

Montenegro

Existing/current legislation in
the field of organic agriculture
and market access

► **Law on Organic Production (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No 56/2013)**

- the Law was in fully compliance with Council Regulation (EC) no. 834/2007 on organic production and labeling of organic products
- after that there were no activities on its harmonization with EU legislation
- this law is still fully implemented today, except the provisions of the article relating to imports from other countries and the use of the EU logo

► By-laws

- Rulebook on detailed rules and conditions for plant and livestock organic production (Official Gazette of Montenegro, 53/2014) after that there were no activities on its harmonization with EU legislation
- Rulebook on the manner and methodology of performing professional control in organic production (Official Gazette of Montenegro, 78/2015)
- Rulebook on the detailed content, manner of registration and maintenance of the Register of Entities in Organic Production (Official Gazette of Montenegro, 26/2015)
- Rulebook on detailed conditions and rules for processing, packaging, transport and storage of organic products (Official Gazette of Montenegro, 83/2016)
- Rulebook on the content and size of the organic production logo (Official Gazette of Montenegro, 60/2016)
- **Rulebook on detailed rules and conditions of organic production for aquaculture animals and seaweed** (Official Gazette of Montenegro, 84/2017)

- ▶ **Supervision** over the application of the Law on Organic Agriculture and regulations adopted on its basis is done by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
- ▶ **The legal entity** for certification of organic production is "MONTEORGANICA. It was founded in 2005 and was authorized by the MAFWM in 2006 to perform control and certification activities in organic production
- ▶ According to the national legal framework in next two years in Montenegro as a candidate country for membership in the European Union, **harmonization of national legislation** is planned with the relevant EU acquis.
- ▶ **The enactment of the new Law** for organic production fully harmonized by the Regulation (EU) 2018/848 is planned in the last quarter of 2022, and the secondary legislation in the 4th quarter of 2022, and 2023.

- ▶ Organic products are placed on the market with the logo of organic production



- ▶ The logo may not be used for products from the conversion period

- ▶ Montenegro has not exported organic products so far
- ▶ Total quantities of certified organic products are sold on the local market, through retail chains or on the doorstep
- ▶ All importers of organic products must be entered in the register of importers of organic products
- ▶ In addition to the existing measures in this year the Ministry created a new budget line to support the sale of organic products
- ▶ The level of subsidy will depend on the type and quantity of products sold
- ▶ Producers will be required to provide proof of sale (invoice)