

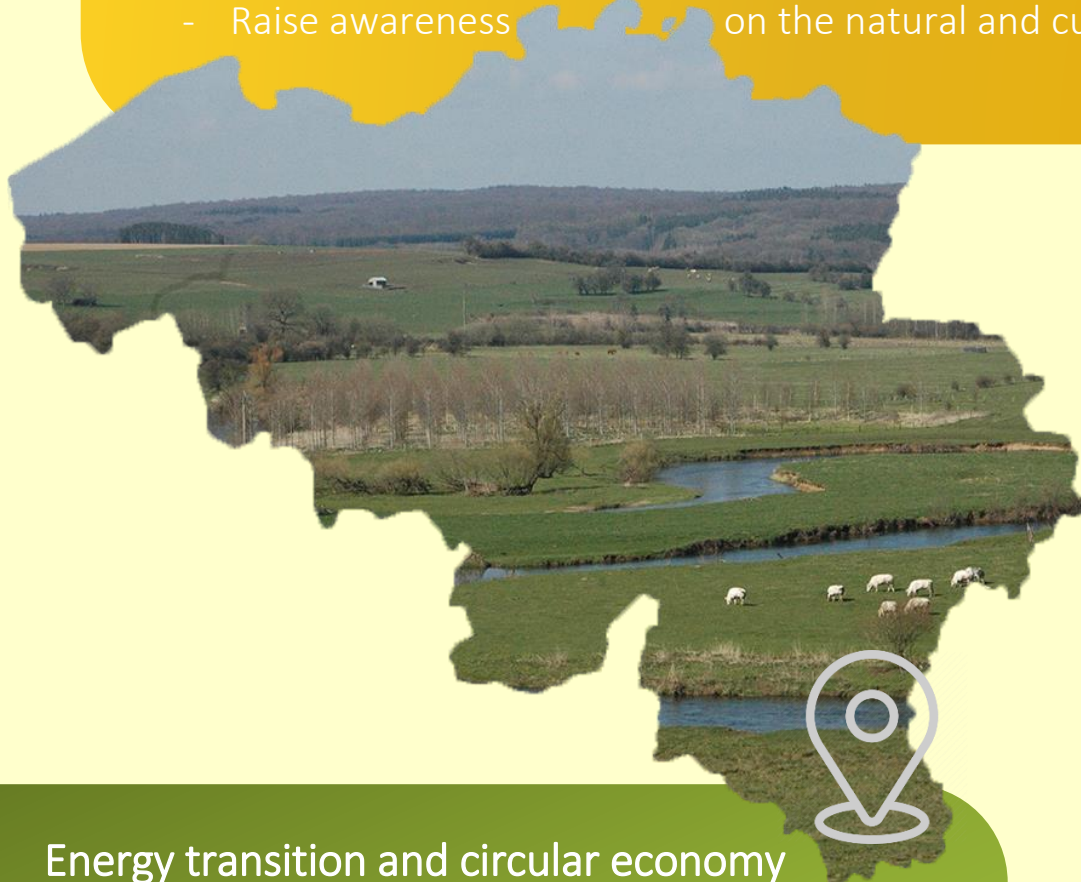
NATURAL PARK OF GAUME



Territorial Energy Strategy

Created in 2015, the Natural Park of Gaume built its strategy around 6 axes:

- Consolidate the territory's identity and its human and natural resources
- Improve social cohesion and quality of life in the villages
- Communicate information, coordinate local initiatives and boost new actions
- Share with the youths the opportunities to live and work in Gaume
- Support project leaders in their process, mutualize means, give advice
- Raise awareness on the natural and cultural wealth of the region



Energy transition and circular economy

The Natural Park of Gaume addresses the energy transition in a transversal way, as a mean to reinforce the territory's resilience, social equity and the local economy. In addition to supporting local projects and building its own (energy storage, awareness raising, ...), the Park created *Gaume Energies*, a cooperative dedicated to the conduct of energy transition projects.

Local food and short supply chains

Half of the farms in the Natural Park of Gaume are organic. In 2009, a label was created for the recognition of high-quality meat in the region. A few year later, the "Bovine meat of the Cuestas" sector was launched, allowing farmers to sell their products all year round. All of this led to the creation of the *Farming Cooperative of Gaume* (2013), gathering farmers of the territory selling their products locally. In parallel, a movement grew around the "Epicentre", the 1st village's grocery store saved by the involvement of a group of citizens.

