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# Context

- We can observe in cities (mainly) a resurgence of commons phenomenon – urban commons
- Context of crisis – economic and environmental
- Desire for more sustainable, inclusive and fair development (Kebir & Wallet 2021)

## **MOUN project :**

- What about mountains areas ? Do we see similar commons ?

=> Creation of a catalogue of new commons in mountain area (ALPS)

# Common(s) Good(s) : a concept known for a long time

Notion of common good

**Thomas d'Aquin**

Creation of the philosophical notion of The Common Good, in a theological sense

Typology of goods

**Samuelson and Musgrave**

Define common goods as rival and non-excludable goods

• Common goods

A new economy of the commons

**Elinor Ostrom**

Defines a analytical framework and shows that collective management of a good is possible

- Built approach of CG
- Bundle of rights
- Common pool resources

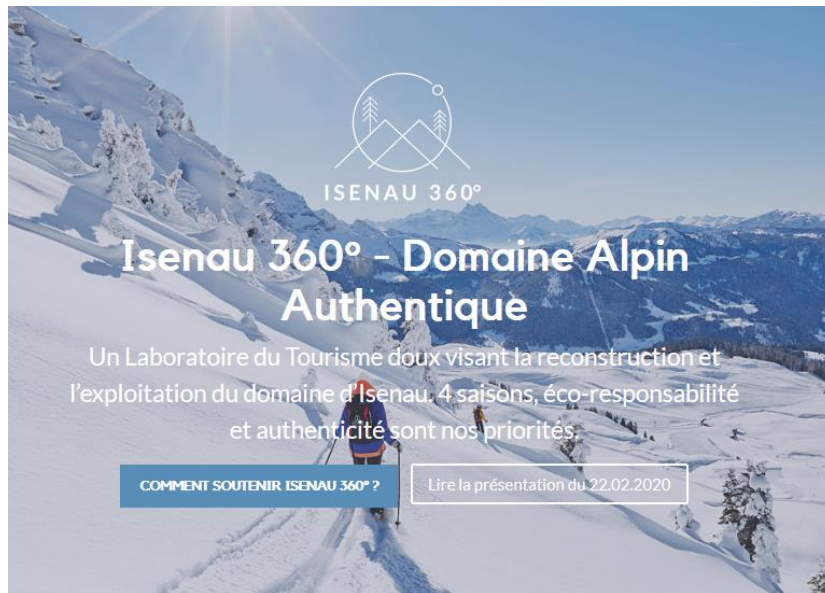
New common goods

Renewal of the concept around new types of objects: digital, heritage and / or urban artefacts.

Urban commons

(Adapted from Kebir et Wallet)

# Commons operational definition



Objects with shared use (exclusion is difficult) and managed in whole or in part by a group or a community of users considered or self-declared as legitimate .  
(Kebir, Nahrath and Wallet, 2018)

Focus on « new commons » (Hess 2008)

# Methodology

## Cases identification

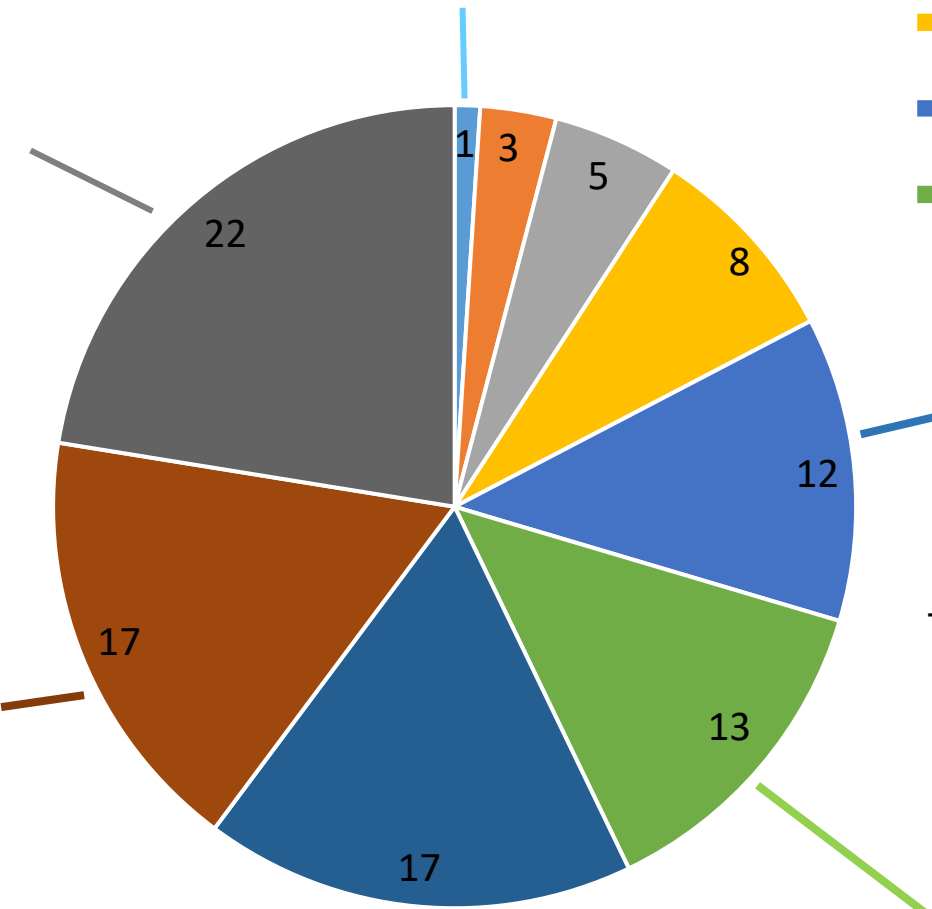
- Local news papers (Suisse, Europe) : Le Nouvelliste, Europress, etc.
- Literature Review: IASCP, Digital Library of the Commons
- Web
- Social networks
- Word of mouth

Objective: catching diversity not exhaustivity

98 cases identified, 72 in Switzerland others



- Self managed tourist resort
- Eco-hamlet
- Historical commons
- Other
- Places of activitie and services
- Built heritage



TRUC - Community coffee shop



- Internet plateforms
- Proximity services
- Infrastructure-equipement



Brontallo hamlet

# Initiatives tackling different issues of mountain life

- Resource preservation\*
- Fill in gaps of services\*
- Resource valorisation\*
- Reinforce social links
- Share and valorise (initiatives) across the Alps

\* similar as urban commons (Farrell 2014; Kebir & Wallet 2021)

=> Next steps : understand better and deeper these initiatives and their contribution to mountain territorial development



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