

BOND REPOSITORY OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

FRANCE: Onion Producers Co-operative/ Phalempin Market Cooperative (Cuma Nord'Oignon/ Cooperative Marché de Phalempin)

The aim of the BOND Repository is to share real-life solutions of farmers' and land managers' capacity to develop collective activities and participate in networks involving a wide range of actors. The Repository contains 20 in-depth case studies emerging from the BOND Project, and in addition provides a store-and-share for other initiatives and projects to upload their success stories on an on-going basis.

The Repository is based on EU 'Practice Abstracts' that provide a common format to characterise a project. This makes it possible for readers to contact the project partners and enables the dissemination of project results.

The language is English apart from the project title and abstract.

This Table aims to provide basic information about the organisation or initiative as a whole.

Title (in native language)	Cuma Nord'Oignon
Title (in English)	Onion Producers Cooperative
Editor's name and contact details (address, telephone, email)	Christine FERRIER Chargée de mission Formation - project officer, FNCUMA, Paris, France Tél. : 04.67.06.23.29 christine.ferrier@cuma.fr
Coordinator name and contact details.	Cuma Nord'Oignon 173 Rue d'Estaires, 62138 Violaines, France Phone: +33 3 20 29 25 77
Partners' names and contact details	President : Didier DURLIN didier.durlin@wanadoo.fr
Start date	1991
Main sectors/focus	Onions
Type of organisation (eg coop, network)	Cooperative
Number of members	30
Type of members	Farmers
Operating level (local, regional, national etc)	Local, regional
Funding sources	Farmer members
Total budget	
Objectives of the initiative	To share investments for packaging onions
Description of main activities	Vegetable sorting, grading, drying and packing
Website	www.mphalempin.com/
Links to other websites if appropriate	http://www.cuma.fr/

Tick if audiovisual material provided	Video on Youtube : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk5I3ZrkkAc https://youtu.be/fOU5ZRpX4L0
Tick if project documents provided	http://www.entraid.com/articles/une-cuma-la-ou-on-ne-lattend-pas

PRACTICE ABSTRACT 1

This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers and other practitioners, using easy understandable language.

(Please repeat this template for each project or subproject that you would like to record)

Short title in English	Onion Producers Co-operative/ Phalempin Market Cooperative
<p>Short summary for practitioners in English on the (final or expected) outcomes (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces). This summary should at least contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Main results/outcomes of the activity (expected or final) Include successes such as impact (on policy/productivity/land management etc), effectiveness (have objectives been achieved?), sustainability (economic and environmental), and transferability (can it be adapted and adopted elsewhere?) – The main practical recommendation(s): including both entrepreneurial elements related to cost, productivity etc as well as how any challenges have been overcome. 	<p>CUMAs are farm machinery service cooperatives, small autonomous groups, ruled by and for farmers. Their objective is collective investment and joint use of machinery, buildings, infrastructure and workers. By pooling equipment, CUMA offer an innovative arrangement to share equipment, reduce machinery costs and make limited capital available for other uses.</p> <p>In the case of CUMA Nord'Oignon, the shared investment is in all the equipment required for the sorting, grading, drying and packaging of onions. This group has been created by 9 producers in 1991 as they needed to respond to market demands in terms of products they were supplying. Now 30 farmers are members of the CUMA, included 10 organic producers. As onion is a speculative crop, it was quite difficult to gather people together for a collective project - the president recognizes that it took them 10 years to find the right way to operate! Success means that more farmers regularly request to join the group.</p> <p>The sale of the onions is the task of another linked cooperative, Marché de Phalempin. Marché de Phalempin is a cooperative dedicated to the sales of fresh vegetables from 188 producers. It has an agreement with the CUMA Nord'Oignon : to sell all the onions of the CUMA members, and only them, and to provide market feedback to the producers. This cooperative sells around 40 000 tons of vegetables produced by local farmers, 80% is sold to supermarkets.</p>
Short title in <u>native language</u>	Cuma Nord'Oignon/ Cooperative Marché de Phalempin

Short summary for practitioners in native language (can be the language of the coordinator / one of the partners)

Nord Oignon est une Cuma (Coopérative d'Utilisation du Matériel Agricole) situé dans la région Hauts de France, près d'Arras : les 30 producteurs locaux qui en sont membres mutualisent les équipements pour le tri, le conditionnement et le séchage de leur production d'oignon. 10 d'entre eux font de l'agriculture biologique : des investissements spécifiques ont été réalisés en groupe pour séparer le conditionnement des oignons bio des autres produits.

La vente des oignons se fait avec une autre organisation coopérative : le Marché de Phalempin. Celle-ci s'occupe de la vente non seulement des oignons des producteurs de la Cuma, mais aussi d'autres fruits et légumes de producteurs (188 agriculteurs sont adhérents).

Le Marché de Phalempin permet aux producteurs d'unir leurs forces pour pérenniser les productions locales et les emplois. Elle fait vivre les maraîchers de la région (video : <https://youtu.be/fOU5ZRpx4L0>)