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ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION AND QUALITY PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS



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Introduction

In the field of Organic Agriculture Production and Quality Protection of Agriculture Products the Beneficiary Country has established the fundamental institutional set-up and adopted the key legislation and strategic measures in order to increase the added value of local agricultural products and organic agriculture farming.

The overall objective of the EU – funded twinning project “Organic Agriculture Production and quality protection of agriculture products” is to enhance the administrative capacities for agriculture and rural development policy implementation.

The aim is to improve the Organic Production and Quality Protection sectors and facilitate the country's EU accession as well as strengthen the international role of the country in the global market in terms of competitiveness.

Target Beneficiaries

- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE)
- Agency for Financial Support in Agriculture and Rural Development (AFSARD)
- Agency for food and veterinary
- State Agriculture Inspectorate

Areas of Intervention

- The main goal of the twinning project in the area of the Quality Protection is to establish a quality system production in addition to encouraging the diversification of agricultural products and foodstuffs.
- In the Organic Farming area the aim is to create skilled competent authorities for implementation and further development of legislation and appropriate institutional set - up for information exchange, control, certification of organic production, supervision over control bodies and an operators' data base. Moreover develop human resource capacity within the state phytosanitary laboratory capable to perform required testing, related to organic agricultural production.

Stakeholders involved:

- The Institute for Accreditation (IARM)
- Control bodies
- Institute of Agriculture
- National Union of Organic Associations
- Associations of producers/processors
- Faculties of Agriculture
- Non-governmental environmental organizations

Expected Project Results

- ✓ Developed human resources and management systems for legislation enforcement and policy management;
- ✓ Provided procedures for quality schemes and control plans, mechanisms for management of European quality scheme and institutional registration procedures for Beneficiary Country's products;
- ✓ Defined system for supervision on private control bodies scheme and procedures to protect the products against any direct or indirect commercial use of registered name;
- ✓ Established data base of Geographical Indications (GIs) products and Traditional specialties established;
- ✓ Created guidelines and checklist to verify labelling of organic products in the market in accordance with EU regulations and provide procedures for the analysis of organic products to test the presence of prohibited Pesticides Products (PPs)
- ✓ Proposal for establishment of a national data base for operators (producers, processors, traders, etc.) and a register of organic seeds and seedling material.