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**Vers une démocratie alimentaire:
Accès à l'alimentation durable: de nouveaux enjeux de justice sociale pour le travail social**

**Towards a food democracy:
Access to sustainable food: new social justice issues for social work**

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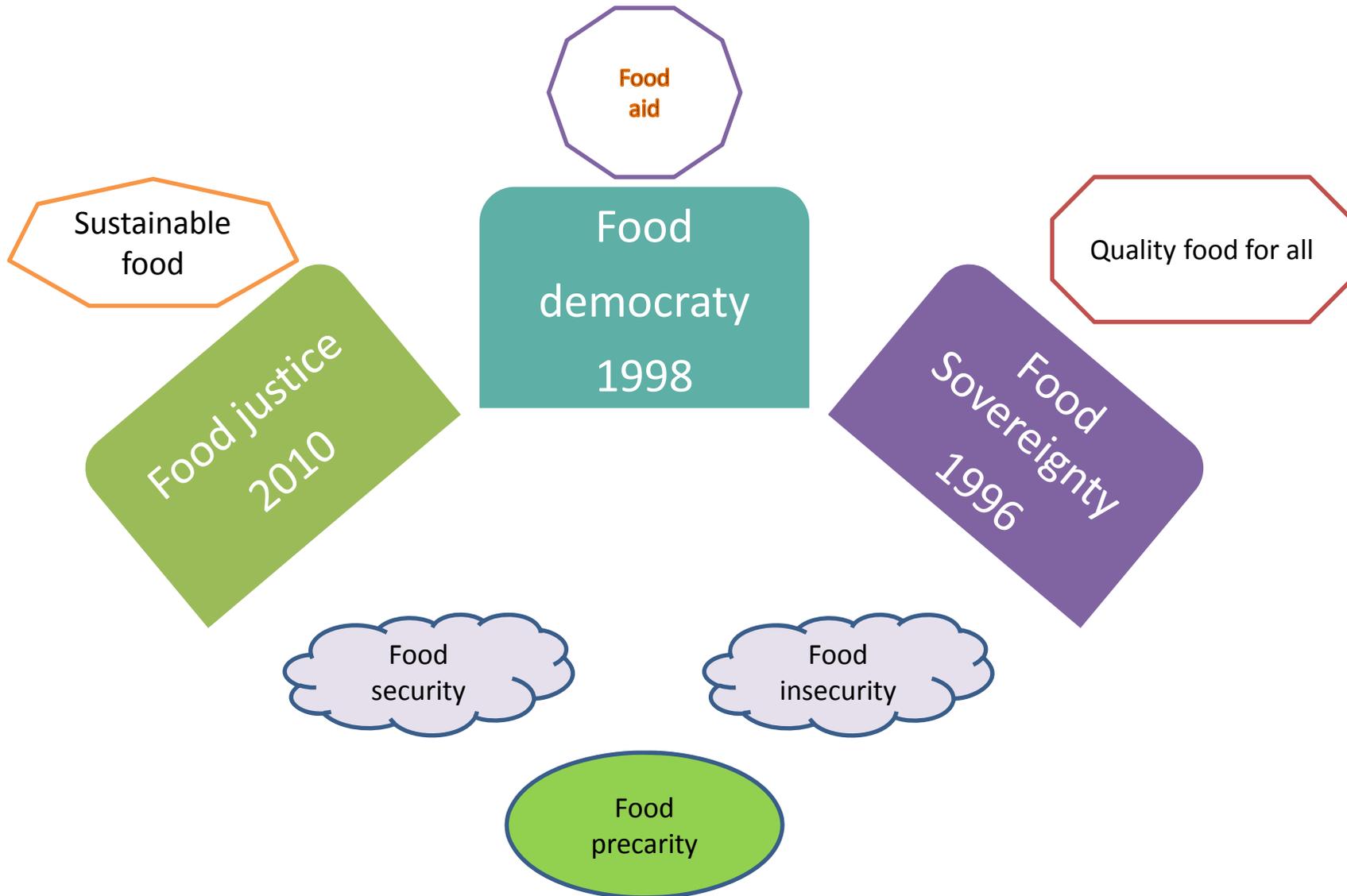
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Three concepts, some notions, a background



Food democracy ⁽¹⁾

Defined by Tim Lang in 1998; It seeks to counterbalance the lack of regulation by the State of the agri-food sector and its influence by the agri-food industry. He thinks that we must not constrain it more but rather democratize it .

The food democracy is based on taking into account the food system, ie a systemic view of all activities and stakeholders in agricultural production, processing, distribution and eaters (Malassis, 1999).

Two approaches:

- A first approach concern will be to find answers in terms of law; Neil Hamilton in the USA (2005)
- A second approach, that of Neva Hassanein in 2003. She presents food democracy as a means of collective action available to society and social movements. This track will also be that of Henk Renting et al in 2012, (Both, Coveney, Paturel, 2017)

Food democracy (2)

This concept has the merit of making both the questions of justice - through access, participation and empowerment- and those of citizenship, for all the stakeholders in the food system (producers, processors , distributors, eaters).



Whatever the level of entry chosen to speak of democracy, it is based on a principle of social justice that will allow a concrete articulation with citizenship. (Paturel, Carimentrand, 2017)

What about food democracy at the European level?

Activist networks present in all countries: on the side of the development of short supply chains, or on the side of food sovereignty.

Access to a quality food for all

- Only weakly in the concerns of social work outside France and Belgium
- Food aid is the massive response everywhere based on a speech "deprived people are hungry". Significant support from the charitable sector in all countries. The reference system is high-risk populations (20%). Food aid funded by FEAD use the surplus food and Federation of food banks is the dominant model in Europe
- Countries in great socio-economic difficulties (Greece, Spain, Italy, etc.) have important social innovations based on short supplies chains circuits (GAS), gardens, collective solidarity.

In France

- A multitude of initiatives in working-class neighborhoods, with or without food aid
- Initiative of an alliance between the major anti-poverty associations and agricultural development networks for the General States of Food around a claim:

For a Right to Dignified and Sustainable Food

The institutions of social work (training and employers) are absent.

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