

Eating in the age of the coronavirus: an investigation to prepare for tomorrow by understanding today

This paper describes an investigation launched on the eve of containment, based on the intuition that this period would be a time for creative initiatives and new insights into the functioning of the food system. It brings together an operational group of about ten people from the world of research and civil society, who share working habits in action-research projects and a shared reflection on the resilience of territorialized food systems.

The action has the dual ambition of contributing to the sharing of "good ideas" in the face of the crisis and of building up a body of testimonies and contributions for further research. As of 8 June, 760 information feedbacks, including 625 via an online form, had been captured, supplemented by the use of 296 press articles. Five chronological sharing bulletins were widely distributed, resulting in numerous press feedbacks. They present, based on the raw expression of contributors, the behaviors and reflections developed during the crisis on food, at home, for supply, with a focus on short circuits, farms, food solidarity and the games of actors. All this is cross-referenced with lexicometric analyses. External insights (5 thematic, 3 territorial) were collected.

The package made it possible to amend and clarify a joint action-research project that previously included simulating crises at the territorial level. Systemic diagnostics have already been launched in territories associated with the project. Seminars will be held in the autumn to draw lessons from the crisis and initiate action research based on in-depth interaction with local players. An inter-territorial learning group will be organised for the 8 territories involved.

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