

# Methodology for assessment quality policy and schemes of geographical indications and traditional specialties in SEE

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To present the current state of rural development policy in country / territory in SEE, with focus on food quality schemes

- Collecting of relevant legal documentation on the national level to be analysed and stored in shared SWG RRD archive for further use
- Assessment of the available documentation on the national level (existence/non/existence, coverage/topics etc.)
- Evaluation of the relevant legal frameworks in place against EU best practices – Health check of legal framework related to efficiency/level of implementation, results achieved

*(with support of Ministry representatives; clear checklist)*

# Assessment of the institutional set-up relevant for Agricultural product quality policy, with focus on quality schemes

- **Legal Settings (laws, by-laws)**
- **Institutional Setting - CA**
- **Food quality measures in place**

*Assessment suggested to be completed through Governments representatives in SWG RRD and other national or local institutions which are responsible for certain aspects, association producers*

# Collection, assessment and elaboration of the relevant national data/information related Agricultural product quality policy

- National strategies for rural development focused on **Agricultural product quality policy**
- National programmes and action plans for rural development focused on food policy and traditional food protection.
- EU (IPA) projects 2014-2020 (finished and ongoing) with rural development focus (project name, website & lead partner) if possible

Assessment suggested to be completed by engaging Ministries representatives in SWG RRD to assist with collection of data

# Evaluation of the official systems in place for the implementation of EU legislation concerning PDOs, PGIs and TSGs for agricultural products and foodstuffs

- **Identification of key issues and challenges for which policy interventions are needed at national level**
  - ✓ What should be done on national level for to establish an efficient system for the enforcement of GIs in practice
  - ✓ Identify the gaps of public actors along the quality circle /local, national, regional and international level/

suggested to be completed by engaging representatives of Ministries in SWG RRD

# Evaluation of the market (private sector) in place for agricultural products and foodstuffs

- ✓ Identify key issues and challenges for the producers (specially small-scale producers)
- ✓ Identify marketing main problems and possibilities to overcome
- ✓ consumers

suggested to be completed by representatives of various producers associations

Development of recommendations for future steps needed for improved institutional, policy and legal setup and alignment with EU policies related to quality policy and schemes of geographical indications and traditional specialties

- Primarily by national experts following results of the policy assessment
- Comments provided by regional and international expert

# National Inventory of origin-linked Products

- **Define the products** that can be protected under the one of the quality schemes (PDO, PGI or TSG)
  - Name of the product
  - Origin
  - Short specification
  - Suggested protection

suggested to be completed by engaging Ministries representatives in SWG RRD, experts in the field



## **Good examples and practices on national level**

- To describe the model of production as a factor that adds value – representative for the country

## **Digital approaches in promotion of the schemes**

- to describe national possibilities of digital certification and promotion of geographical indications and traditional specialties policy and schemes of geographical indications and traditional specialties.

suggested to be completed by engaging Ministries representatives in SWG RRD, experts and other stakeholders

## National reports structure

### Assesment of Agricultural product quality policy as a tool for rural development

*(national experts with assistance of regional and international expert)*

- **The status** of rural development with focus on food quality policy in respective country /territory (desk work, analysis of documents collected with the assistance of authorities / national, regional, local, public, private, development agencies and others)
- **Gaps and constraints** regarding the implementation food quality policy in respective country/territory, including level of EU approximation and identification of gaps
- **Policy recommendations and actions to overcome the challenges and ease the approximation process**

#### **Recommendations for improving:**

- policies on the national, regional and local level
- institutional set-up for providing support to the sector, empowering stakeholders and strengthening value and supply chains, linking diverse sectors
- legal set-up
- **National Inventory of origin-linked Products**
- **Good examples and practices on national level**
- **Digital approaches in promotion of the schemes GiS and TSG**

(national experts view with reference to findings from the assesment; contribution from the ministry representative and other stakeholders specific for the respective country/territory)

Regional cross-country synthesis report structure:

Assessment of Agricultural product quality policy as a tool for rural development

*(Regional expert supported by national and international experts)*

- **Summary of the status** of Agricultural product quality policy
- **Summary of gaps and constraints** regarding the implementation food quality policy in SEE
- **Summary of Recommendations for improving** :
  - national policies
  - legal set-ups on the national levels
  - institutional set-ups on the national levels

# RACI role charting

For the task of policy analysis:

- ✓ Responsible: National and regional experts
- ✓ Approval: Regional and international expert
- ✓ Consulted: International expert, Ministry representatives in SWG (present)
- ✓ Informed: Project manager/advisor SWG/GIZ/Ministry representatives

<b>Draft report for each SEE countries/territory</b>	RE	10 April 2019
<b>Participation at the interim meeting</b> <b>Presentations of assessment for each SEE countries/territory</b>	RE, SE, IE	15-17 April 2019
<b>Preparation the first draft summary report</b>	SE	30 April 2019
<b>Preparation of guidelines on the steps and procedures for registration of products with geographical indications and traditional specialties based on the EU regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft guideline</li> <li>• Specific procedures for each SEE country</li> <li>• Digital approach</li> </ul>	RE, SE, IE	31 May 2019
<b>Final meeting</b> <b>Presentation of Draft Final Report</b> <b>Presentation of Draft Guideline</b> <b>Presentation of Specific procedures</b>	RE, SE, IE	2-4 July 2019
<b>Final report and final guidelines</b>	SE IE RE	15 September 2019
<b>Presentation of the findings at the Agricultural policy Forum 2019</b>	SE, IE	October 2019