</sup> will be introduced in each of the two project areas. As the mayor of Djirnda (in the Sine Saloum region) explains: «This project is very participatory and instructive. I warmly welcome this systemic, market-based approach». Ultimately, the project aims to have a lasting impact on communities, but should also enable the target municipalities to benefit from carbon offsetting over the long term, based on the Community Climate and Biodiversity (CCB) standard.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/3/i2394f/i2394f00.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> A kind of product quality guarantee, more suited to the local market than traditional labels.



	<h1>Benin</h1>		
<b>2.371</b> bénéficiaries	<b>7</b> projects	<b>8</b> partners	<b>483.406 €</b> spent

### DigiCLA: digital innovation for the management of the Fall armyworm

The University of Parakou, through the Laboratoire de Recherche sur l'Innovation pour le Développement Agricole (LRIDA), is implementing the DigiCLA project in partnership with Eclasio and TIC Agro Business Center (TIC ABC) in the communes of N'Dali and Natitingou. The DigiCLA project is designed to manage the Fall Armyworm, a major maize pest, using digital farm advisory services. Its aim is to promote large-scale sustainable adoption of digital and agro-ecological practices by young maize growers, with a view to increasing yields and production in northern Benin.



The armyworm causes major damage to maize crops

#### AgriCef, the digital solution to combat the Fall armyworm

This application, which can be downloaded from Play Store, is used to identify infested plants. A range of functions have been developed to detect the pest and the rate of infestation, handle any queries from the user, and provide feedback to farmers on the effectiveness of the solutions proposed to combat the Fall armyworm, in French and local languages.



Close-up on the Fall armyworm

#### The digikiosk, a school for village farmers

The digi-kiosk is a device consisting of solar panels and battery with accessories, a video projector, a tablet, the AgriCef application and a USB key containing several videos on the fight against the Fall armyworm and various themes on agro-ecology. In the intervention villages, young rural people were recruited and trained to facilitate access to AGriCef-related services for male and female producers, and to show videos in the evenings on agro-ecological practices and methods of combating the Fall armyworm.




Projection of a video in a digikioske

In Kotopounga, N'TCHA Bernard said: «Thanks to the video projections, I now know how to make compost and I've learned to recognise the armyworm with my mobile phone, which is really good».

To ensure the sustainability of the system, the digikiosk managers are authorised to provide other digital services to the local population, such as the sale of telephone top-up credits, money transfers and public e-services (secure birth certificates, online identity documents, etc.). The profits from these latter activities will enable the managers to maintain the equipment made available to them and gradually become financially independent.



	<h1>Guinea</h1>		
<b>5.591</b> beneficiaries	<b>5</b> projects	<b>10</b> partners	<b>603.173 €</b> spent

### KiMaLaKan builds the capacity of civil society in the regions of Kindia, Mamou, Labé and Kankan

The regions of Haute Guinée (especially Kankan) and Moyenne Guinée (Mamou & Labé) are major departure areas for young people seeking to emigrate illegally in search of a better future. The KiMaLaKan project, aimed at young people and women, aims to limit irregular migration by facilitating access to social entrepreneurship and employment. To achieve this, the project is strengthening 16 local civil society organisations (CSOs), such as youth and women's organisations, producers' organisations, local NGOs, community radio stations, etc. In this way, they are better equipped to provide appropriate services and support to the 1,200 young people and women who will ultimately benefit from the project, in their professional integration process.

#### Some results

- **201** dialogue sessions were held on migration alternatives and local employment.
- **8** action plans have been drawn up to promote the role of women and young people as agents of change and development.
- **16** operational development plans have been drawn up and are currently being implemented.
- **627** entrepreneurs (young people and women) have been accompanied on the entrepreneurial journey.
- **304** business plans have so far been drawn up with the support of the project and validated.

### Success stories

**Thierno Aboubacar BAH**  
Entrepreneur




At the end of his university studies in sociology, Thierno Aboubacar BAH wanted to go abroad by crossing the Mediterranean. He had put together all the means to take the irregular migration route. Before leaving, however, he learned about the KiMaLaKan project and joined the first cohort of the project's training and incubation programme in Kindia. He was trained in entrepreneurship and coached to develop his business plan. He is now producing pineapples thanks to the financial resources he has raised, and is regularly monitored and coached by the project team. Today, Thierno is encouraging his peers to do the same and even plans to increase his production after the first campaign.

**Fatoumata Tanou Diallo**  
Entrepreneur



Fatoumata Tanou Diallo is an ambitious entrepreneur in the saponification industry in Guinea. Before following our entrepreneurial path, she didn't know how to calculate her company's production costs, differentiate between profits and losses, or conduct market research to better market her product. She also faced a number of obstacles that affected production and customer satisfaction, including the scarcity of certain raw materials such as oil, and the high cost of these raw materials at certain times of the year. Thanks to the KiMaLaKan project, she was able to understand the ins and outs of her business and strengthen it. She realised how important it was not to embark on a business she didn't master, to plan her production better and to stock her raw materials. Today, her customers appreciate her soaps, she has formalised her business, opened a savings account at Crédit Rural, has a business plan and benefits from specific support from endogenous facilitators, a business coach for the project and a technical adviser on market access to help her develop further. Despite the obstacles she has encountered, she is proud of her success as an entrepreneur, especially given that she had no access to formal education. She encourages everyone to seize opportunities to become independent entrepreneurs.

	<h1>Cambodia</h1>		
<b>2.713</b> beneficiaries	<b>2</b> projects	<b>6</b> partners	<b>158.109 €</b> spent

### Rice seeds: conventional products, new opportunities

Rice seed is a staple product for Cambodian rice farmers. However, producing these seeds is a time-consuming process that requires a highly technical skill set. This considerably limits the volume of production. As a result, demand for high quality rice seed is increasing and this sector can generate significant profits.

#### CRAC: from production to marketing

In 2022, the Chamroeurnphal Raingkesey Agricultural Cooperative (CRAC) in Battambang province produced around 50 tonnes of rice seed for commercial purposes. These seeds were produced by a group of producers trained under Eclasio's [UPSCALE \(Upgrading Strategy for Small Scale Cambodian Farmers\)](#) project from 2017 to 2021. CRAC sold this agricultural product through various channels in the province, including participation in social and commercial events.

#### Participation in the Cambodia Fruits and Vegetables Show

From 16 to 19 June 2022, as part of the new [PARTNER project \(Partnership for Agroecology Transition, Networking, and Efficient Resilience\)](#), implemented jointly by Eclasio and [Louvain Cooperation](#) (as part of the Uni4Coop Consortium), CRAC took part in the 15th «Cambodia Fruits and Vegetables Show» in Siem Reap province. This trade fair was organised by the province's Department of Commerce in collaboration with several development agencies. The aim of the event was to stimulate national trade and increase recognition of Cambodian products, in line with the government's trade integration strategy.



It provided an opportunity for producers, distributors and other actors in the food chain to network and to present a short-lived 'farm to market' value chain initiative, which could encourage consumers to support local products.

CRAC brought two types of fragrant rice seeds: Sen Kra-ob (which means «very fragrant») and Phka Rumduol (which can be translated as «Rumduol flower»). These products attracted the attention of visitors, particularly those working in the agricultural sector, who exchanged contacts with CRAC representatives.

#### Sharing experiences

During the trade fair, CRAC shared its experience of rice seeds with representatives of three agricultural cooperatives from Kampong Thom province, who had been invited by Uni4Coop to take part in the trade event and learn from it. These three agricultural cooperatives will be involved in implementing the PARTNER project in 2023. Exposing them to this local trade fair, where farmers' organisations' businesses are promoted, could encourage them to plan and develop new businesses.



#### Testimonial

*The fair gave farmers the opportunity to present their products to a wider audience. I noticed that visitors to the fair expressed a keen interest in our rice seeds. We have established contacts with other agricultural cooperatives and some rice mills in Siem Reap for future business discussions. We are confident that we will sell more rice seeds after this event.*

Ms YAN Sreyyat, CRAC board member and President of the Battambang Union of Agricultural Cooperatives (BUAC)



	<h1>Belgium</h1>		
<b>1331</b> beneficiaries	<b>8</b> projects	<b>11</b> partners	<b>357.941 €</b> spent

## Students Mindchangers !

This project trained 24 students from Liège and Brussels in migration issues. The aim? To mobilise for a society that defends the values of non-discrimination and inclusion in a visible and assertive way, by raising awareness among the academic community and the people of Liège and Belgium.

🌱 *I was in the street outreach tools group. The aim was to deconstruct the preconceived idea we have when we say the word 'migrant' - often we imagine people in a boat on the Mediterranean - but migrants are all sorts of things!* 🌱

Alicia Léonard, «Cultivons le futur» podcast

## A necessary tune-up

The project began with a heterogeneous group interested in the issue of migration, and a partnership with Accord d'Ébène and Diasmecom, two committed diaspora associations in Belgium. From the outset, the focus was on decentralisation: to build a shared vision, it is important to understand that our perception of migration is above all subjective and cultural. The design of the project was its strength: 3 thematic workshops to create links and introduce the subject - starting with works by Cameroonian, Senegalese and Burundian artists - followed by a weekend to create awareness-raising tools in specialised workshops. A year is then planned to disseminate the results, including articles written for Cultivons le futur #08 magazine, sometimes with unexpected visibility:

🌱 *I didn't think my article would have such an impact. I thought it would remain within a fairly closed circle: that of the project or the family. It's quite disturbing to see that people are talking about your article in academic circles, and that it's being used in courses, seminars and conferences.*

Robin Legrand, student at Helmo on his article «La langue, les générations et le racisme», Cultivons le Futur #08 🌱

## A «touchy» vocabulary

As a prelude to the residential weekend, a discussion was held on the migratory vocabulary of «touchy» and

«safe». This is a good opportunity to assess the «weight of the words» that will be used during the weekend. Words such as «diversity» or «developing countries» give rise to debate, as they convey many stereotypes. Animation is a great way of breaking down identity barriers and allowing real sharing within the group.

## Committed students

Students such as Luther and Roberto are now working as «committed students» at ULiège and alongside Eclasio. Roberto spoke alongside CEDEM<sup>1</sup>, ATFmena<sup>2</sup> and Eclasio at the film-debate on «Tori et Lokita»<sup>3</sup> at the end of 2022. They also contributed, along with others, to the plea for a hospital university within ULiège.

🌱 *With the crisis in Ukraine, and everything that has been done in Belgium to welcome them, we realised that we had the means and the will to welcome refugees. We have to see this as an opportunity: if we have the will to work and welcome all migrants, we can do some good things!* 🌱

Roberto Valdes Dausa  
«Cultivons le Futur» podcast 🌱

The Students Minchangers project was supported by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation as part of the European Union's DEAR call for projects.

<sup>1</sup> Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège

<sup>2</sup> Association des Tuteurs Francophones de mineurs étrangers non accompagnés.

<sup>3</sup> A film by the Dardenne brothers on the theme of migration.



## Continuing Education: a Cultivating the Future dedicated to Ecofeminism

Eclasio regularly organises committed writing workshops. Based on the interests of young people, it invites them to write an awareness-raising and engaging article. In 2021, six women each wrote about ecofeminism. It was about the Ginks, the young people who refuse to have children in the name of ecology, decolonial ecofeminism, indigenous women's struggles against extractivism in the Ecuadorian Amazon, eco-women and the moral burden they suffer... But it was also about committed poetry, about those who explain that everything is linked beyond individuality and about neologisms specific to ecofeminism. A deciphering interview with Claudine Drion provided an unfiltered, no-holds-barred introduction. The illustrations were also by women: Joséphine Quinty and Emmanuelle Gougeon. In the summer of 2022, the special issue of Cultivons le Futur, Eclasio's magazine, and the authors behind it found a place in the programme for the first edition of the Festival Polyphonies Ecoféministes organised by Le Monde Selon les Femmes. Less than a year later, Bénita Umuhire, one of our students, spoke of how the discovery of Ecofeminism through this committed writing workshop had changed her. Today, she continues to raise her voice by writing her own texts and slamming them.



## Training

September 2022 saw the start of the brand new continuing education course «Understanding and managing the human dimensions of change projects in sustainable development», co-organised by ULiège and Eclasio, with the support of the Académie de Recherche et d'Enseignement Supérieur (ARES). This first edition brought together 12 international scholarship students from Senegal, Benin, DR Congo, the Republic of Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar and Cameroon.



For 16 weeks, these change professionals, supported by a range of contributors, including many academics, acquired complementary skills and tools for analysing, setting up, implementing and monitoring collective actions to bring about societal change.

The team in Belgium also provided **other training courses** on project cycle management, interculturality,

agro-ecology, sustainable food systems, etc. for professionals and students. With our colleagues at Uni4Coop, we have also organised a number of **pre-departure training courses** for students receiving an ARES grant, prior to their departure for an internship, dissertation, TFE or micro-project in a cooperation country.

## Academic advocacy

In 2022, Eclasio continued to contribute to the academic advocacy aimed at getting ULiège to subscribe to the «Université hospitalière» motion. This process, initiated in 2017 with the university NGOs brought together within Uni4Coop, is part of the movement for hospitable towns and cities that was born in response to the «reception crisis» in Europe. Since then, various approaches have been put in place to establish a diagnosis and propose ways of improving ULiège's welcome for foreign students. Two initial attempts to obtain ULiège's support were unsuccessful: the first proposal had been drafted in a manner that was not inclusive of the stakeholders concerned; the second came up against the management of the Covid crisis, which absorbed all the attention of the rectoral authorities, who had other priorities, particularly budgetary. The motion was revised in 2022 thanks to the support of members of the Eclasio Board, CEDEM, the Fédé and PACODEL. It was approved by the ULiège Board of Directors on 26 January 2022. In so doing, the University of Liège has officially committed itself to establishing a real dynamic of inclusion. The support of Rector Anne-Sophie Nyssen has been decisive in taking this step. To put this commitment into practice, a working group was set up, bringing together Mr Pierre Duysinx (Vice-Rector for Mobility and International Relations), CEDEM and students involved with Eclasio (Students Mindchangers). This group examined concrete proposals based on the observations made earlier during the discussions on the motion, but also on the very current experience of Luther, a young Cameroonian student at ULiège. Since then, a great deal of energy has been focused internally at the university: we hope to soon see the fruit of this long-term effort to mobilise people so that ULiège continues to assert itself as an inclusive university committed to international mobility.

## Political advocacy

Eclasio leads advocacy actions through multi-stakeholder platforms. Within the Coalition contre la Faim, Eclasio has contributed to the work of the «Sustainable Food Systems» working group, which is notably involved in monitoring the inclusion of agro-ecology in the portfolios of Enabel (the Belgian Development Agency), in particular by supporting their teams through the production and distribution of a note entitled «Measuring a project's contribution to the agro-ecological transition: examples of useful tools and indicators». Eclasio also participates in the Gender-Climate-Agriculture Working Group of the Advisory Council on Gender and Development. In May 2022, for example, this group organised a meeting entitled «Climate and gender-based and sexual violence - why and how can they be linked in policies», to raise awareness among Belgian parliamentarians. We are also a supporting member of the Agroecology in Action platform.



# Highlights

# 2022



## Andean zone (Peru & Bolivia)

### Workshops to launch the impulsAS Andean Zone programme

On 21 and 22 June in Peru, and again on 28 and 29 June in Bolivia, Louvain Coopération and Eclasio launched their joint five-year impulsAS programme «Driving sustainable food systems through a human rights-based approach», via workshops with their 13

local partners. This was the first opportunity for 45 people representing these stakeholders to come together around a common objective, to present their work within the programme and to identify synergies between them. Coordination mechanisms between partners have been set up and a logo has been chosen for the programme.



## Senegal

### A strong team spirit for smooth operations

In October 2022, the Senegal team organised a teambuilding event to integrate new recruits and strengthen team spirit. Role-playing games were used to get to know each other better, make people feel at ease and foster a sense of belonging. Good humour reigned throughout the day between team members from different offices in the country.



## Benin

### Closing workshop of the «Riziculture intelligente face au climat» (RIFaC) project

The RIFaC project came to a close at a workshop organised by Eclasio and its partners Eco-Bénin and TIC ABC on 20 September 2022 in Cotonou. The closing workshop was attended by technical and financial partners such as the European Union, the French Embassy, Expertise France, ECOWAS, Enabel and several international organisations. The Ministries of the Environment and Agriculture and the project beneficiaries were also represented. The event highlighted the work carried out by Eclasio and its partners to strengthen the resilience of rice producers in the communes of Toucountouna and Ouaké. The workshop was an opportunity for stakeholders to develop joint actions, capitalise on the results obtained and disseminate good practices to stakeholders so that they can be scaled up. It was also a crucible for strengthening the partnership fabric for the collective improvement of sustainable agricultural practices that are resilient in the face of climate change.



## Guinea



### «Parcours crocodile» Festival

The «Parcours Crocodile» festival took place on 26 July 2022 in the Tristao Islands, to mark the «International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem». It brought together 15 master's and doctoral students, 2 CERE research professors, Eclasio managers, members of the management committee, conservationists and the community. The aim of this activity was to promote the social and scientific integration of the University into the life of the Marine Protected Area.



## Cambodia

### A collective effort for the agroecological transition

In August 2022, Uni4Coop, in collaboration with the [Centre for Research on Ecosystem Services and Land Use \(ECOLAND\)](#), conducted a preliminary assessment to identify the levers and obstacles to agroecological transition in Cambodia as part of the [PARTNER](#) project. To collect the data, the research team organised a focus group in Takeo province to refine and validate the information in a participatory manner. Three farmers, five members of agricultural cooperatives and the local Union of Agricultural Cooperatives, a local input supplier, an official from the district agricultural office, a health centre worker and a member of the village health support group (VHSG) took part in the discussion. The discussion provided a wealth of valuable information on the constraints and levers of the transition to agroecology from various angles. In particular, the discussions highlighted the close correlation between agroecology, gender equality, improved public health and higher incomes.



## Belgium



### Rob Hopkins at the Nourrir Liège Campus Festival

During the 1st edition of the Festival Nourrir Liège Campus in March 2022, Rob Hopkins, co-founder of the Transition Towns movement and patron of the festival, gave a lecture entitled «From what is to what if» on the power of imagination and citizen mobilisation in transition initiatives. The lecture took place first in Gembloux in the morning, then in Liège in the evening, so that a wide audience could benefit from the knowledge of this inspiring figure!

Rob Hopkins invited participants to think about the changes they would like to see in society and to dare to dream. He shared many images of possible futures gathered from all over Europe and demonstrated the role of imagination in creating alternatives and changing our food systems.



# Perspectives

# 2023

## Andean zone (Peru & Bolivia)

### Bolivia: new challenges and a wealth of local experience

impulsAS Bolivia brings with it new perspectives that should become even more concrete in 2023. The inclusion of the Fondation Alternativas, a member of the Bolivian Agroecological Movement, as a new partner represents new opportunities for collaboration, particularly in the La Paz metropolitan area. In addition, the foray into Amazonia with the Tierra Foundation, in a new and socially complex area (internal migrations, environmental conflicts, etc.), represents an enormous challenge but also provides an opportunity for rich intercultural experiences.

### Peru: Reflections to better meet the challenge of gender equity and human rights

Within the Peru CSC led by Eclasio, gender has been prioritised as a cross-learning theme for 2023. In addition, following a reflection by Eclasio's Andean team on the implementation of the institutional strategic plan, we have prioritised capacity building in gender and our rights-based approach. Various opportunities for training, exchange and reflection on our strategies and actions in favour of greater gender equity and the exercise of human rights will therefore take place.

## Senegal

In 2023, the **PERSEE project** is entering its final year of implementation, with results that are already positive in terms of their impact on the producer organisations supported in their structuring and development through the Eclasio, EUCORD, AVSF and Jokalante consortium. This consortium has succeeded in giving these producers renewed hope of development through the professionalism instilled over nearly 2 years by Eclasio and its partners. This hope is reflected in the planned launch in 2023 of the **GUNGUE MBAY project** by Enabel in collaboration with FNDASP, which aims to consolidate the achievements of the PERSEE project until 2026.



## Benin

Since its arrival in Benin, Eclasio has been implementing projects mainly in the north of the country. By extending its field of action to the south, Eclasio will be able to take on new challenges, open up to new opportunities and support family farms in this part of Benin. This extension will also make it possible to strengthen the social links between the populations of the various regions by encouraging exchanges and collaboration between the different cultures and communities. For Eclasio, the aim is to reach out to new populations and work with them to develop strategies for harnessing their endogenous potential to promote sustainable development in the region.



## Belgium

A number of face-to-face and online meetings will be held as part of the **Connexion-s project**, run by 4 partner organisations: Tunisian Forum for Youth Empowerment (Tunisia), SEGA (Northern Macedonia), E&D (France) and Eclasio. This project encourages debate and the sharing of experiences between young people in these four countries on current digital issues and on intercultural exchange as a resource for young people's civic engagement. A study, a guide to good practice and a toolkit will also be produced.



## Guinea

In 2023, Eclasio will concentrate its efforts on deepening its current projects and work themes, while planning to expand its areas of intervention. In the future, we plan to initiate new projects on the northern coastline, which has considerable potential thanks to its mangrove ecosystems, but is under pressure from human activity and the harmful effects of mining.



## Cambodia

The [«Agroecology garden for the future»](#) project, funded by the [US-ASEAN Smart Cities](#) partnership, was approved in July 2022 and aims to support 4 schools in the city of Phnom Penh in developing an agroecology garden at their premises. The gardens will give pupils and teachers better access to green space, and enable them to learn about nutrition and the prevention of non-communicable diseases. The project will be implemented in 2023 and 2024.



«Agroecology garden for the future» project



## Some members of our teams

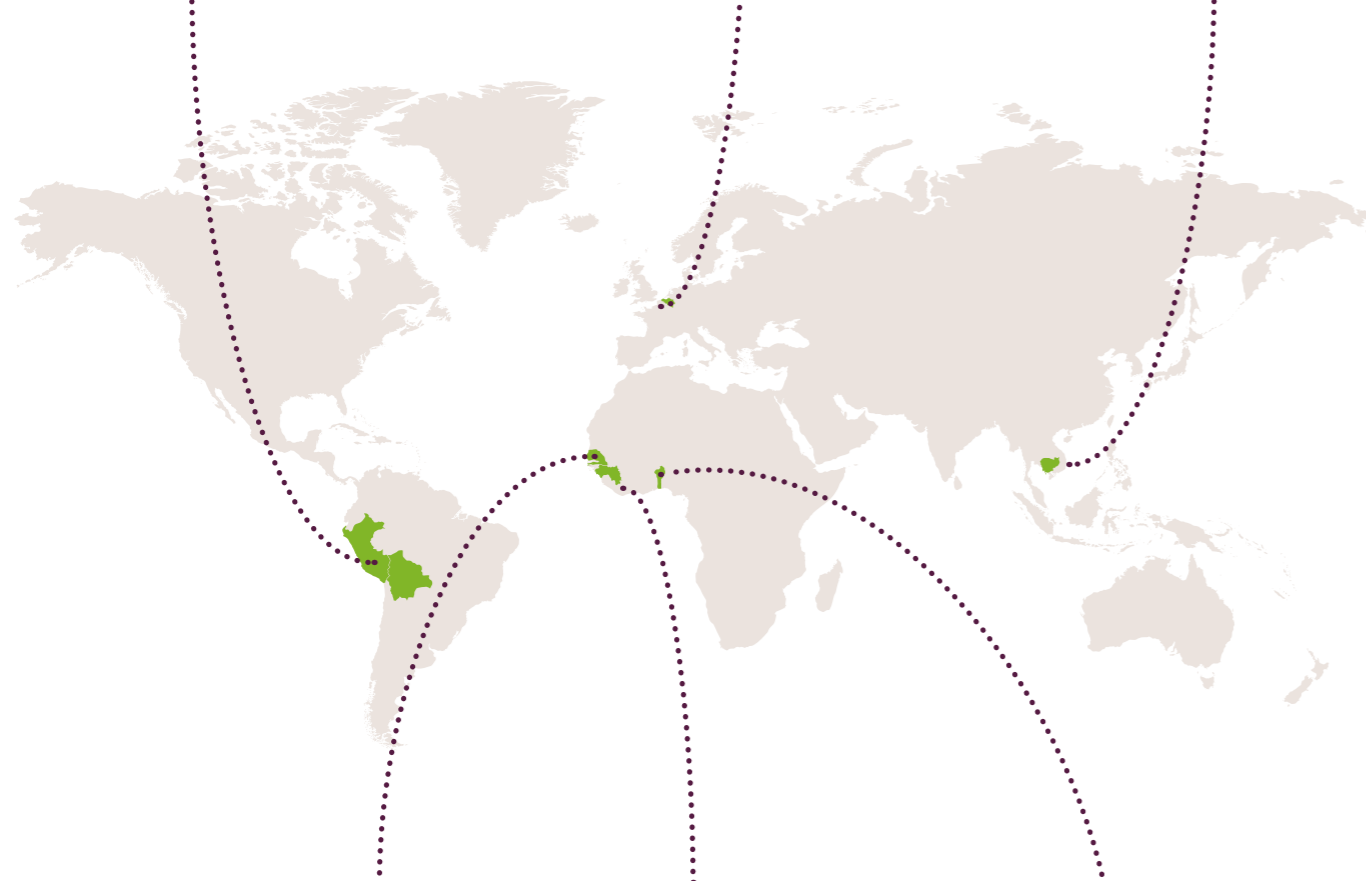
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# THE TEAMS

**Eclosio has 88 professionals: 15 in Belgium, 44 in Senegal (including 1 expatriate), 14 in Benin, 6 in Guinea, 4 in Cambodia (including 1 expatriate) and 5 in Peru (including 1 expatriate).**



Our annual strategy workshop is an opportunity to bring together some of our head office and field teams.

### Evolution of the board and teams

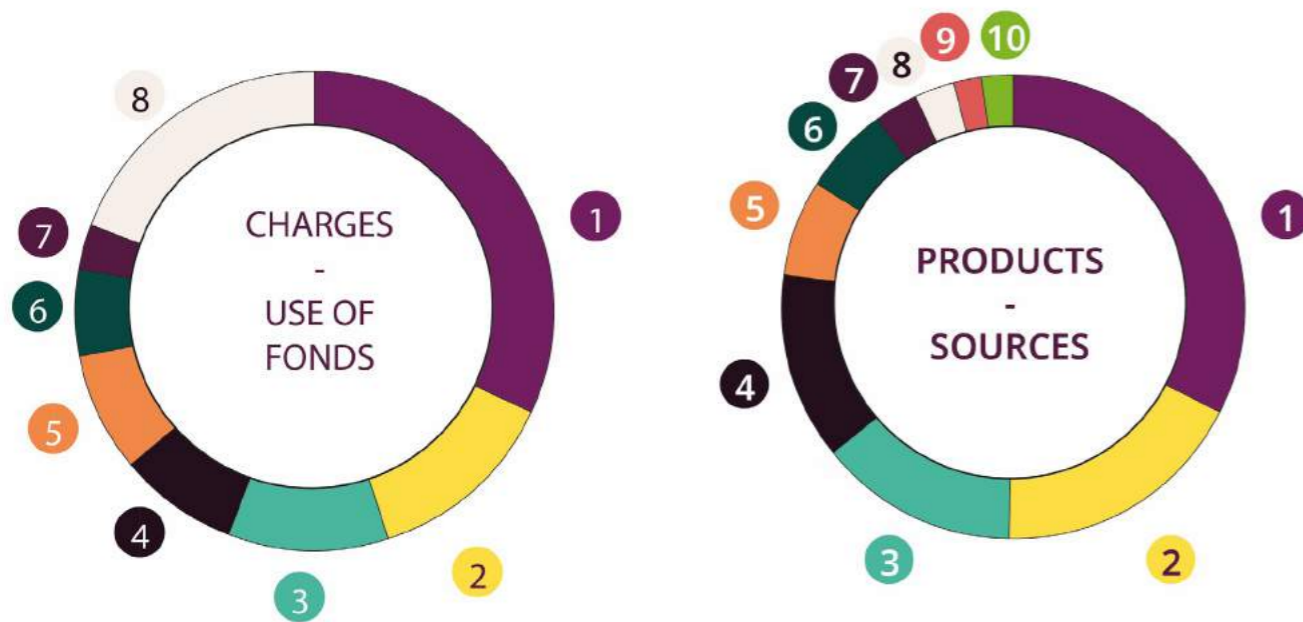
Elected in 2021, our Board of Directors has remained stable in 2022. We would like to thank all the directors for their commitment! After two years of teleworking, the Eclosio team in Belgium has returned to a face-to-face rhythm, balanced with teleworking days. Gwendoline and Claire have left the Civic Education team. We'd like to thank them and wish them every success in their new jobs! Emilie joined us in September 2022 and works in Liège. In Guinea, our team is growing and in the summer of 2022 we welcomed Ousmane, our country coordinator, as well as most of the team. In Cambodia, Veata Mey has joined us as Sustainable Food Systems Project Manager and Philippe Devaux has become our new Country Director. Philippe and Veata share positions within [UNI4COOP](#) with Louvain Coopération.

### Trainees

In 2022, Eclosio welcomed 12 trainees/volunteers in Liège and Gembloux. For example, Robin, Sophie and Alicia helped organise the Mindchangers and Citizens of Tomorrow projects, Zoé and Jade helped us organise our course portfolios and training modules, and Camille, Mélisande and Namal helped raise awareness and mobilise students. Kévin worked on the carbon footprint of our NGO. An intern, Sarah Legrand, also went to Benin to train our teams in the «squaring» method. Well done to you all for your hard work and motivation!



# Financial statement 2022



Projects	€	%
<b>1</b> In Senegal	1.462.213,10	32
<b>2</b> In Guinea	602.937,26	13
<b>3</b> In Benin	483.405,56	11
<b>4</b> In Peru	369.896,08	8
<b>5</b> In Belgium	358.054,67	8
<b>6</b> In Bolivia	254.151,05	6
<b>7</b> In Cambodia	158.109,35	3
<b>8</b> Project support	874.202,81	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.562.969,88 €</b>	

Sources	€	%
<b>1</b> DGD (Belgian cooperation)	1.492.942	33
<b>2</b> European Union	837.163,44	18
<b>3</b> Miscellaneous	648.375,76	14
<b>4</b> Enabel	575.043,87	13
<b>5</b> Federated entities Belgian	308.534,96	7
<b>6</b> Aid to employment	259.202,53	6
<b>7</b> Contributions and donations (Individuals, associations, foundations)	143.781	3
<b>8</b> ULiège subsidies	139.900	3
<b>9</b> Training and services	94.662,01	2
<b>10</b> Contribution from partners	93.845,17	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.593.450,74 €</b>	

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