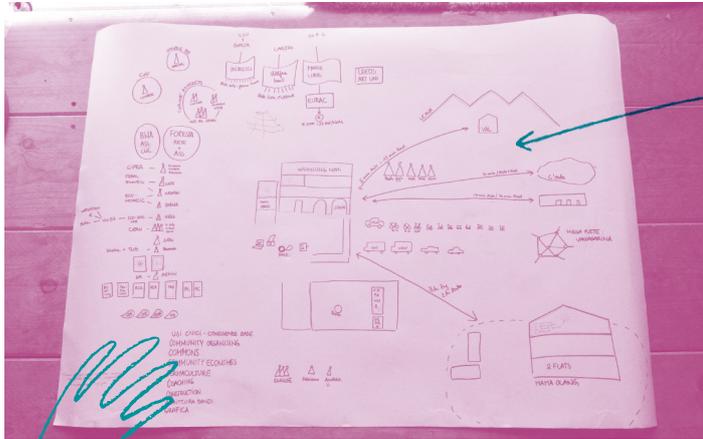
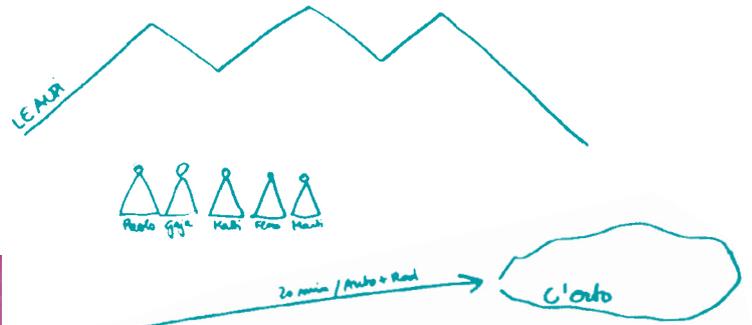


# DIVERSE RESOURCES MAPPING



## Round one

Each person starts out on their own with a large sheet of paper (at least A3) and maps on the sheet the answers for the following questions:

- What material resources do I have access to? For example, tools, land, buildings, infrastructures, vehicles, ...
- What skills do I have? Those useful in your work as well as those useful for a fulfilling life more generally.
- What access keys do I have? For example, diplomas, institutional affiliations, citizenship, social contacts with lots of resources attached, legal forms I can mobilise...
- What sources of monetary income do I have?
- Where do I have a surplus of resources or resources that are especially enabling? Draw circles around them or highlight them.

While producing this inventory of elements that sustain your livelihood, take note of the ideas that might already be bubbling up.

## Round two

Once everyone has made their own map, take each 10 minutes to share your inventory with the others. As everyone speaks in turns, the person facilitating this moment of collective thinking makes a collective resources map. One person acts as a time keeper to make sure everyone gets at least 10 minutes to speak.

During this round of sharing, it can be helpful to use the following questions as prompts for the collective conversation:

- a) Which resources could be used more strategically to enhance your own and others ability to act?
- b) Which resources have yet been untapped?

## Round three

Take 1 hour to reflect together on what new knowledges have emerged:

- a) What do you know you were not aware of before?
- b) Do you see other people's resources that they can't see from their own position?
- c) What could a recombination of the resources in your collective inventory allow for?
- d) Where would the least effort unfold the biggest potential for more resilience and collective action in the long-run?

## MATERIALS

Big sheets of paper (A1 size – even improvised will do), pens in three different colours, sound object, watch, drinks, snacks

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## PURPOSE

**This tool is useful for the creation of an inventory of the diverse material and social elements that you can draw on to sustain your livelihood. This inventory also constitutes your starting ground for taking actions in the here and now to foster your own transition to solidary, sustainable and resilient modes of living and producing. By making visible the resources you have access to, it becomes possible to see where there is potential for creating empowering economies (that are not necessarily based on money). Through the map it becomes possible to have a better overview of where it would make sense to put your energy, time and resources for becoming a resilient as well as prolific actor in the great movement towards solidary and sustainable modes of life.**

## KEYWORDS

collaborative thinking, making visible, lateral thinking, connecting the dots

## TIME

3 hours

## DESCRIPTION

### Premise

This tool assumes that all of us are never an isolated individual, but always – what commons theorists Silke Helfrich and David Bollier call – a Nested-I. People recognizing themselves as Nested-I realise that in their interdependence with other humans and the rest of nature, self-interest and larger collective interests are not opposed to each other, but can be aligned. This tool also acknowledges that our livelihoods are never sustained only through money but through a wide and colourful multiplicity of material and social elements, many of which often remain unnoticed by us.

