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# Current Organic Agriculture Policy Developments

The Kosovo-government is willed to support organic farmers by slight subsidies and to follow the course of activities, written down in the National Organic Action Plan 2023 to 2026.

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- ❑ During 2022, the MAFRD supported farmers by direct payments of EURO 500 per hectare of organic certified area of medicinal and aromatic plants.
- ❑ Direct payments have been carried out for each plant crop, fruit and vegetables, viticulture and cereals, with an additional 50 EURO for organic certified areas.

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## Working package for policy areas:

- Strengthening the Competent Authority, -  
2023, 2024
- Strengthening the complex of the organic  
Control System – 2023, 2024

# Current Organic Agriculture Policy Developments

The MAFRD with the supporters of organic agriculture GIZ, SwissCaritas, Associations ORGANIKA, IADK, SWISSCONTACT, PPSE is intensively

- discussing and planning the immediate future of the organic agriculture in Kosovo for setting strategic objectives and launching the action points according to the new NOAP.

# Perspectives and Priorities in Market Development of the Organic Sector

The 3 certification- and control-bodies operating in Kosovo have in total 56 contractors under their auspices, and reported the following production volumes:

## Cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs):

- 1 718 hectares , 2 133 tonnes

## Collection of medicinal plants/herbs, mushrooms, and fruits/berries (NWFPs):

- 2 188 363 hectares (the hectares refer to the individual species), 5 229 tonnes

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In addition to medicinal and aromatic plants, the potential for growth of other organic products is already given:

- **Cultivation of pumpkin seeds: 134 hectares**
- **Cultivation of Walnut (*Juglans regia*) under conversion: 3 hectares**
- **Cultivation of cereals (wheat): 135 hectares, 699 tonnes**

Some farmers are in the process of conversion for crops such as raspberry, vegetables in open fields and greenhouses, and honey-production.

# Perspectives and Priorities in Market Development of the Organic Sector

- The further involvement and support by the SwissCaritas and other generous donors in the process of the implementation of the proposed activities within the **NOAP 2023 to 2026** will further accelerate and improve the quality, quantity, diversity and variety of the Kosovo organic production.

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