REPUBLI C OF MACEDONIA’S NATIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

Developing organic agriculture with national forces
Introduction

- 2004 – Law on organic
- 2006 – All major regulations
- December 2006 – First phase of NSAP
  - First workshop (participants):
    - Governmental (MAFWE, NEA…)
    - Education (University, high-schools)
    - FA (Individual, Regional, National)
    - Companies involved in organic production (exporters, processors…)
    - NGO & Projects (FiBL, MAASP, SIDA, GTZ)
**Introduction**

**Results from the First workshop**

Kind of support policy NASP should consider

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Introduction

- May 2007 – Second workshop
  - Same participants structure
  - Overview to the conclusions of the first workshop
  - Opinions on proposed points of interest
- September 2007 – Final workshop
  - Presenting final conclusions
  - Proposing goals & activities
Macedonia - Facts & Figures

Total area (km²) 25.713
Agricultural land (ha) 1,260,000
Arable land (ha) 560,000
Pastures (ha) 704,000

Source: MAFWE, Strategy for agricultural and rural development 2007 - 2013
Strategic goals

1. To develop target-oriented schemes of Gov't subsidies for organic agriculture;
2. By 2011 organic agriculture should have 2% of the arable land, and area under collection of indigenous species to be at 5% of the total arable land in Macedonia;
3. By 2011 the majority of domestic consumers should understand what organic agriculture is all about, and to "create" domestic demand for such production;
4. By 2011 sustainable export activities should be established;
Strategic goals

4. Organic products & eco-regions to become a part of IPARD 2007-2010, as a base for the development of eco-tourism;
5. To improve efficiency of advisory services (public & private partnership);
6. To ensure effective vertical & horizontal coordination and collaboration among institutions and NGO's;
7. To improve relations with EU member states in order to provide exchange of knowledge, information and skills;
8. To cooperate with other int'l organizations and IFOAM;
9. To ensure submission of annual reports, as well as M&E of different programs and activities.
Support volume

Source: MAFWE, Department of organic agriculture
Support structure

Organic budget scheme

Certified organic / Under conversion: 127,036 €
Animal husbandry: 65,147 €
Control & Certification: 73,290 €
Lab. Analysis: 32,573 €
Research projects: 32,573 €
Production in Protected areas: 24,430 €
Production of prop. material: 4,886 €
Processing & Storage: 8,143 €

Source: MAFWE, Department of organic agriculture

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Support volume

Financial support by crop

- Grains: 32,573 €
- Forage: 31,915 €
- Oilseed: 14,568 €
- Orchards & vineyards: 30,945 €
- Vegetables: 22,801 €
- Medicinal & aromatic herbs, spices: 11,401 €
- Green manure/Fallow: 8,143 €

Source: MAFWE, Department of organic agriculture
Reflexions

**Certified area (ha)**

- 2005: 266
- 2006: 509.42
- 2007: 714.47

**Number of farms**

- 2005: 50
- 2006: 102
- 2007: 150

**Pastures, indigenous plants and fruits (ha)**

- 2005: 2000
- 2006: 2000
- 2007: 12000

**Bee-hives**

- 2005: 110
- 2006: 505
- 2007: 1832

Source: MAFWE, Department of organic agriculture
Evaluation

Analysis

- Indigenous species
- Area under organic production

Target in 2011: 63,000
Status in 2007: 11,200

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Processing & Trade

1. Increase the number of processing companies;
2. To improve the knowledge & skills of the employees in the registered companies for applied technology in processing organic products;
3. To increase the number of organic products on the market
Market development

**Domestic**
1. To improve market’s transparency;
2. To improve public awareness on the benefit of organic food;
3. To increase sales of organic products;
4. To stimulate the development of eco-tourism followed by the sales of organic products;

**International**
1. To improve understanding of foreign markets and to improve Macedonian products’ competitiveness
2. To increase sales of Macedonian organic products
Training & Education

1. Organic agriculture to become part of the education process in high-schools and faculties;
2. To improve the knowledge on organic agriculture among all stakeholders;
3. To establish permanent cooperation in the area of T&E with Int’l institutions
Research

1. To initiate research activities in organic production;
2. To initiate research for the potential of Macedonia’s natural resources;
3. To coordinate the activities between scientific instructions and projects (domestic & Int’l)
Policy, Legislation, Control

1. To harmonize all domestic organic regulations with the Int’l ones, especially with EU regulations;
2. To establish continuous support policy on organic agriculture;
3. To improve the level of knowledge of the institutions included in the system of organic agriculture (knowledge, HRD, infrastructure)
4. Effective implementation of system of control;
5. To improve mutual communication of all stakeholders;
6. Sustainable exploration of natural resources;
7. Effective implementation of the NAP