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Index (specific question)

1. What is the current situation regarding the organic seed regulation in "Italy"?
2. Are there any changes since the last meeting in 2011etc etc ?
3. Are there any ongoing or future projects to improve organic seed use and/or supply?

The Current situation

1. Under a "Bureaucratic/formal" point of view, all the mandatory rules (Reg. 889/08) are fulfilled in Italy. We have the on-line database for the availability of O.S. <http://www.ense.it/biologico-indice/biologic.html>. The National Institute for Seeds (ex ENSE) issued 35.258 derogation (2012) and perform regular data transmission to COM ex art. 55 reg. 889/08;
2. Under a market and practical perspective, the system could work contrary to what expected. Very few O.S. companies upload their products, often the producers try a "strategy" to avoid the available cultivars.... And so on!!

The system doesn't work ... it's deeply useless

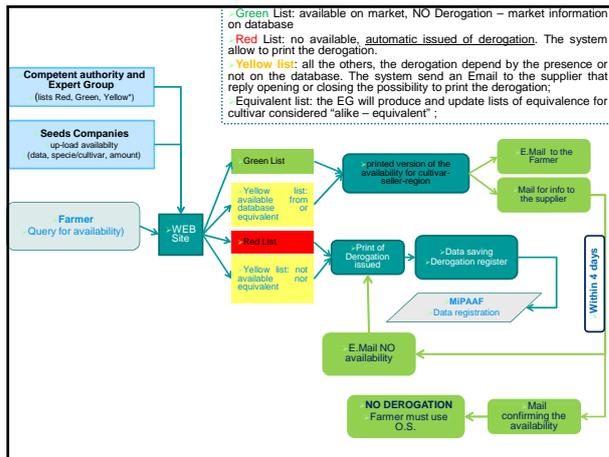
Changes since 2011 in derogations, database, managements etc

1. Unfortunately none up to now, rather a further deterioration of the general "derogation system" and in availability of Organic seeds



Ongoing or future projects to improve O.S. use and/or Supply

1. We are going to introduce a new national regulation with the aim to support and increase the production and the marketing of O.S.;
2. We will introduce an expert group (representatives of companies, researchers, farmers and competent Authorities) to manage the "annex 1" (we would introduce red, green and yellow lists):
 - **GREEN** list will be very short at the beginning (Lucerne, durum and common wheat, ...*not yet defined*);
 - **YELLOW** list for the species in phasing-out (tomato cherry, some forages and brassicaceae);
 - **RED** list quite big at the beginning to try to reduce useless "paper waste" and a bureaucratic work without sense (our focus must be on the two other categories)



CONCLUSIONS

- 1) The works are in progress but the model presented is well defined.
- 2) The system management requires "resilience" but having involved official rules, Control Bodies' procedure and private companies it's not so easy to be "elastic" for a Competent Authority. We are trying to introduce strategies and systems to support and guide the market for developing the Organic Seeds production.
- 3) Italy is trying to looking at practical experiences carried out in other member states.
- 4) We must try to influence the new seed regulation in the interest of the OF and biodiversity in Europe (not easy job). We could send a letter to the SCOF on this issue (local varieties, composite cross population, "appropriate varieties" ?? ect)

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Thanks for your attention




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