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Scientific research

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- The objective of the New Kosovo National Law on Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products is embedded within the new Kosovo NOAP 2023 to 2026.
- For the obligatory Parliamentary Procedure) **two MARD-Documents** must be prepared:

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1. Preparing the necessary Concept Document for the Parliamentary Procedure for the Kosovo National Implementation of the EU-Regulation No 2018/848 into the new Kosovo National Law *on Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products*.
2. Preparing the final formulation of the text of the new Law for the Parliamentary Procedure for the Kosovo National Implementation of the EU-Regulation No 2018/848 into the new Kosovo National Law on Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products.

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The GIZ confirmed for technical support for the Kosovo National Parliamentary Process: Construction of the Concept Document of the new Kosovo National Law on organic production and labelling of organic products.

- The MAFRD must deliver this Concept Document to the Kosovo Parliament, and justify the reason why the transformation of the EU-Regulation No 2018/848 into the new Kosovo National Law on Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products is obligatory.

The SwissCaritas confirmed for technical support for the Kosovo National Parliamentary Process:

Construction of the final formulation of the text of the new Kosovo National Law on organic production and labelling of organic products

The New Kosovo National Law on organic production and labelling of organic products will replace the current Kosovo National Organic Agriculture Law Nr. 04/L-85 PËR BUJQËSI ORGANIKE.

At now, and in the coming year, the MAFRD is working on this comprehensive material step by step

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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Current Organic Agriculture Policy Developments

- ❑ 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.

Current Organic Agriculture Policy Developments

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.

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- 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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