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within the "Agriculture Policy Dialog Germany - Western Balkan" Project**

**(TOPICS: ORGANIC AGRICULTURE, LEGAL HARMONISATION, TRANSPOSITION,
CERTIFICATION AND ACCES TO ORGANIC GOODS MARKET**

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Implementation of the Existing Law No. 04/L-085 on Organic Farming

- ❑ The Law No. 04/L-085 on Organic Farming was constructed pursuant to the Council Regulation (EC) No. **834/2007** on organic production and labelling of organic products, and the Commission Regulation (EC) No. **889/2008** laying down detailed rules for its implementation.
- ❑ With the support of Italian project KOSAGRI and TAIEX specialists, the MAFRD prepared eight Administrative Instructions in order to implement the Law 04/L-85 on organic farming effectively:
- ❑ the Tables of Concordance constituted the guidelines for the AI , which explain the procedures for the approximation and alignment with the EU Legislation.
- ❑ After signing the AI in 2019, the MAFRD-Organic Farming staff with the Organic Agriculture Commission and the relevant stakeholders started immediately with the concrete implementation of the NOAP

The Administrative Instructions read as follow:

1. *AI No. 01/2019 on duties, responsibilities and composition of the Commission on organic farming;*
2. *AI No. 02/2019 on organic production control system, Control Authority, control bodies and the rules for their implementation;*
3. *AI No. 03/2019 laying down the rules for organic plant production;*
4. *AI No. 04/2019 laying down the rules for organic livestock production and feed;*
5. *AI No. 05/2019 laying down the rules on organic aquaculture production;*
6. *AI No. 06/2019 on criteria, standards and conditions for imports of organic products in Kosovo;*
7. *AI No. 07/2019 on designation of the organic production logo and specific requirements for labelling;*
8. *AI No. 08/2019 laying down the rules for production and methods for organic processed products.*



The Certification and Control System

Control System

The MAFRD represents the Competent Authority, and it is responsible for the organisation of the control system. Therefore the Competent Authority is implementing the *AI No.02/2019 on organic production control system, Control Authority, certification and control bodies and the rules for their implementation.*

Certification and Control Capacity for Organic Farming

Referring to the *AI No 02/2019 on Control System, Control Authority, Control Bodies and the rules for their implementation* regarding to the regulation about the authorisation by the Competent Authority of the Control Bodies operating in Kosovo, the following control bodies are **operating already, or have been applying for operation in Kosovo:**

- ❑ Albinspekt XK-BIO-139
- ❑ Q-check P.C XK-BIO-179
- ❑ Organskakontrola.ba XK-BIO-101
- ❑ Bio-inspecta.ch XK-BIO-161

Committee on Organic Farming

- The Committee on Organic Farming (COF) was established with the decision by the Permanent Secretary of the MAFRD, pursuant to the *AI No.01/2019 on duties, responsibilities and composition of the commission on organic farming*



Ex-Post evaluation of the regulatory impact of the Law No.04 / L-085 on Organic Farming for the period 2013 to 2019

- ❑ Based on the 2020 Legislative Program *approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo*, the Ex-Post evaluation of the regulatory impact of the Law No.04 / L-085 on Organic Farming has been completed. (dt.16.12.2020).
- ❑ During the work on the Ex-Post Evaluation it had been identified that the organic farming sector has started to grow and develop in recent years, but there are many challenges that need to be faced by farmers and institutions.

Ex post law: recommendation

- ❑ MAFRD should start the work for harmonization of the **Law No. 04/L-85 on Organic Farming**, with the new Organic Law of the European Union **2018/848**.

The MAFRD already prepared a draft (transformed the Regulation No 2018/848 to this new Kosovo National Law on Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products), and the MAFRD needs now an international expert for revision, overview, review, *(as well as adjustment if it seems necessary of this prepared MAFRD-document)*.



The statistics indicate the following facts for 2020 for the total territory of Kosovo- Market Access

Production Volume

- A total of **480 ha cultivated** with medicinal and aromatic plants, *(with 16 different cultivated species)*.
- 522.47 ha cultivated with organic pumpkin seeds;
- 34.07 ha Walnut (*Juglans regia*).

Collection of medicinal plants/herbs, mushrooms, and fruits/berries (non-wood forest products)

- **373.488 ha** certified organic forest zones are eligible for the collection of medicinal plants
- 35 certified companies are operating in the medicinal and aromatic plants business;
- 45 collection centers in the whole territory of Kosovo
(These 45 collection centers organize collection, drying and sub-processing of wild and medicinal plants)
- 3.200 families and individual collectors
(in total around 20.000 persons involved) generate income with the collection of medicinal plants/herbs, mushrooms, and fruits/berries.

Marketing of the organic farming products:

- Export is realized with the semi-processed products , and 12 millions euro realized export
- Where 95% of production was exported to Germany, Austria and Switzerland, Holland ect.

The MAFRD/Kosovo is kindly asking for technical support for the :

1. Construction of the MAFRD-Concept Document for the new Kosovo National Law on organic production and labelling of organic products to the Kosovo Parliamentary Process.
The MAFRD must deliver this Concept Document to the Kosovo Parliament, and the MAFRD must justify the reason why the transformation and implementation of the Regulation No 2018/848 of the EU-Council and the EU-Parliament into the new Kosovo National Law on Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products is mandatory, obligatory for the Kosovo Parliament,
2. The MAFRD already prepared a draft (transformed the Regulation No 2018/848 to this new Kosovo National Law on Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products), and the MAFRD **needs now an international expert for revision, overview, review, as well as adjustment** if it seems necessary of this prepared MAFRD-document.
3. Adjustment, new formulation, adaptation of the current MAFRD-Administrative Instructions and formulation of new MAFRD-Administrative Instructions, as they will seem necessary on the basis of the new Kosovo National Law on Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products,



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Thank your for your attention!**