

What are the barriers towards a more sustainable system?

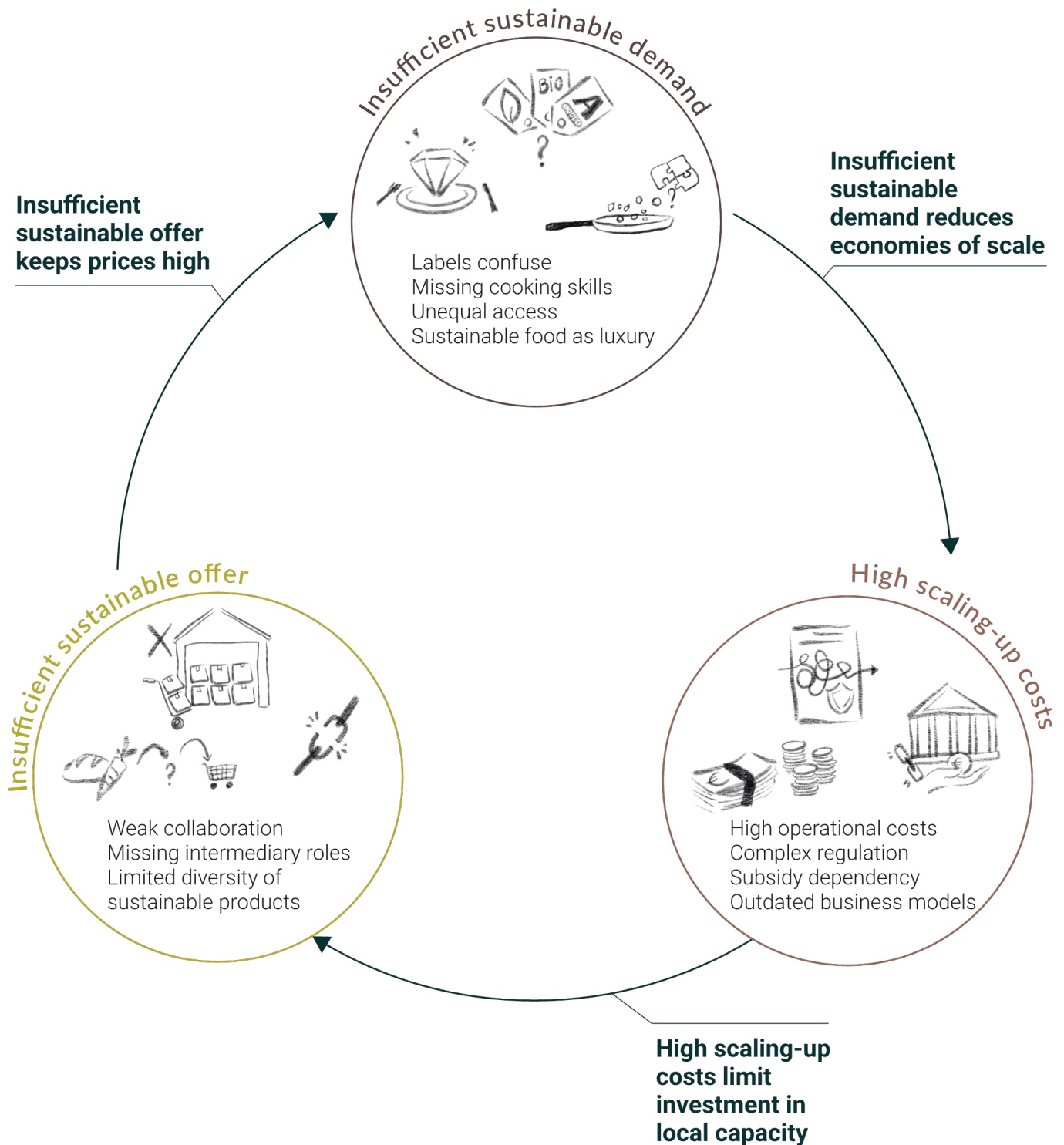
A systemic analysis of barriers across the Brussels food value chain.

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A vicious circle of barriers

Three clusters of barriers

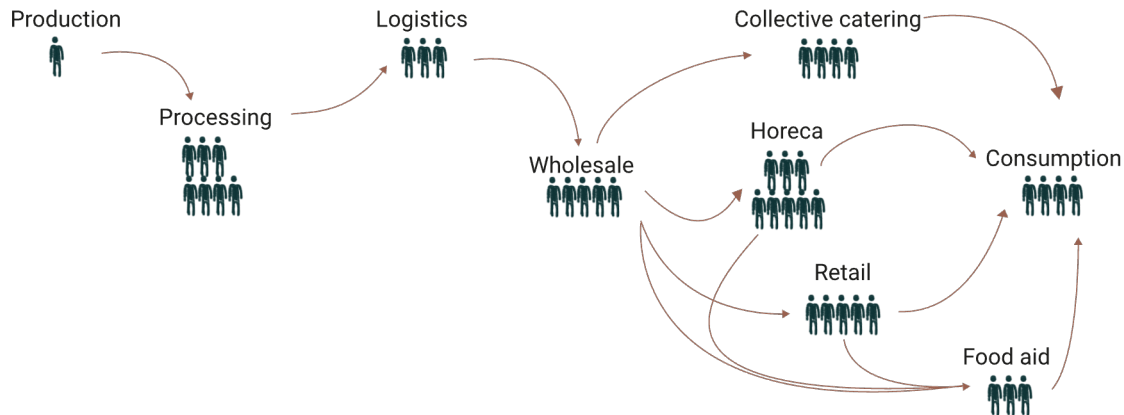
Three overarching clusters of barriers help explain why the transition towards a more sustainable food system remains difficult in the Brussels-Capital Region. Insufficient sustainable demand, high operational costs and insufficient supply reinforce one another.



37 interviews to understand the barriers to transition

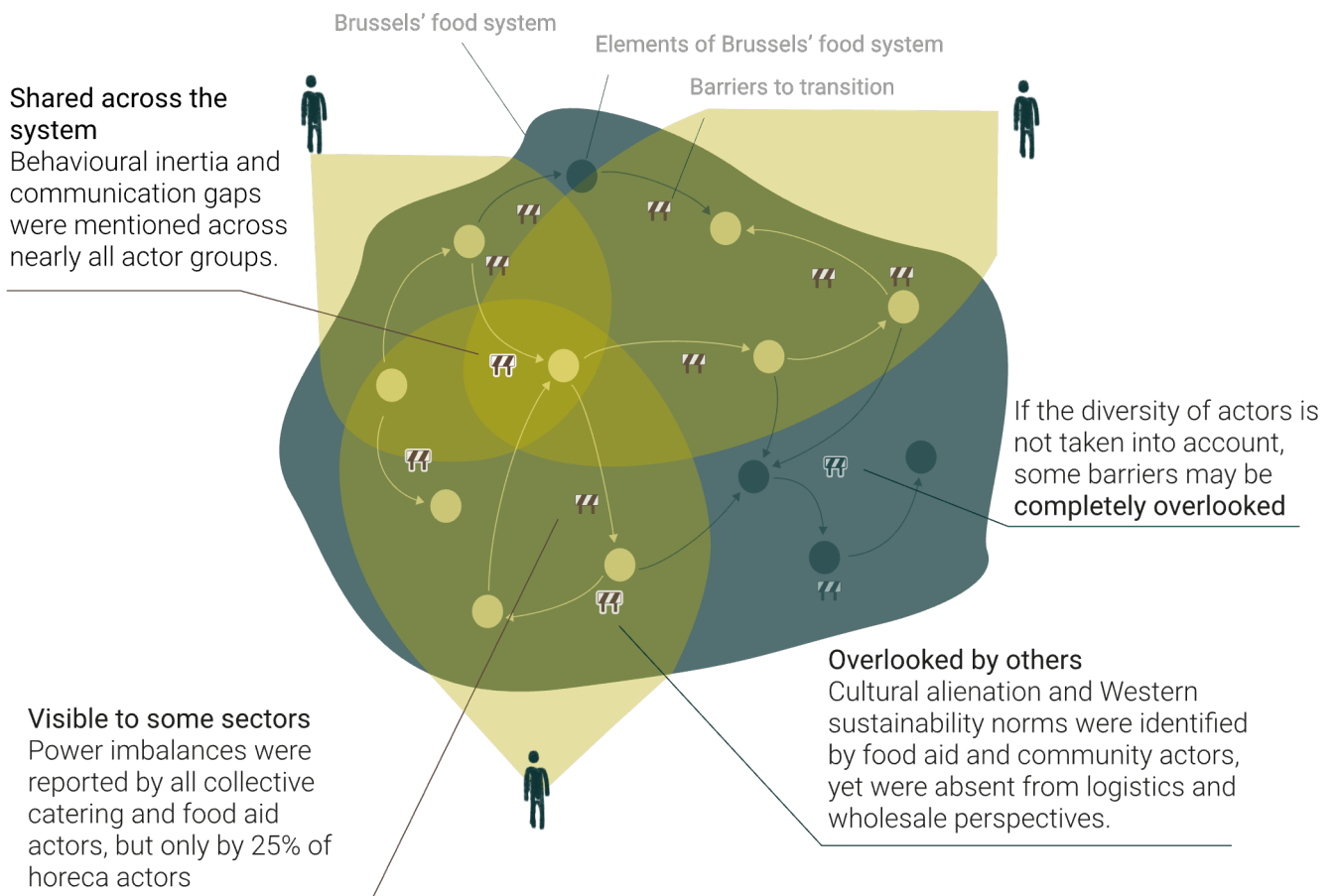
A systemic diagnosis requires diverse perspectives

Semi-structured interviews were conducted with a diverse group of professional food system actors. Each actor reveals different barriers from their position in the system.



Beware of blind spots

Some barriers are shared across the whole system while others are only visible from specific positions in the value chain. Addressing these barriers requires collaboration across the food system, and taking every perspective into account.



The report's key findings

A systemic lock-in

Limited demand, high operational costs and insufficient sustainable supply reinforce one another.

Different actors see different barriers

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Brussels has a unique transition context

Cultural diversity, fragmented governance and urban logistics shape how sustainability is experienced in the city.

Collaboration is essential

Tackling systemic barriers requires bringing together perspectives from across the entire food value chain.

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