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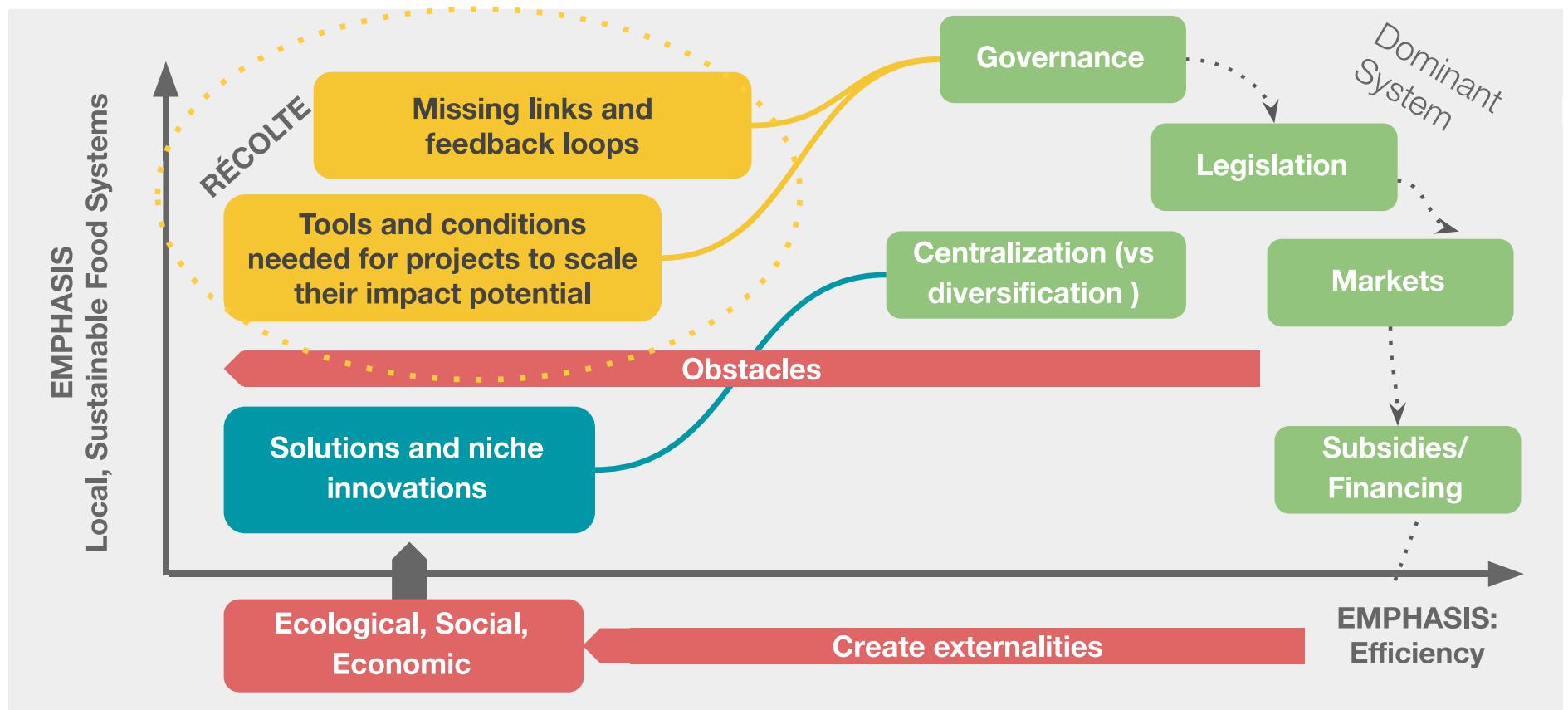
Mission

Strengthen the vitality and viability of socially innovative food projects in Québec and beyond.

Vision

A thriving ecosystem that supports social food innovation, reinforces local food economies and cultivates relationships that support sustainable local food systems.

SYSTEMS CHANGE WORK



Inspired by the MISC Method



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Exploring impact oriented models and
solutions to improve access to appropriate
financial investment and funding
mechanisms

Fields 
OF INVESTMENT
for tomorrow

Champs 
D'INVESTISSEMENT
pour demain

Perspective de l'emprunteur

Des taux d'intérêt trop élevés, des cadres de remboursement courts et non flexibles combinés avec la difficulté à avoir accès au capital pour des besoins pointus dans la croissance et la pérennisation d'une entreprise agroalimentaire

Interest rates are too high, loans too short and inflexible. Repayment terms combined with the difficulty of accessing capital for the specific needs of growing and sustaining an agri-food business create significant barriers to success.

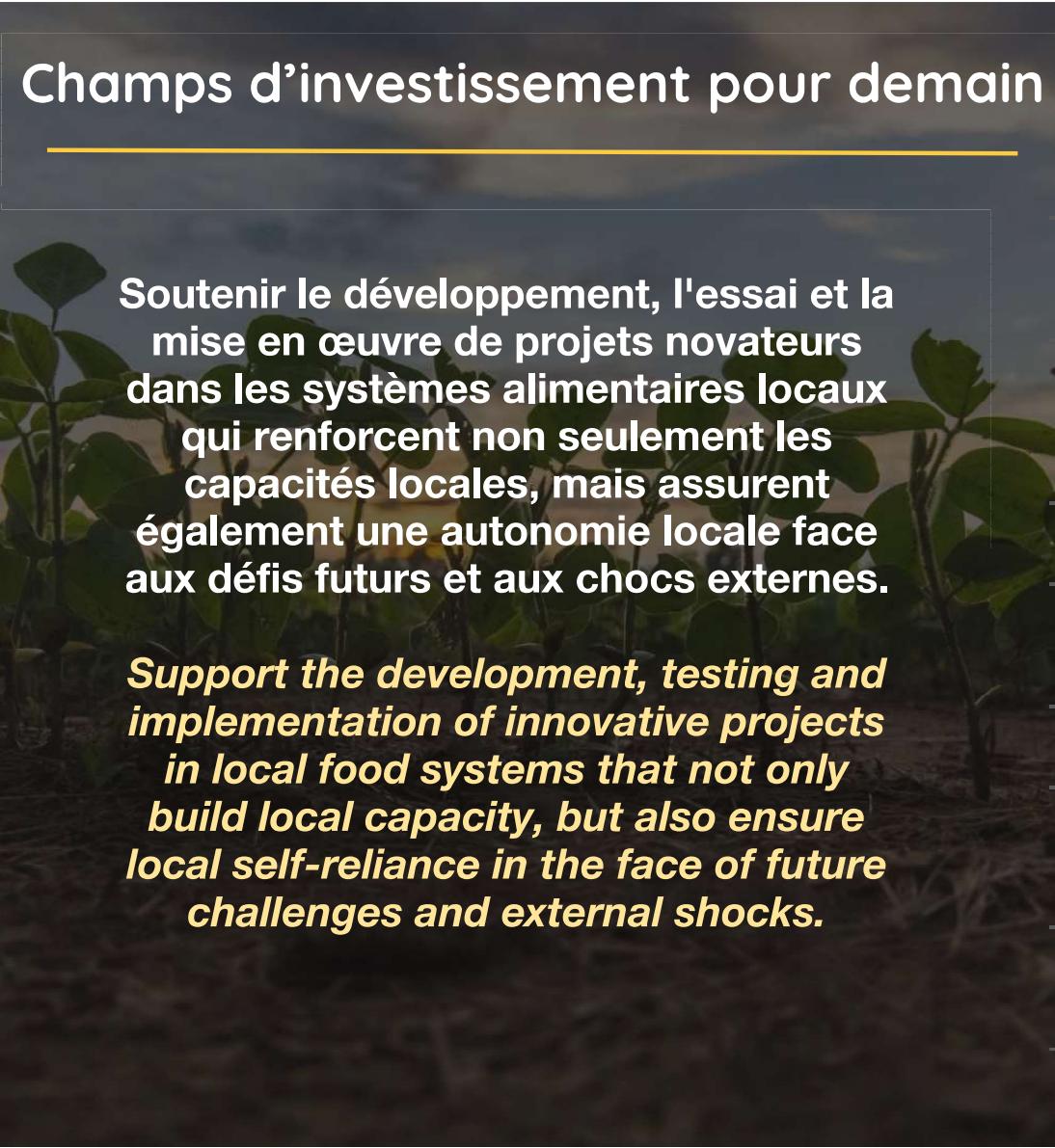


Entrepreneur.e
/ Innovateur

"The 21st century will be the age of social capital, built around the principles of carrying capacity (of communities and the planet), protection of the commons, connected to places of production, and with an emphasis on diversity and sustainability of local enterprises."

-Woody Tasch, Slow Money

Champs d'investissement pour demain



Soutenir le développement, l'essai et la mise en œuvre de projets novateurs dans les systèmes alimentaires locaux qui renforcent non seulement les capacités locales, mais assurent également une autonomie locale face aux défis futurs et aux chocs externes.

Support the development, testing and implementation of innovative projects in local food systems that not only build local capacity, but also ensure local self-reliance in the face of future challenges and external shocks.

Objectifs et raison d'être



Soutenir l'émergence, le développement et la mise en œuvre de projets novateurs notamment en matière de mesure d'impact et de partage de risque;

Support the emergence, development and implementation of innovative projects, particularly in terms of impact measurement and risk sharing;

Valider, peaufiner et apporter une valeur ajoutée aux modèles d'accompagnement d'initiatives actuels;

Validate, refine and add value to current accompaniment models;

Comprendre et arrimer les efforts des acteurs de l'écosystème de financement;

Understand and align the efforts of the players in the financing ecosystem;

Soutenir le transfert de connaissances, la sensibilisation sur des solutions existantes, démonstration des impacts connexes.

Support knowledge transfer and awareness of existing solutions.

Recommandations proposées

Diminuer le risque (Reduce the risk)

- Grande variation dans le niveau de tolérance aux risques des catégories d'investisseurs - *Wide variation in risk tolerance among investor classes*
- Difficulté de trouver un bon "match" de financement - *Difficulty in finding a good match in terms of needs + financing*

→ Continuum de service comme moyen de diminuer le risque? Arrimage entre plusieurs types et forme de financement potentiel pour diminuer les risques d'investir?

Continuum of service as a way to reduce risk? *Integrating multiple types and forms of capital and potential financing to reduce investment risk?*

Partager le risque (share the risk)

- Évoluer les attentes des investisseurs sur un retour financier et diminuer la pression sur les porteurs de projet - *adapt investors' expectations of a purely financial return and reduce the pressure*
- Réduire la concentration du risque sur les porteurs de projet, et meilleure captation et répartition des bénéfices - *Reduce the concentration of risk on the entrepreneurs, and better capture and distribution / representation of benefits.*

→ Changement dans le narratif et cadrage pour un réel partage du risque entre entrepreneur et investisseur. *Change in narrative and framing for real risk sharing between entrepreneur and investor*

Impact Assessment

MONETARY VALUE OF IMPACT RETURNS ON INVESTMENT

SHARING

Changing the relationships among actors in the socioeconomic system

CIRCULAR

Change the use of natural and technical resources

FAVOURING TRANSITION

The transition to sustainability is a question of balancing resilience and efficiency of a system (MISC)

ECO-MONETARY

Change the economic and monetary infrastructure – financial, legal, business models)

PRAGMATIC

Changing the definition of 'knowledge' or 'science' from specialized to holistic/systemic



Snick, A. (2016). MISC : Mapping Innovations on the Sustainability Curve A methodological framework to accelerate the transition, Club of Rome – EU Chapter

Éléments clés

Création d'un réseau pour centraliser les données, les informations et les besoins émergents autour de nouveaux modèles d'affaires agroalimentaires, ainsi que des projets répondant à divers besoins connexes.

Creation of a network to centralize data, information and emerging needs around new agri-food business models and projects addressing various related needs.



Mobilisateur &
Influenceur
/Décideur

Information on new business models -
viability, "scaling" methods, ability to replicate the model elsewhere, etc.

Data collection to support greater transparency in market development
- Supply and demand

Evidence of economic, environmental and social sustainability + IMPACT

Framework for selection criteria + vetting process - corresponding to likelihood of sustainability and social impact

Potential for alignment with other impact investment frameworks and existing funding and support mechanisms



**Opportunity: Smart Cities Challenge 2019 -
Montréal en Commun 2020-2024**

**Proposal: Local and integrated food system in Montréal
- Système alimentaire local et intégré de Montréal (SALIM)**

**Capital investment capacity - non-refundable 2020-2024
- 3.5 million +**

Pilot projects: *Pôle Logistique Alimentaire de Ouest de l'île (PLAODI), Atelier Cabôts, Projet d'approvisionnement logistique alimentaire de quartier dans le Sud-Ouest de Montréal + related logistics, distribution and technology support solutions.*

Impact measurement framework and “proof” of concept - *Le cadre de mesure d’impact du SALIM -* positioning for continued support post 2024



Partenaire: Conseil québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité (CQCM)

Proposition - Le Programme de soutien à l'économie sociale (PSES)
2022-2025

- *Cohortes pour l'accompagnement sur les enjeux de financement*
 - *Événements de diffusion pour les entreprises et d'autres pour les accompagnateur*
 - *Banque de ressources pour les pôles (expert conseil en logistique, transport, informatique...)*
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- **Cohorts focused on challenges and solutions for accessing capital**
 - **Dissemination events for entrepreneurs and others for coaches / mentors**
 - **Resource center for the above needs and target audiences (expert consultants in logistics, transport, IT, etc.)**



Partner: Small Scale Food Producers Association (SSFPA)

- Gender Equity Intelligent National Food System

National CONCIERGE SERVICE for start-up/scale-up food enterprises

Development of an Enterprise Strategy fund

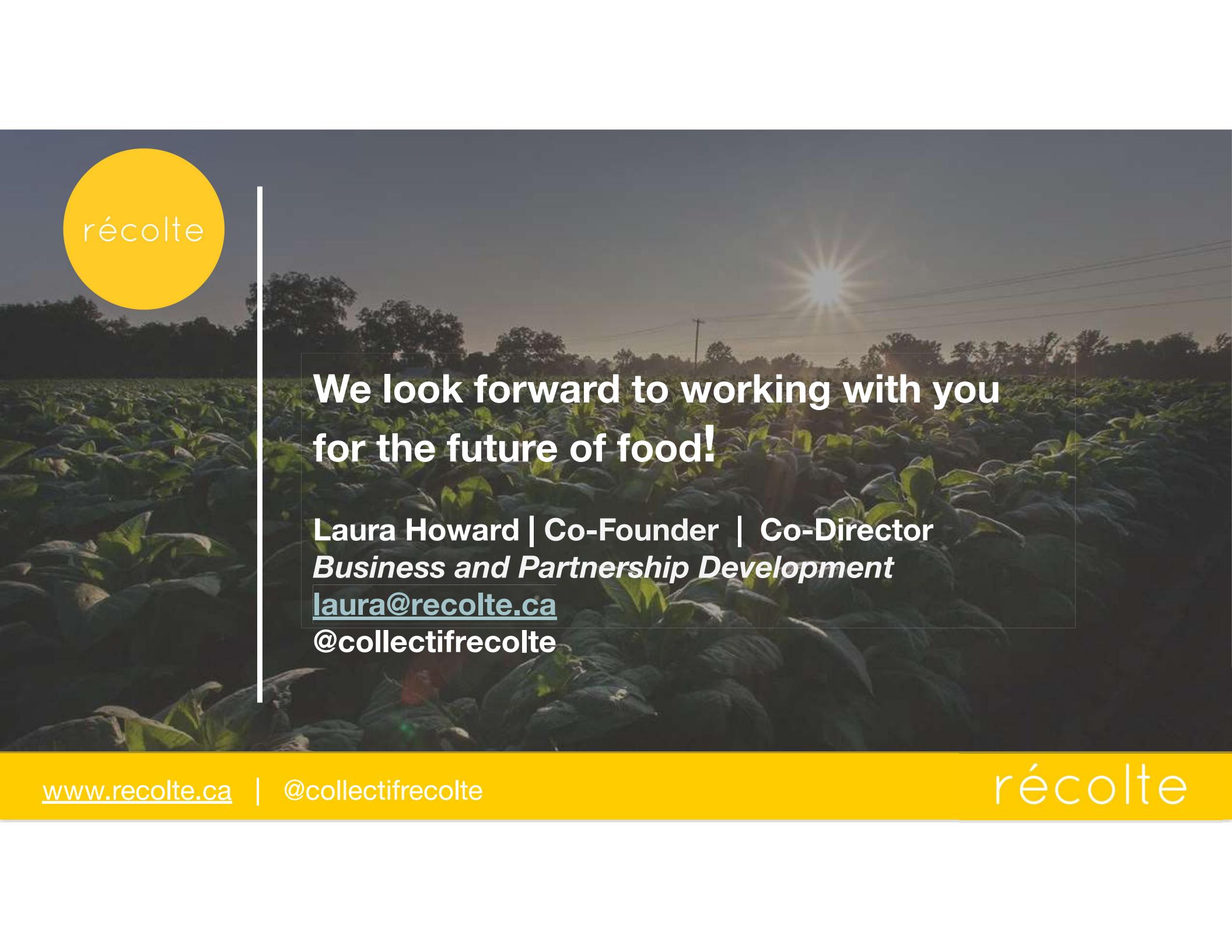
Demonstrate the impact of the work of small scale food processors as key to strengthened local food economies.

Build a national coalition to create a ‘voice’ and a rationale for consistent policy and program support. Many entrepreneurs

Training, tools, food processing technical guidance, sector business relationships, networking, mentorship and access to food-focused finance and investment.



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We look forward to working with you
for the future of food!

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