









2019 a year of fruitful connections

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2019, a year of Fruit connections

The Fairtrade premium generated by sales on the Belgian market grew by 34% in 2019. This is very encouraging even if there is still a long and twisty road towards living income for all farmers and workers. But, what is the reality behind this figure? What is triggering companies, consumers and politicians to

commit, more than ever, to fairer trading conditions? We believe the answer lies in connecting like-minded people. People with a common vision about the place humanity should have in our economy such as farming communities driven by sustainable entrepreneurship and consumers who vote with their wallets.

But also connecting the dots in between that make this possible. Politicians, industry leaders and civil society actors investing in the 'Beyond chocolate' program are a good example, among many others that you will read about in this report. Belgian dairy farmers committing to Fairtrade cocoa in their chocolate milk by Fairebel is another one.

We could go on and on... from the volunteers in Fairtrade Towns to the CEO of Infrabel and many other companies committing to buying Fairtrade products.

As we like to say 'human chains are stronger than supply chains', which will be essential in a COVID impacted world where the challenges are high for farmers

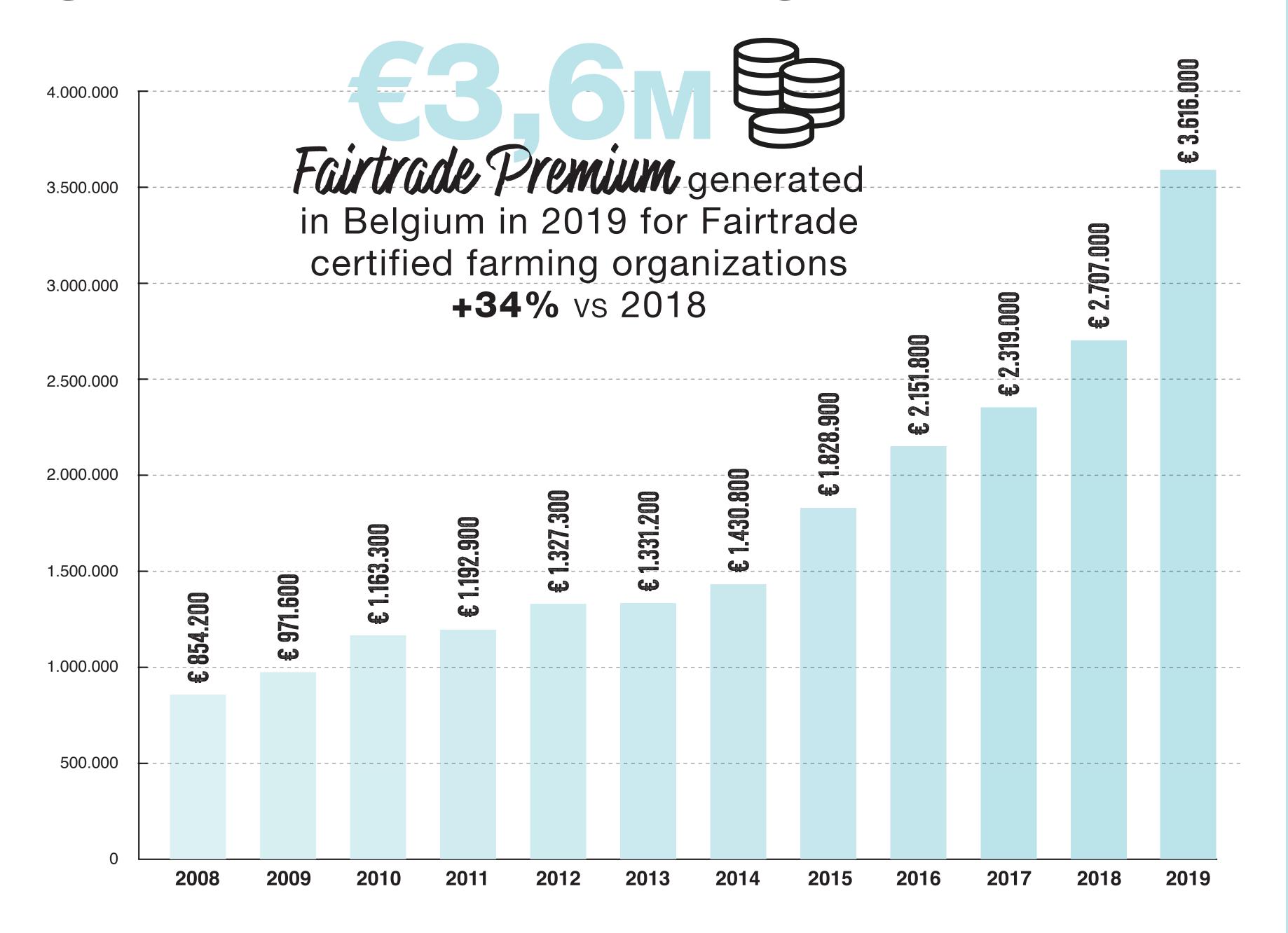
and those who
transform and sell
their products.
Hopefully a world
where everyone
understands the
need for an economy
serving the people
and the planet.



Nicolas Lambert
Director Fairtrade
Belgium.



Fairtrade Premium generated in Belgium



One of the most important KPIs for Fairtrade Belgium is the impact generated for Fairtrade farmers through the Fairtrade Premium. Thanks to the excellent growth of Fairtrade products in the Belgian market in 2019, the corresponding Fairtrade Premium for farmers rose by 34% to approximately €3,6M.

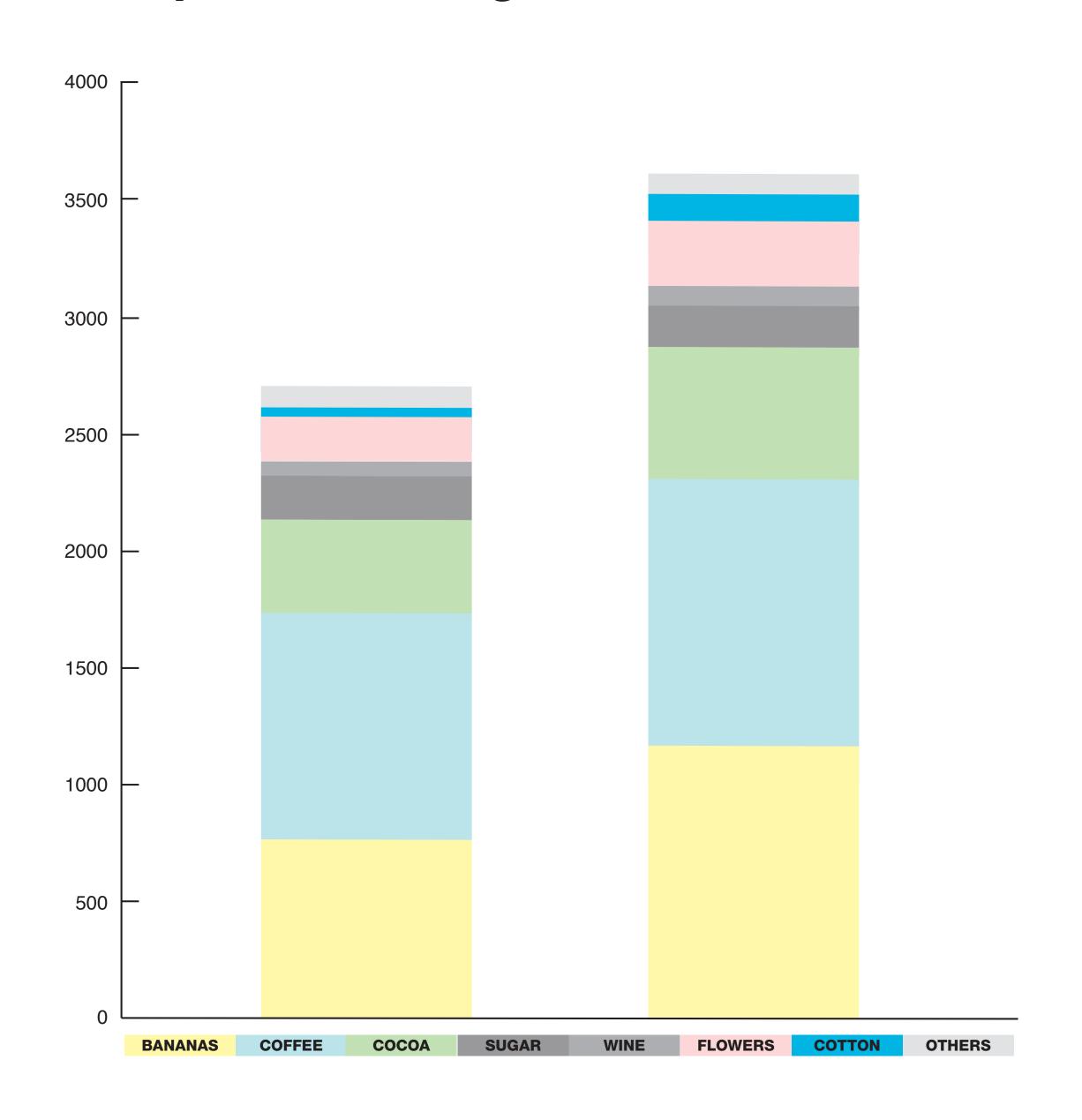
When looking at the evolution of the Fairtrade Premium over a longer period, we see a steady increase. Furthermore, over the last 5 years the premium has doubled.

Source: Fairtrade Belgium reporting 2019



Fairtrade Premium generated in Belgium in 2019

Significant growth in most product categories



Source: Fairtrade Belgium reporting 2019



Fairtrade coffee sales in Belgium









+18% vs. 2018





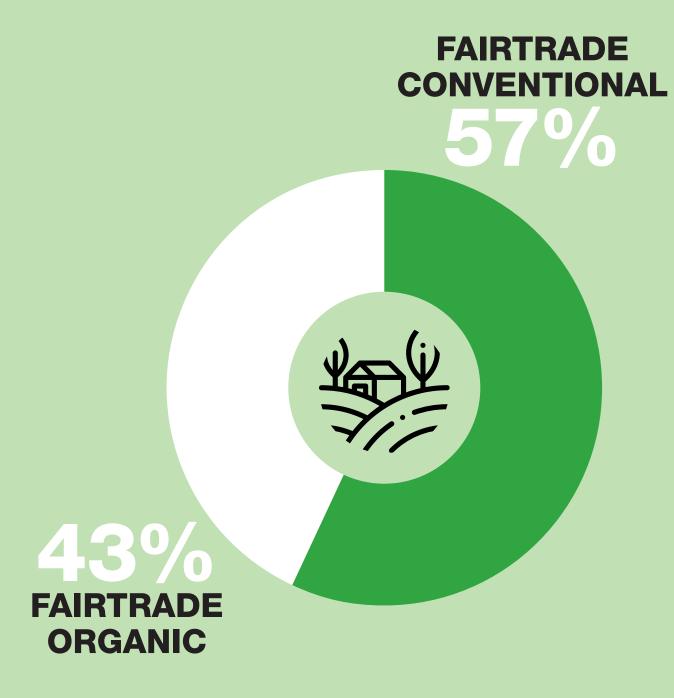


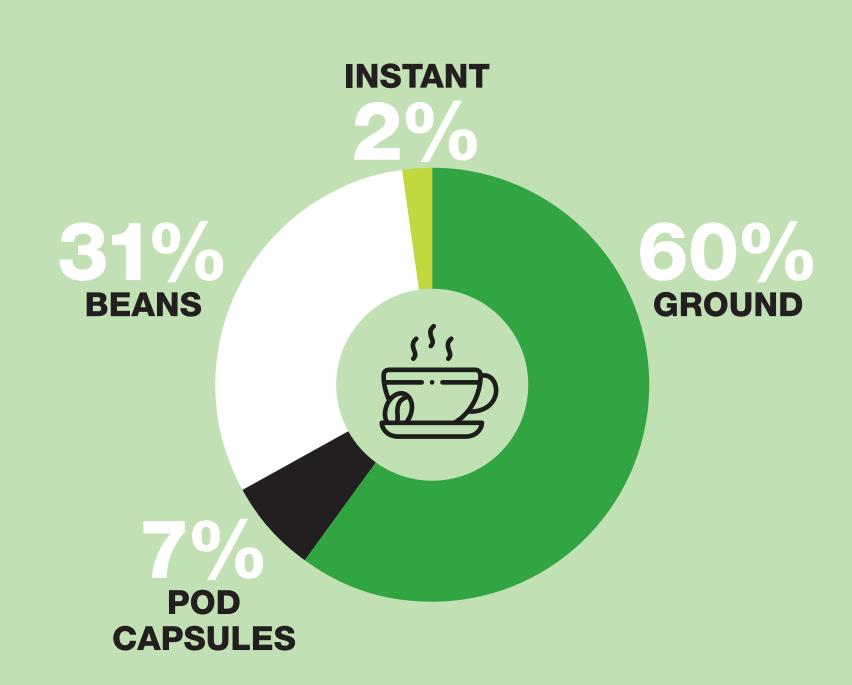
Sources: Fairtrade Belgium reporting 2019 & Euromonitor report 2018



Coffee Premium details for Belgium





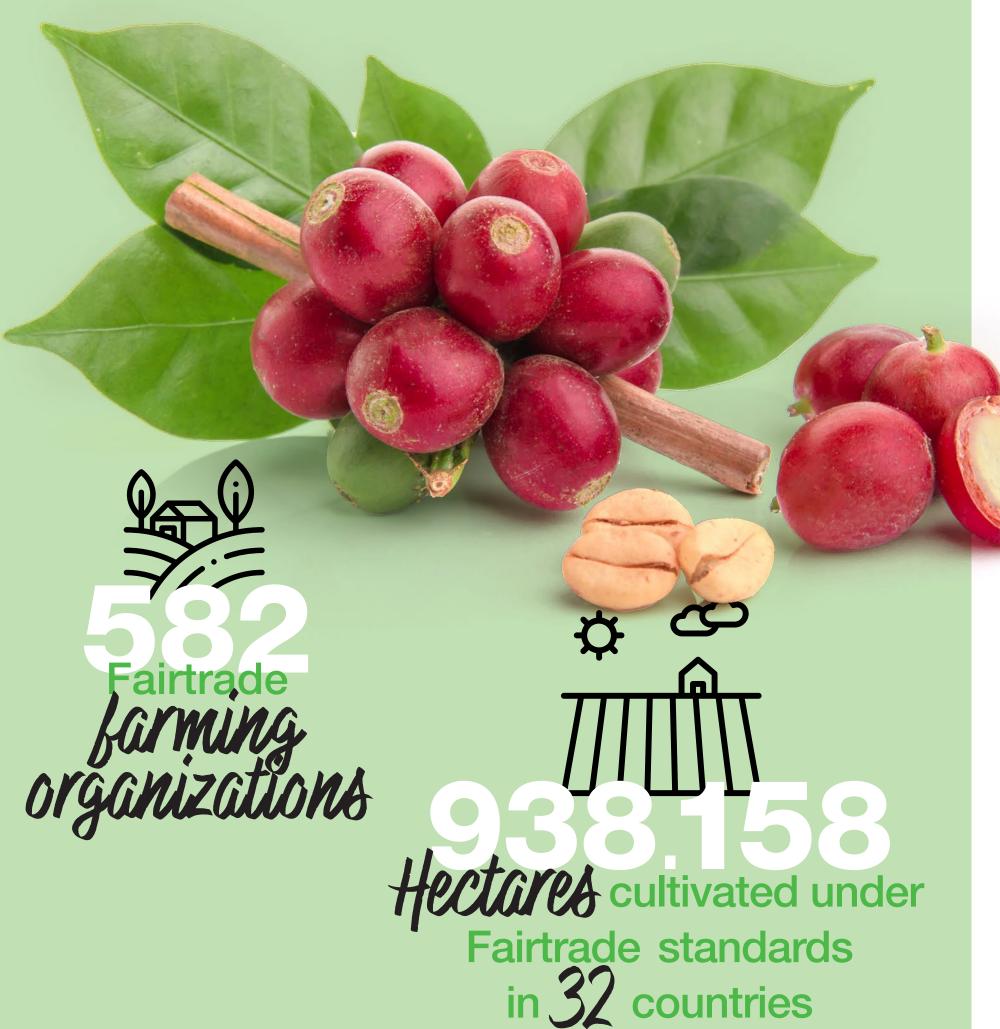


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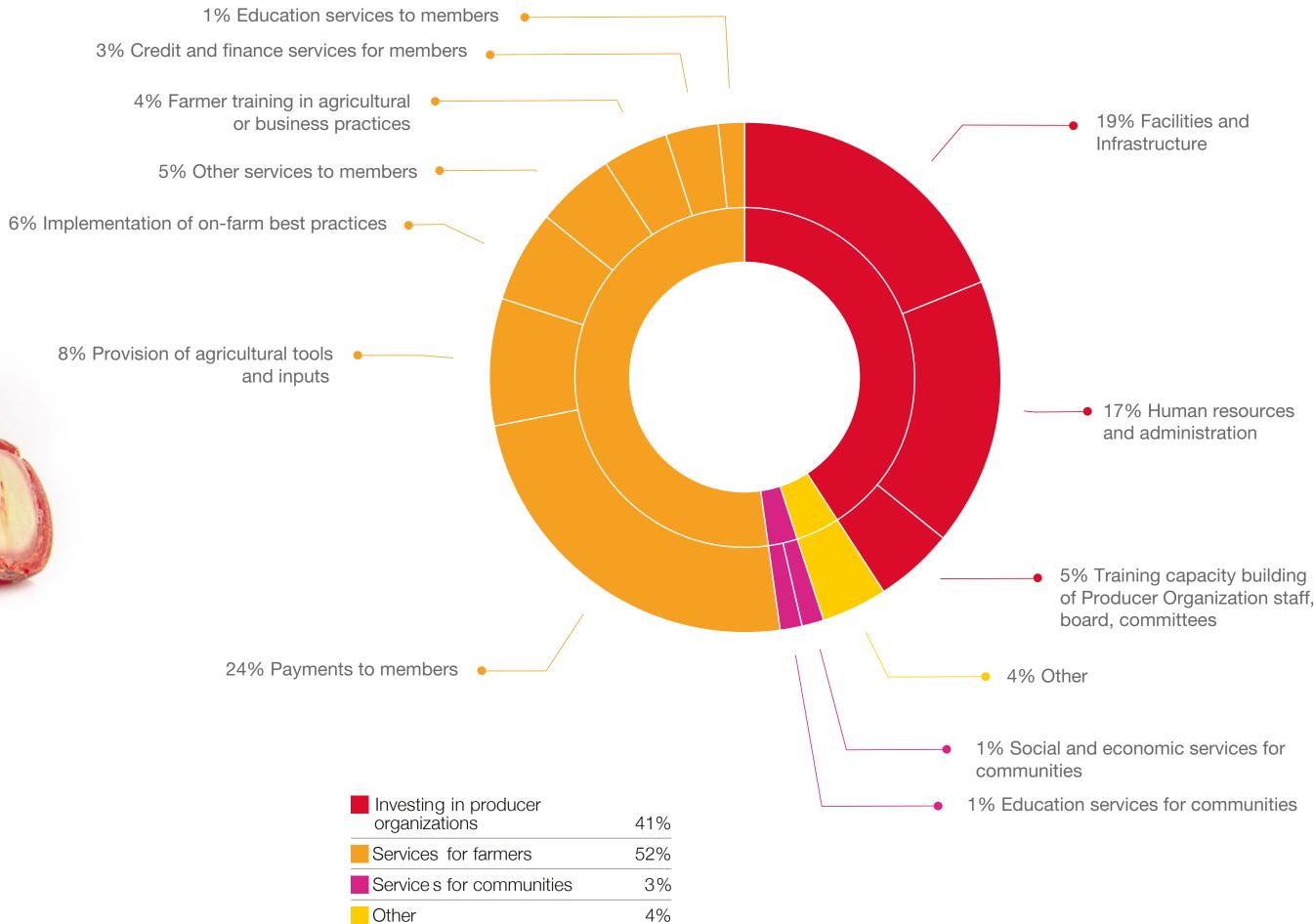


Fairtrade coffee worldwide





in Fartrade Premium earned by coffee farmers & invested in:



Sources: Fairtrade Monitoring Report 2017



Fairtrade cocoa sales in Belgium



25 BELGIANS 47 OTHERS

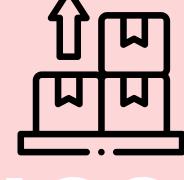


6,5%

+1,9 PP VS. 2018







3.166 mT

Cocou beams sold under Fairtrade terms

+30% vs. 2018



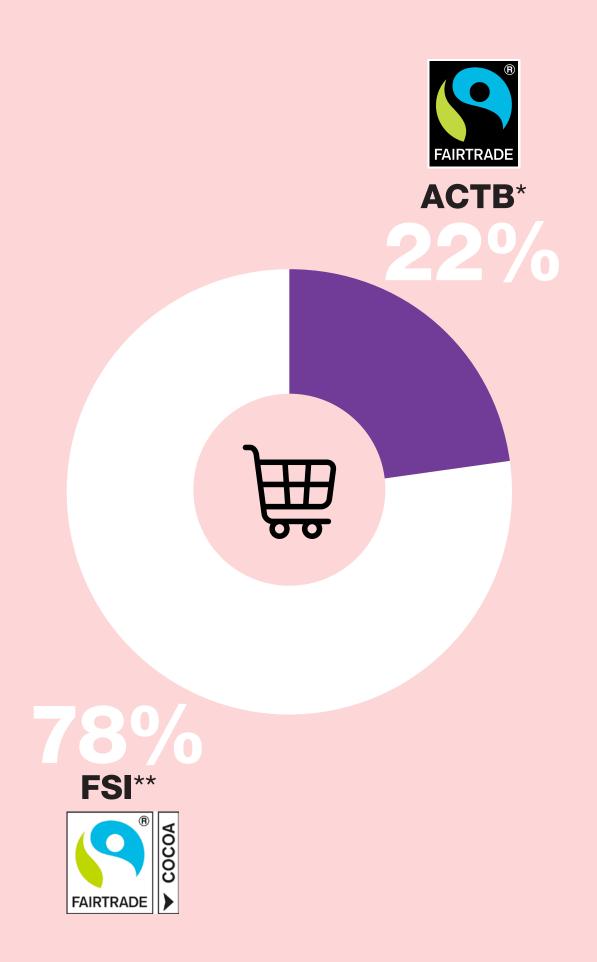
+35% vs. 2018



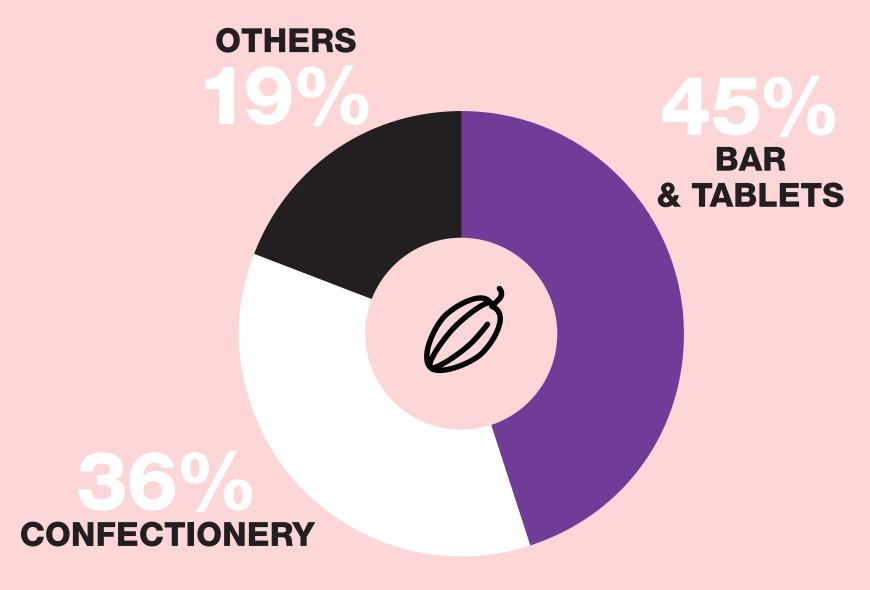
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Cocoa Premium details for Belgium







(*) All That Can Be: the certification of all possible ingredients in an end product (**) Fairtrade Sourced Ingredient: the certification of one commodity in an end product

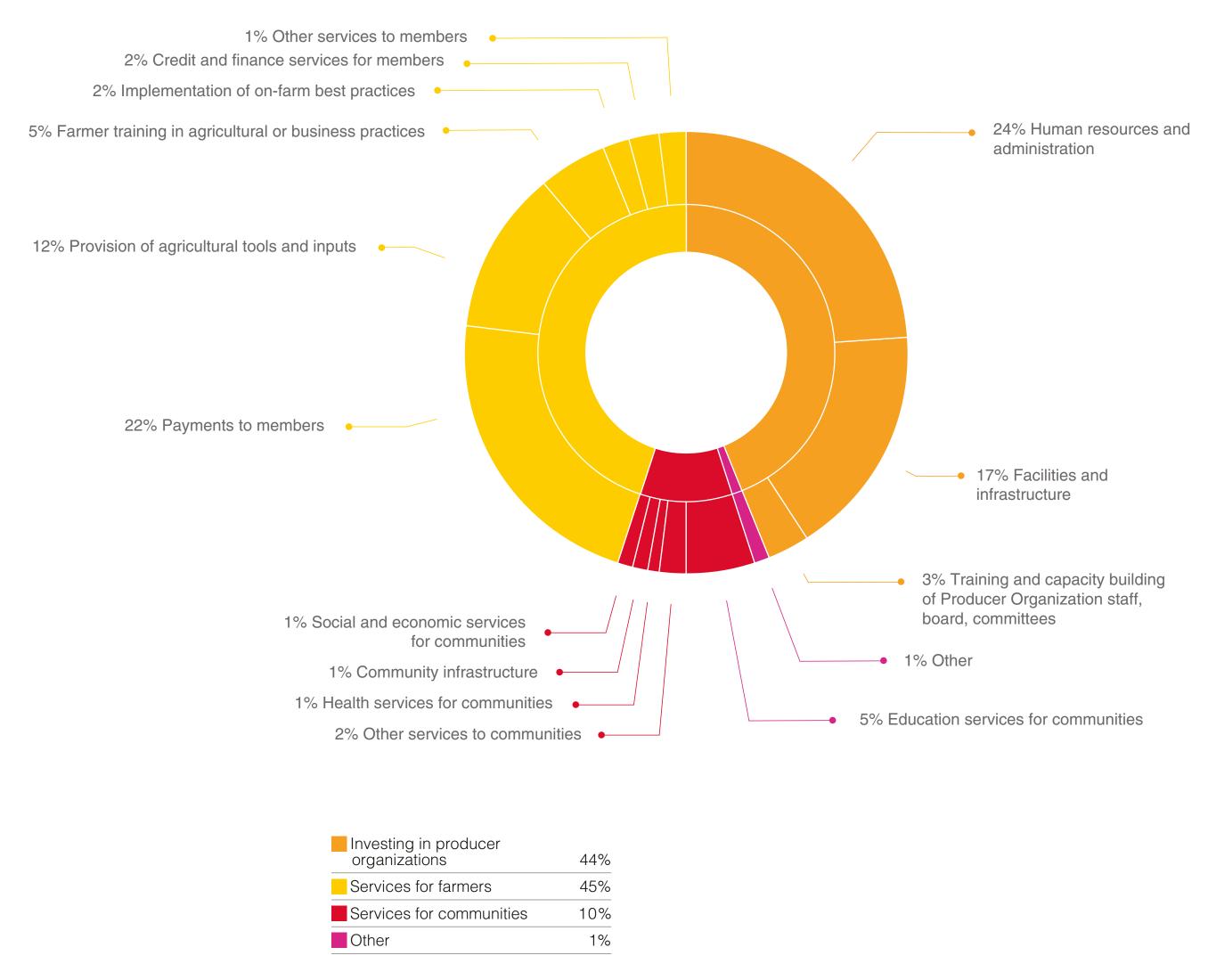
Sources: Fairtrade Belgium reporting 2019



Fairtrade cocoa worldwide



E38M sin Fairtrade Premium earned by cocoa farmers & invested in:





Beyond chocolate

The partnership to make Belgian chocolate sustainable

- 1-year anniversary
- Multi-stakeholder expert groups shaped a first accountability, monitoring and evaluation framework
- A new governance structure approved to increase the transparency of the process and decision-making





Ensuring benefits for farmers

- Fairtrade Belgium member of the steering committee
- Coordinating civil society actors together with Oxfam
- Mission to Ivory Coast to engage with local stakeholders



Living income projects

- Enabling living incomes for cocoa farmers
- Fairtrade Belgium is involved in projects with Belvas, Puratos, Colruyt, Lidl, Rikolto, Galler & Oxfam



Fairtrade banana sales in Belgium



sourced from Peru, Ecucidor, Dominican, Epublic and Colombia 23.876 mT Fairtrade banance

+47% vs. 2018

Fairtrade Premium

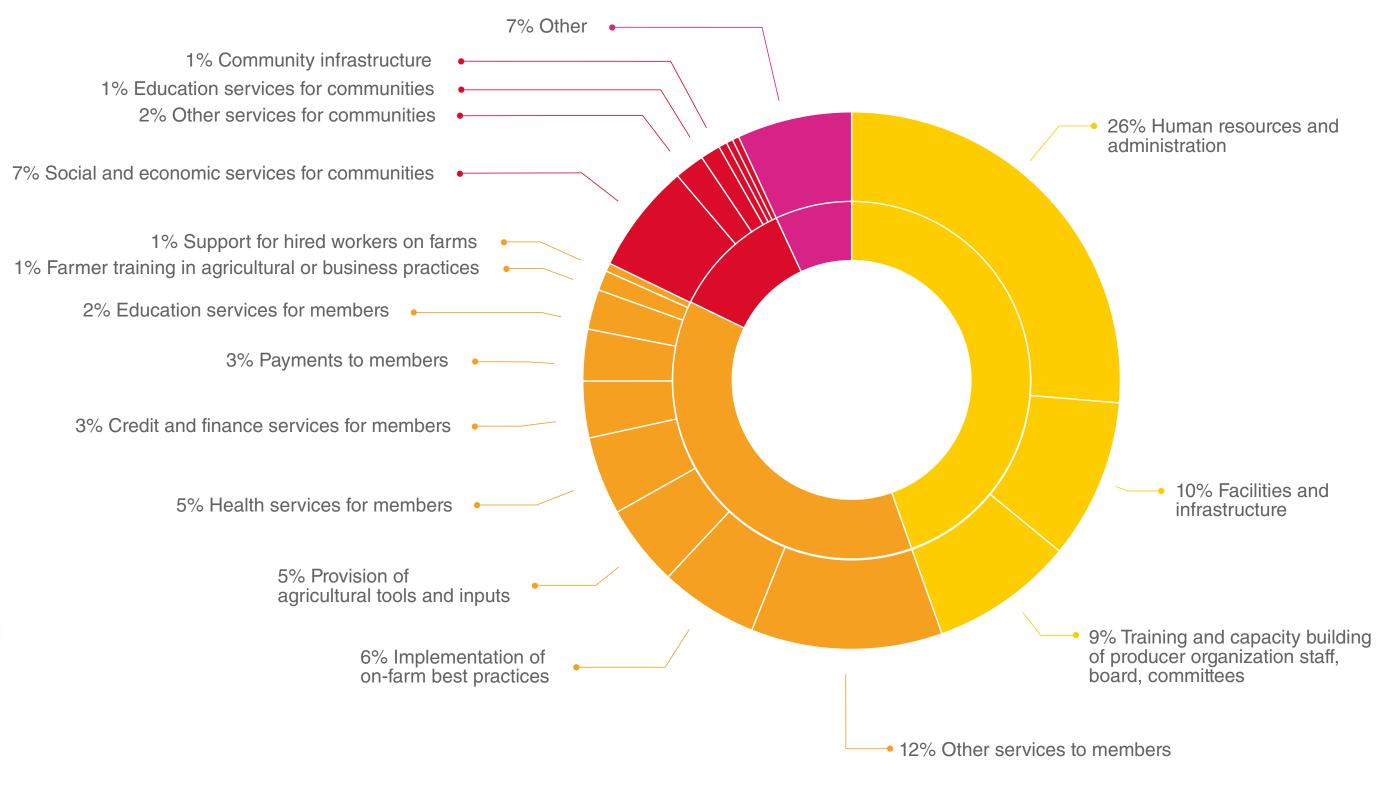
+54% vs. 2018

Bananas are mainly

Fairtrade bananas worldwide



E31.3M earned by banana farmers & invested in:



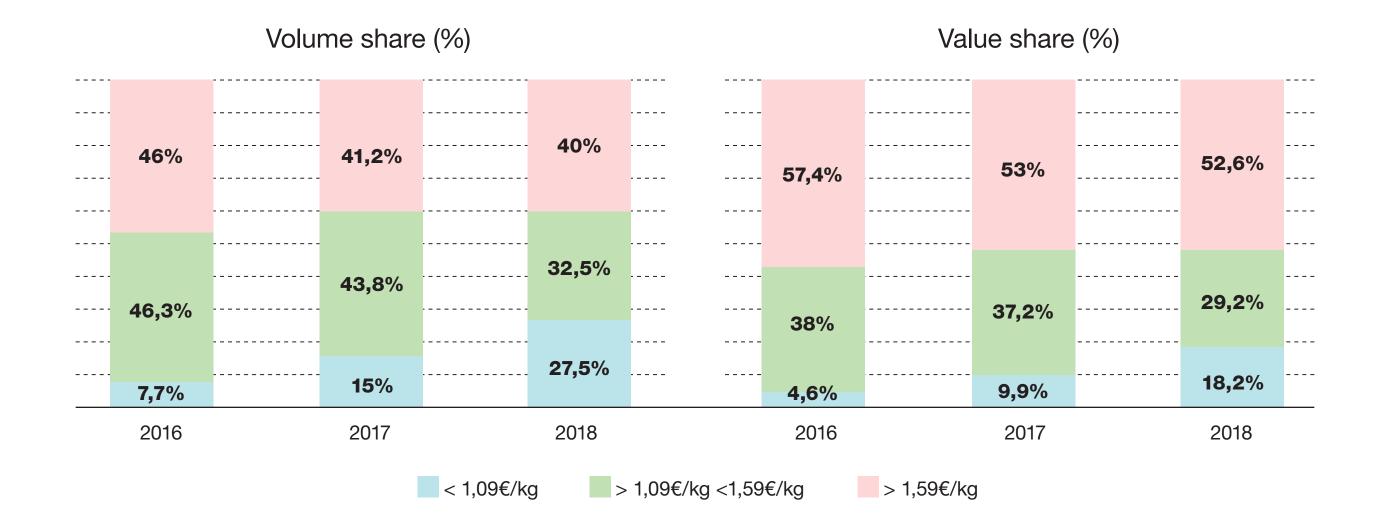
Investing in producer organizations	45%
organizations	
Services for farmers	38%
Services for communities	11%
Other	7%



Sustainable bananas

Here comes the low-cost banana

Staggering progression of low-cost bananas in Belgium: it gains market share & splits the market in half between premium and low-cost



Call for a multi-stakeholder approach

To counter this trend, during the Week of Fair Trade, we made a strong public call for a sector-wide initiative for sustainable bananas on the Belgian market

Sweet fruit, bitter truth

To help the banana sector make the transition to sustainability, Fairtrade commissioned True Price and Trucost to run a first-ever study on the external social and environmental costs of banana production in the key origins of Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Peru





Sources: GFK, 2019 & The External Costs of Banana Production by True Price and Trucost, 2019



Flowers sales in Belgium



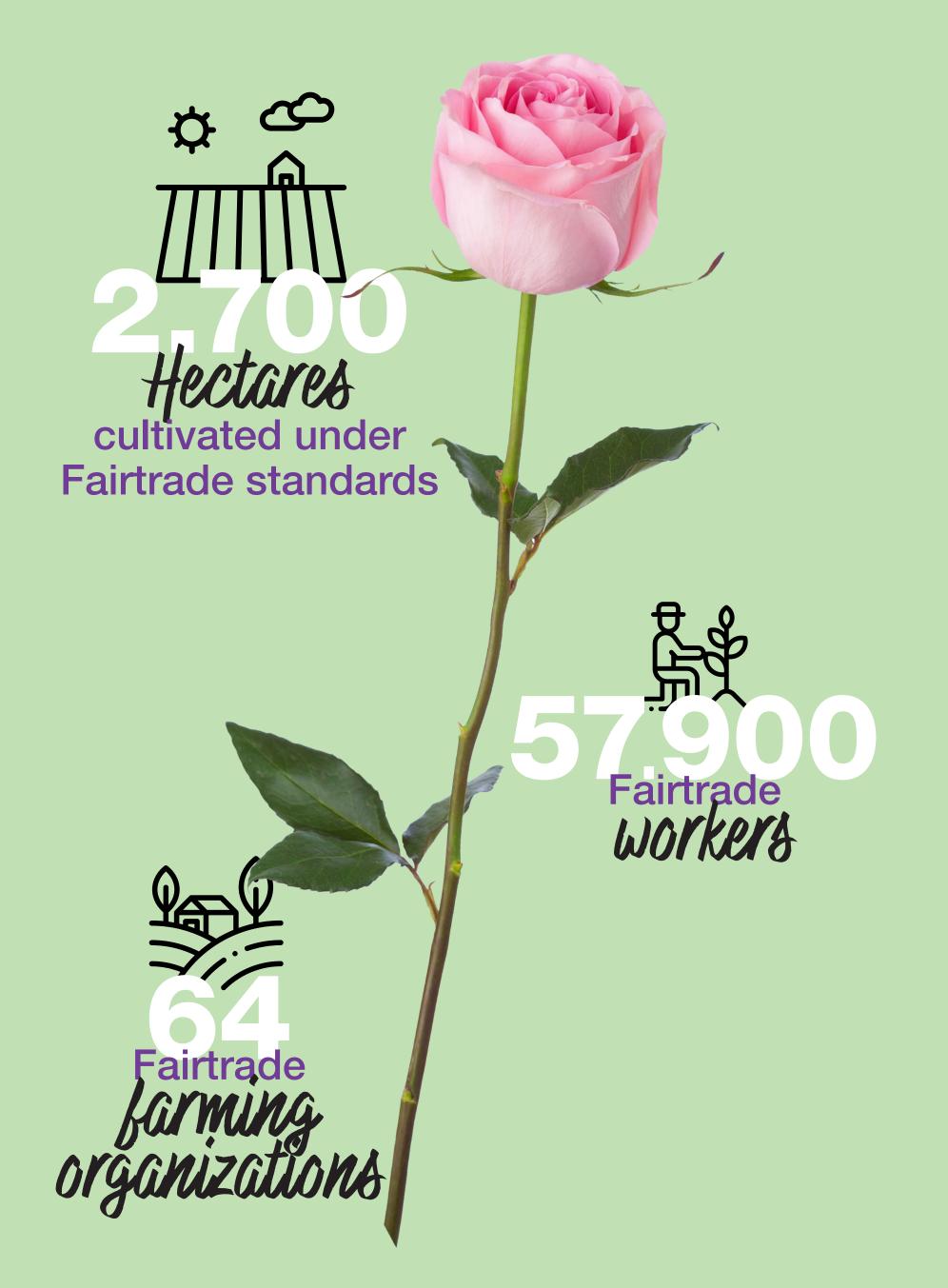
+59% vs. 2018



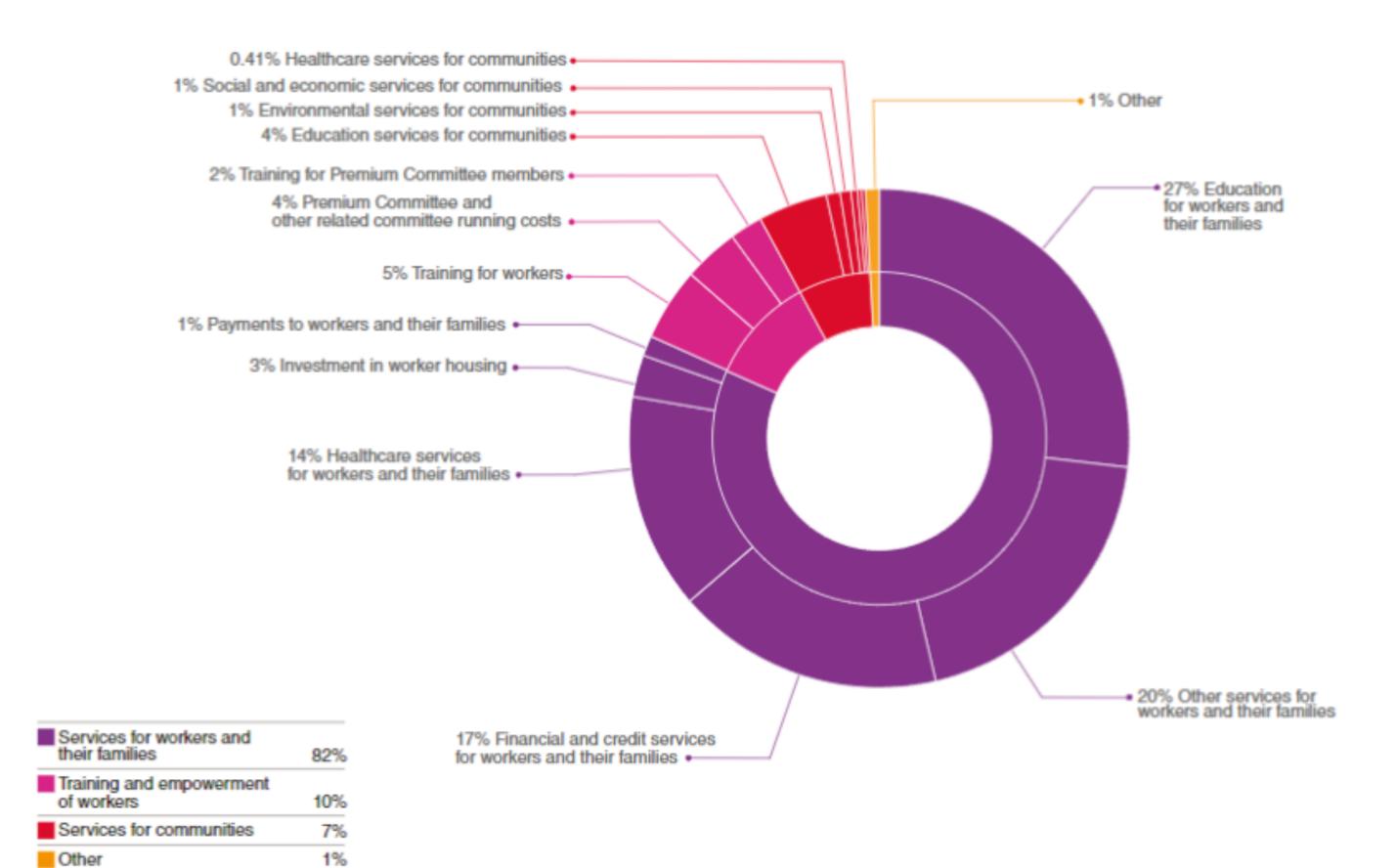
Sources: Fairtrade Belgium reporting 2019 & GfK report 2019



Fairtrade flowers worldwide







Sources: Fairtrade Monitoring Report 2017



Fairtrade cotton sales in Belgium

1.869 K
Fairtrade Cotton with sold

+108% vs. 2018

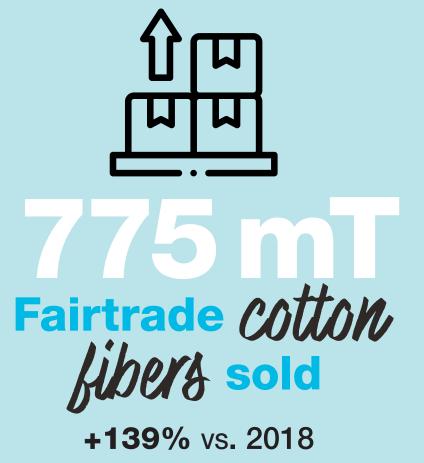


+139% vs. 2018





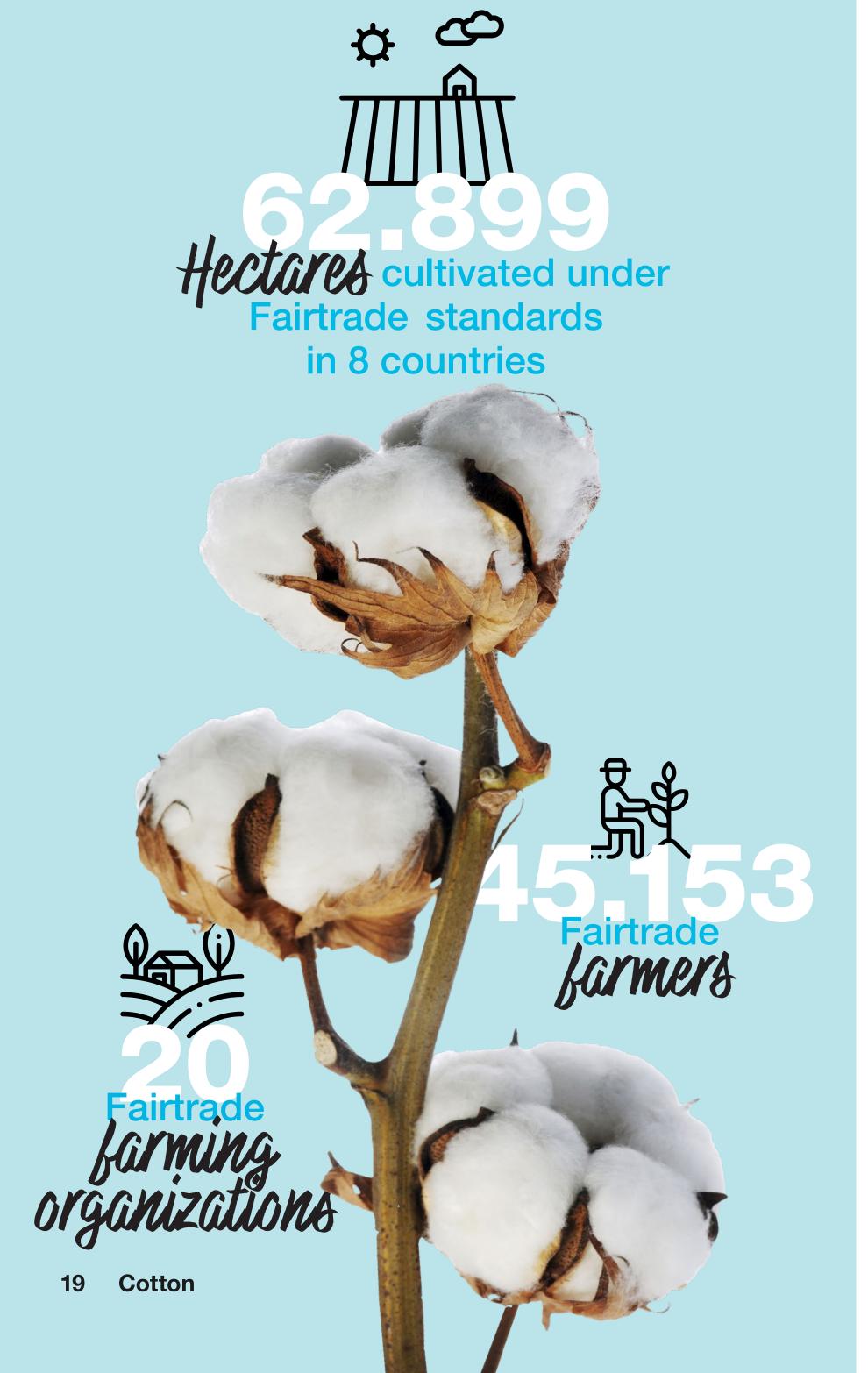




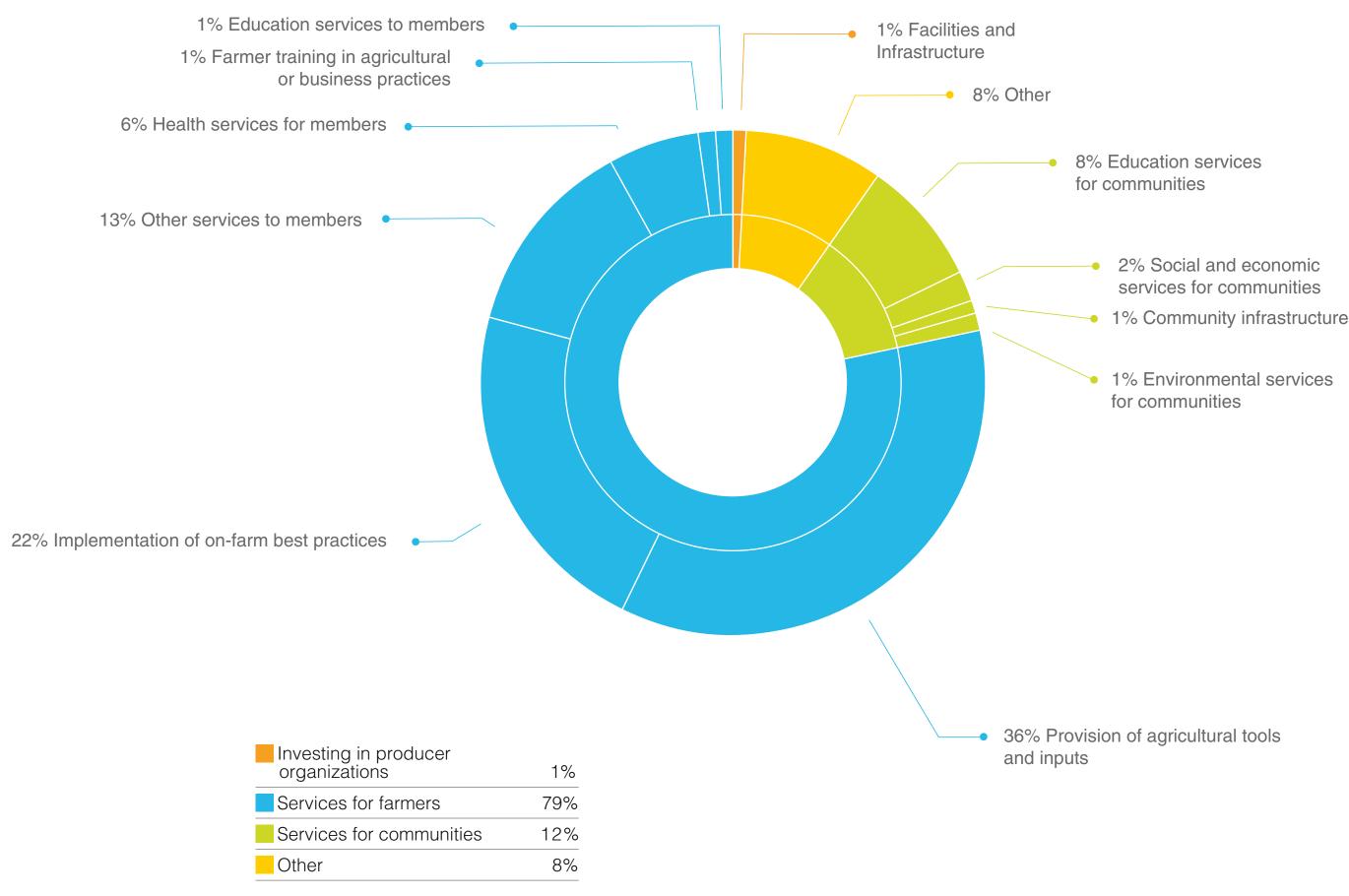
Sources: Fairtrade Belgium reporting 2019



Fairtrade cotton worldwide







Sources: Fairtrade Monitoring Report 2017



Retail & Brands' highlights

Oxfam & Belvas

- Commitment to Fairtrade living income strategy
- Additional income for cocoa farmers through the sale of the ranges Bite to Fight & Cocoa Direct



Fairebel

- Launch of chocolate milk with Fairtrade cocoa
- Highlighting the similarities between farmers worldwide



Lidl

- Launch of new chocolate range 'Way to Go'. Extra investment on top of Fairtrade standards
- Initiated in Belgium.
 International roll-out now taking place
- Introduction of a Fairtrade conventional banana on top of the organic Fairtrade one





Bioplanet

4 new coffee references under the brand Boni

Delhaize

- Launch of coffee brand Latitude 28: Fairtrade & CO₂ neutral
- Increased commitment on cocoa with Fairtrade seasonals









Out of Home highlights

Newtree





- Launch of coffee brand
- Opening of new café in Place du Luxembourg, Brussels







Fruit at Work & Fruitsnacks

Partnership for the Week of Fair Trade







Belvas

Opening of small chocolate factory & shop, part of organic market WOLF in Brussels



Fairtrade@Work



Fairtrade@Work drives the consumption of Fairtrade coffee and other products in companies:

- Those who take part, meet 4 criteria
 & receive a "Fairtrade Award"
- A choice at the heart of CSR strategies
- That meets the United Nations'
 Sustainable Development Goals
- A commitment that drives the empowerment of coffee farmers
- A communication tool towards employees and clients





























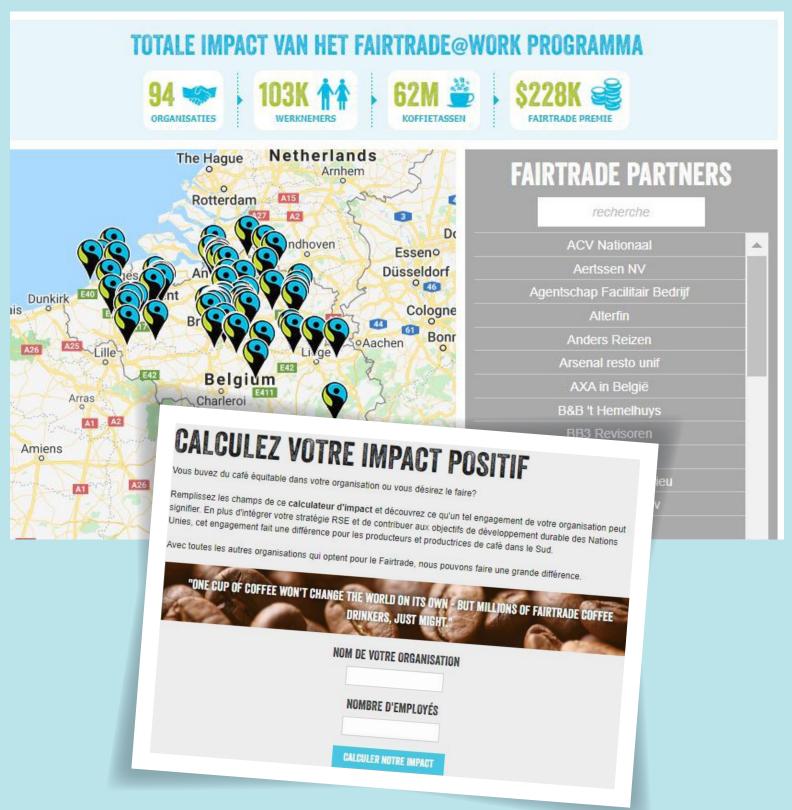




Fairtrade@Work

New tools





Testimonies

"In 2018 we generated
€ 8000 of Fairtrade Premium
that farmers invested in
agricultural practices and
their community."





"A small action with a big impact: 750 000 cups each year that have the taste of commitment!" "I am convinced that Fairtrade@Work and Corporate Responsibility contribute to the competitive advantage of the business"



Campaign participation

WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY

employee

THE WEEK OF FAIR TRADE

Offices

employees



FairTradeGemeente



FairTradeGemeente puts fair trade on the map of Flemish municipalities since 2004

- Municipalities that meet 6 criteria receive the title FairTradeGemeente: a symbol of the municipality and its inhabitants' commitment to fair and local trade
- The program strengthens the demand and supply of fair, local and sustainable products
- It contributes to the mission of a decent livelihood for all farmers worldwide











FAIRTRADE

FAIR-O-METER launch

- Impact tool to measure municipalities' commitment
- 132 participating municipalities in Flanders www.fairometer.be



Press event in Ghent

Sharing Fair-O-Meter results & awarding 12 municipalities

Week of Fair Trade

"Town halls become honest as a Fairtrade banana" campaign

Meise & Erpe-Mere get the title!







Communes du Commerce Équitable



CDCE puts fair trade on the map of Wallonia & Brussels' municipalities in Belgium

Raise local stakeholders' awareness of fair trade & generate a change in the behavior of local stakeholders and consumers

Support of the municipalities in Wallonia & Brussels

- 2 training courses "boosting fair trade municipalities" in Liège and Brussels
- 2 training courses on public procurement and fair trade local products in Huy and Charleroi
- Debate at the Slow Fashion Day and Night organized in Brussels







FAIR-O-METER launch











Fléron & Awans get the title!

International conference

5 volunteers attended the Fair Trade Towns International conference in Cardiff





Other partnerships



GoodFood@School

- A partnership between Rikolto, Good
 Planet & Fairtrade Belgium
- The ambition: « A sustainable and healthy food policy in every school »
- Councils in 4 cities, bringing together schools, parents, children, experts and politics
- 60 classes educated and coached to transform food in their schools

www.goodfoodatschool.be

Ik ben meer dan mijn kassaticket

- A partnership between Rikolto, Fairtrade Belgium, Test-Achat, Femma, Ferm and Gezinsbond
- A movement of citizens who want to make sustainable food in supermarkets the norm

www.meerdanmijnkassaticket.be



Colruyt
received
the first
« MDMKTAward » for
its project
« Aan tafel in
1, 2, 3 euro »

10+ workshops organized at local level to stimulate dialogue between supermarkets and consumers



Fairtrade brand performance

Key figures











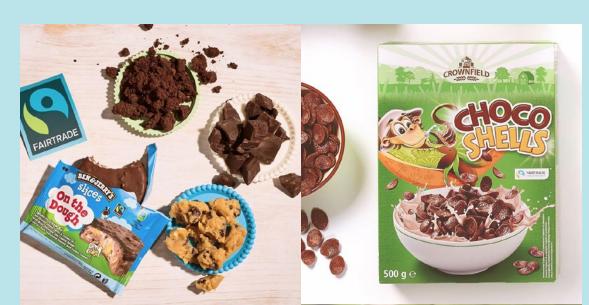








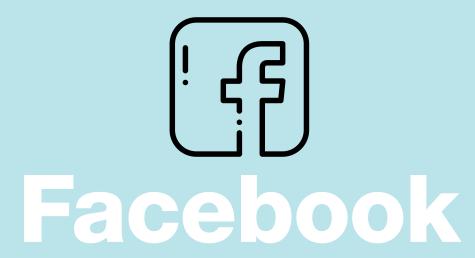
Digital results











Reach: av. 225K/month

Followers: 9.3K

Interactions: av. 40K/month



LinkedIn

Reach: av. 11.3K/month

Followers: 1.2K





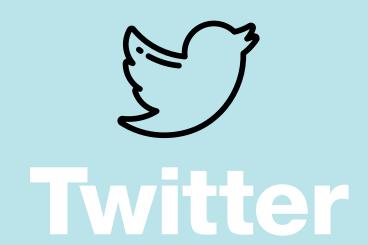






Reach: av. 90K/month

Followers: 2.5K



Reach: av. 24K/month

Followers: 2.4K

Farmers in Belgium and in Southern countries have the same ambition: a fair price for quality products. A message shared with us today by our director @nikoalamons and Erwin Schöpges, president of Faircoop at @FAIREBEL's press conference.



Way to go, @LidlBelgium! Today was the launch of their new super fair chocolate in collaboration with @rikoltoBE and @Fairtrade_BE, within the framework of @alexanderdecroo's #BeyondChocolate charter





Press highlights



PRESS RELEASES

& growing number of expert interventions







Verkoop Fairtrade-producten springt kwart hoger







THE VOICE OF FARMERS

Fortin Bley, cocoa producer from Ivory Coast on Canal Z

Angelique Karekezi, producer of women's coffee in Rwanda for World Fair Trade Day



PRESS TRIP

to banana plantations in Peru

5 appearances on television on RTBF, RTL & VRT











RADIO-INTERVENTIONS

& high number of hits in print and online media



World Fair Trade Day



Fairtrade@Work activation





Give a fair coffee & a compliment to your colleagues



Foodmaker & Starbucks

also activated their consumers





World Fair Trade Day



Press event with Angélique Karekesi,

director of the coffee cooperative Rwashossco in Rwanda & founder of the coffee 'Angelique's Finest', made 100% by women.





Influencer event

discovering various Fairtrade products: coffee tasting, small lunch & cocktails!















Week of Fair Trade

Howest as a Fairtrade banana

We asked the Fairtrade community to share a little secret & be as honest as a Fairtrade banana!

Best confession

The campaign reached 2M impressions on social media. The best confession, reaching 100K Belgians, was of Justin, son of a banana farmer in Peru















Media coverage

Our message was present on TV, on the radio, in the written and online press





Banana products

Contest on the radio & through Fairtrade@Work to win a surprised banana inspired basket



Week of Fair Trade

Intermediaries

We worked closely with many intermediaries to amplify our campaign



Licensees & universities









Fairtrade ambassadors





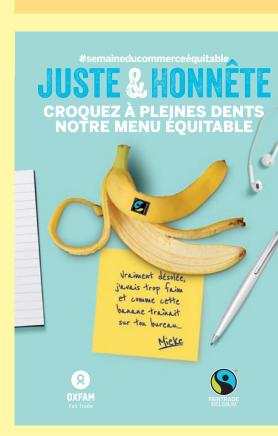












Partnerships

Collaboration with Oxfam for caterers

Combined action for Fairtrade@Work & Fair Trade Towns with 230 participating offices



Financial results

Profit & Loss

The progress of Fairtrade sales in 2019 resulted in a good financial year for Fairtrade Belgium. The License Fees grew by 13% reaching €1,7M. As a member of Fairtrade International, Fairtrade Belgium transfers approximately 1/3rd of the License Fee income to Fairtrade International for the financing of the global Fairtrade system including the Fairtrade producer networks. This is the main reason for the increase in **FI contribution** to €586K.

In addition to the License
Fees, **Subsidies** are another
important source of income for

Fairtrade Belgium. As part of the 'Changing Trade, Changing Lives' program running from 2017 until 2021, Fairtrade Belgium annually receives subsidies from DGD (Belgian Development Cooperation). The unused amount of subsidies for 2017 had been carried-over to 2018, whereas in 2019 the available subsidy was back to the normal level. This explains the decrease in received subsidies for 2019. DGD subsidies amount to 82% of the total subsidies received by Fairtrade Belgium.

Connect is a Fairtrade International licensing software

managed in part by Fairtrade
Belgium. The income related
to Connect decreased with 5%
vs. 2018, however this service
to the Fairtrade system is
always a break-even operation
with revenues received from
other Fairtrade organizations
equaling the operational costs.

Other revenues relate to the income received for the coordination of FairTradeGemeente. The drop vs. 2018 is mainly due to the loss of a related subsidy income.

Consolidated Profit & Loss Fairtrade Belgium (*)	2018	2019	2019 vs 2018
Income			
Net License Fees	1 506 581	1 700 469	13%
Subsidies	695 563	604 200	-13%
Other revenues	45 281	35 395	-22%
Connect Income (**)	267 421	253 950	-5%
Total	2 514 847	2 594 013	3%
Expenses			
Activities	-604 743	-517 222	-14%
Overhead	-175 019	-189 746	8%
Salary Expenses	-1 134 126	-1 221 282	8%
Depreciation & Provision	-61 439	14 804	-124%
Total	-1 975 327	-1 913 446	-3%
Operational Result before FI & PN (***) contribution	539 521	680 566	26%
FI contribution	-496 341	-586 447	18%
Producer Support Funding	-28 000	-49 000	75%
Contributions to FI & PN	-524 341	-635 447	21%
Operational Result	15 179	45 119	197%
Financial Income	2 822	8 048	185%
Financial Expenses	-1 340	-2 462	84%
Financial Result	1 483	5 585	277%
Exceptional Income (****)	7 597	37 753	397%
Exceptional Expenses (****)	-22 874	-9 225	-60%
Exceptional Result	-15 277	28 528	-287%
Earnings before Tax (EBT)	1 385	79 233	5621%

Source: Fairtrade Belgium reporting 2019



^(*) Consolidation of Fairtrade Belgium CVBA and Fairtrade Belgium VZW

^(**) Connect is a Fairtrade International licensing software managed by Fairtrade Belgium

^{(***) &#}x27;FI': Fairtrade International; 'PN': Fairtrade Producer Networks

^(****) Non recurrent income and expenses related to previous years reported in Exceptional Income & Expenses

Financial results

Profit & Loss

Activity costs for Fairtrade
Belgium are non-salary
costs mainly related to
communication, business
development, licensing,
advocacy and public relations.
Compared to 2018, activity
costs dropped by 14%,
which is mainly due to the
lower availability of subsidy
income leading to lower
communication expenses.

Overhead expenses in 2019 rose by 8% vs. 2018. This increase is mainly due to higher rent costs, one off IT and accountancy charges and expenses related to the renovation of the office.

Salary expenses grew by 8% vs. 2018. Although the headcount was stable in 2019, the salary costs increased because of the full year effect of having a complete team.

Depreciation and provisions amount to a €14K revenue, thanks to the settlement of financial provisions from the past. Also in the Exceptional category, costs and revenues from the settlement of different invoices from previous years occurred in 2019.

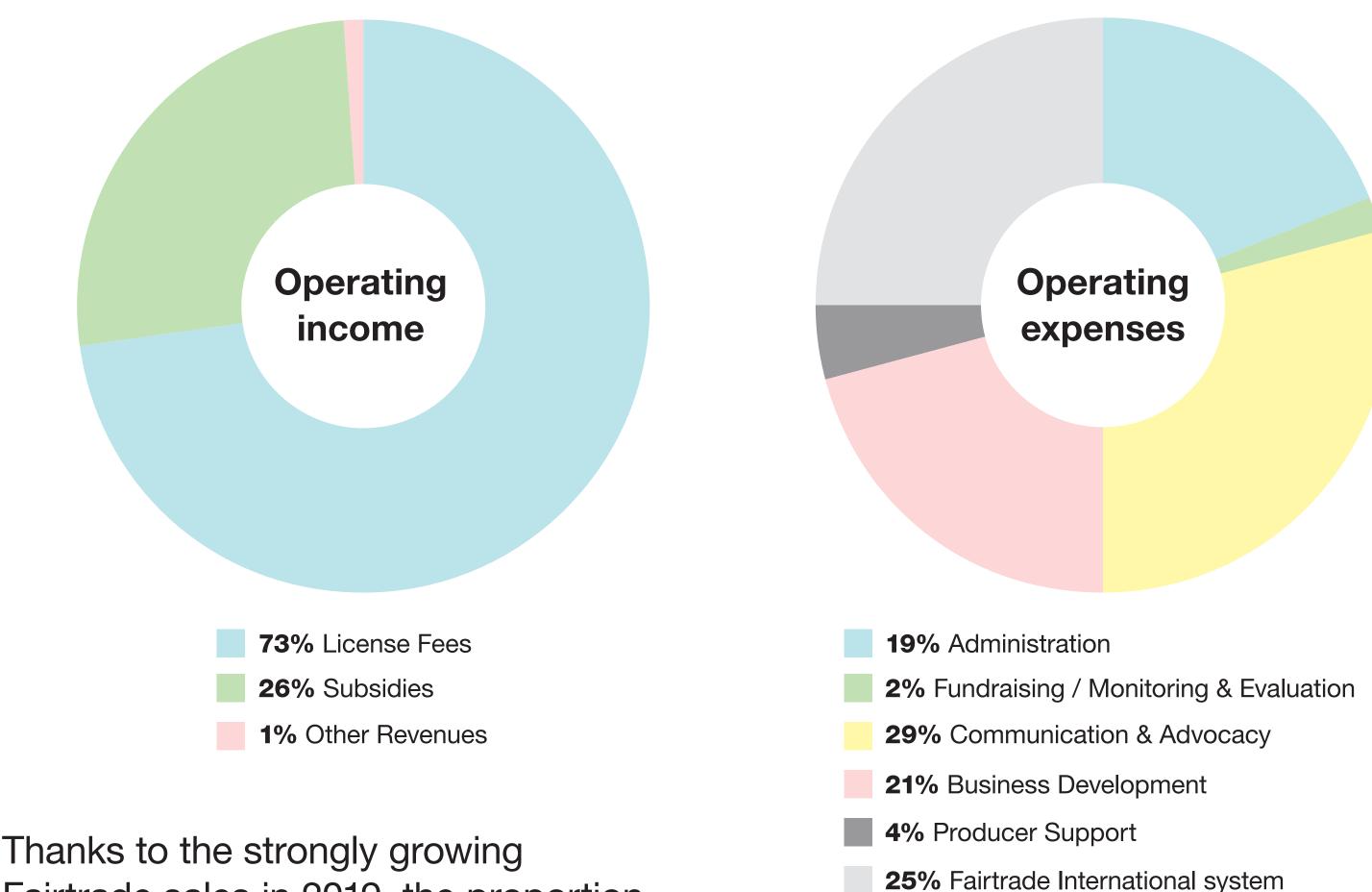
In addition to the support to Fairtrade producer networks through the Fairtrade International system, Fairtrade Belgium also directly supports several programs coordinated by the producer networks in Africa and Latin-America in different areas such as climate change and women leadership. In 2019, the **producer support** rose to €49K. Please note however that the main financial impact of Fairtrade Belgium to producers occurs through the Fairtrade Premium and the difference between market and Fairtrade minimum price when applicable.

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Financial results

Operating expenses & income



29% of the costs of Fairtrade Belgium are for communication and advocacy. One quarter of the expenses are linked with the financial contribution to the Fairtrade International system. Subsequently 21% of the expenses are associated with the development and expansion of the supply of Fairtrade products in the Belgian market, more particularly support to the Belgian licensees in communication, product management, ...

Administrative costs such as HR, Office, Finance and IT expenses, amount to 19% of the total expenses. Finally 4% of the costs are allocated to additional producer support and supply chain projects, and 2% of the costs are connected to the different subsidy programs and evaluations.

Fairtrade sales in 2019, the proportion of income from License Fees increased to 73% of the total income.

Notes:

- The graphs exclude the costs & revenues related to the Fairtrade International (FI) licensing system (Connect)
- The graphs exclude the depreciation, the financial and exceptional cost & revenue categories

Source: Fairtrade Belgium reporting 2019

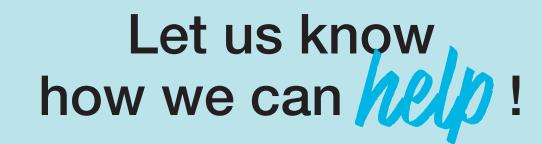
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