



Case study:
Organic Beef Products – how to scale a niche product?

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# The Beginning

- Setting up an administrative unit for organic meat within the Šaleška dolina Cooperative
- Organization and registration of Group of Producers
- 10% higher purchase price guaranteed
- Partnership with a slaughterhouse and a wholesaler
- Initial marketing efforts (logo, local distribution channels)





## Marketing Strategy – 4Ps

- Product
- Price
- Place (Distribution)
- Promotion

## Product

- Animal welfare
- Limited use of antibiotics
- No use of pesticides
- Gluten free
- Traceability from "farm to fork"











### Price

#### Main considerations:

- 1. Higher production costs of organic husbandry
- 2. No economies of scale or scope
- 3. More expensive ingredients
- 4. Higher purchase power of the customer segment (supermarkets)
- 5. Segmentation

## Place (Distribution)

#### 3 main sales channels:

- 1. Supermarkets
- 2. Direct sales (e-commerce)
- 3. Public institutions (schools, kindergartens...)
- 4. Hotels, restaurants (rather poorly developed)







#### Promotion

#### 3 main activities:

- Sales promotions
- Public relations
- Advertising (TV, web, newspapers)





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Kmetijska zadruga Šaleška dolina že peto leto prodaja ekološko goveje meso pod blagovno znamko Ekodar. Pridelano je većinoma na hribovskih kmetijah po državi. Največ ga prodajo šolam in vrtcem, sledijo trgovine. Letos širijo ponudbo tudi na ekološko teletino.

Živino kupujejo od 84 ekoloških rejcev po Sloveniji. Večina jih kmetuje v hribih, kjer so razmere za pašo živine in neintenzivno rejo skorajda idealne.



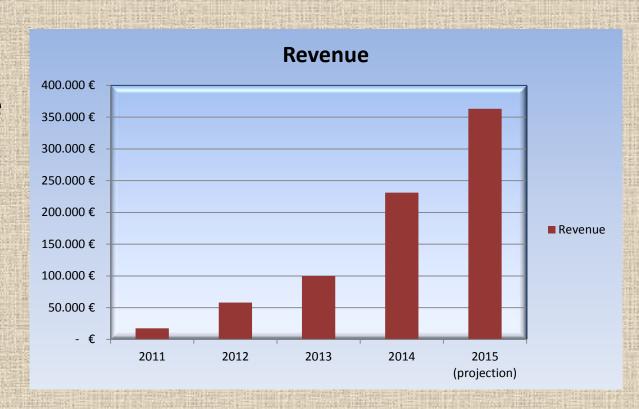
«Več nakupovalnih skupnosti nekajkrat na leto organizira skupna naročila za svoje člane, takšnih naročil bo še več in v večjem obsegu, predvideva Jana Hozjan, vodja projekta ekološkega govejega mesa Ekodar v Kmetijski zadrugi šaleška dolina. Ob njej je Klemen Hrastnik, Fort: Irena Hero.

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#### **Current state**

#### Key challenges:

- 1. Sustain revenue growth
- 2. Increase profitability
- 3. Expand product portfolio



### Future plans

OriginTrail® track & trace solution implementation

- Important info on products
- Feedback on each product unit communication with shoppers
- Entire trail of origin







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## **Key Takeaways**

- Differentiation strategy is the only sound strategy for local food producers
- 2. Establish complementary sales channels
- 3. Tell that unique story!

# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

Questions?

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