Bas-Saint-Laurent

Supporting the Emergence of Collective Solutions

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Forum SAT 2022 tour of regions: Literature review
The Forum SAT 2022 (SAT for systèmes alimentaires territoriaux in French or TFS for territorial food systems in English)

FEATURES OF THE REGION

- **29% of the territory is zoned agricultural**
- **The rural population accounts for 47.7% of the region's inhabitants**
- **Food autonomy established as a regional priority and FabRégion is the spearhead project**

Needs of the region

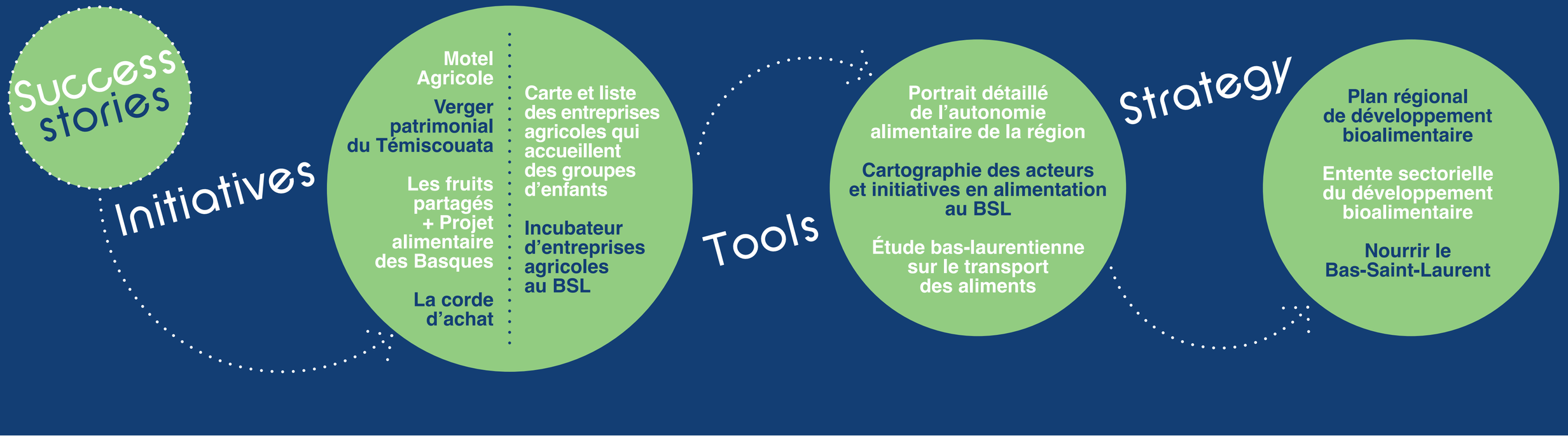
To achieve greater food autonomy and a better match between what is produced (and fished) and what is consumed, it is critical to shorten the distance between producers and local retailers on the one hand and consumers on the other. Food shipping must also be optimized to provide for distribution of healthy local food throughout the territory and to make it affordable for all. Finally, the community sector would benefit from assistance in optimizing its facilities, storage spaces, and equipment.

PROPOSALS FOR FORUM SAT

- **SUPPORT** our businesses in making the transitions necessary to adopt innovative practices that can shrink their environmental footprint, help them adapt to climate change, and alleviate the labour shortage.
- **ADOPT** a circular economy approach.
- **SUPPORT** local marketing through better integration of healthy local products into grocery stores, particularly in ill-served rural areas and in public institutions.
- **SUPPORT** producers who do local marketing by guaranteeing that they can derive a decent standard of living from this work.

CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL TFS GOVERNANCE

Intersectoral, multi-level (local, supra-local, regional, provincial) **consensus-building and partnership; openness and receptiveness** to the realities and needs of all are key to the governance of a TFS. The Table de concertation bioalimentaire du Bas-Saint-Laurent, the FabRégion initiative, and the Table intersectorielle régionale en saines habitudes de vie, operated by COSMOSS, **bring together the various TFS stakeholders** and contribute to the emergence of a shared vision for development of the biofood sector.



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