Index (specific speaker)

1. What is the current situation regarding the organic seed regulation in "Italy"?
2. Are there any changes since the last meeting in 2011 ……etc 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/biologico.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 theirs 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, mangerments etc

1. Unfortunately none up to now, rather a further deterioration of the general “derogation system” and in availability of Organic seeds
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 to be on the two other categories)

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

**WEB Site**

**Competent authority and Expert Group**

**Seeds Companies**

**up-load availability**

**data, specie/cultivar, amount**

**printed version of the availability for cultivar-seller-region**

**Data saving**

**Derogation register**

**Green List: available on market, NO Derogation – market information on database**

**Red List: no available, automatic issued of derogation. The system allow to print the derogation**

**Yellow list**

**in the database. The system send an Email to the supplier that reply opening or closing the possibility to print the derogation.**

**Equivalent list**

**the EG will produce and update list of equivalence for cultivar considered “alike – equivalent”**

**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” ?? etc)

Thanks for your attention

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