

# SHORT FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS IN Portugal

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# LEGISLATION FRAMEWORK

- In Portugal there is no specific legislation regarding the creation and management of Short Food Supply Chains.
- Although, exists some kind of Short Supply Chains namely sales in local markets.

## **DEFINITION OF SHORT FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS**

Marketing of food products (vegetable, animal, fish and processed food) that is carried out by direct sale from producer to consumer or through indirect sales by a single intermediary which also aim to have a reduced geographical distance and to get a closer relation between producers and consumers.

# TYPES OF SHORT FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS IN PORTUGAL

Producer to Consumer – Local markets, local and regional fairs (normally promoting a single product like honey, cheese, chestnuts, etc), sale at the farm, sales under the PROVE philosophy (fruit and vegetables, meat, honey), etc.

Business to Business– Marketing through an intermediary – sale do restaurants and to local supermarkets.

## **HOW THE SFSC ARE OPERATING**

- There is no legislation

## **HOW THE SFSC ARE BEING CONTROLLED**

- There is no legislation.

In Portugal there is a national entity that ensures the quality of food products (ASAE)

## **WAYS TO SUPPORT STAKEHOLDERS IN SFSC?**

- There aren't any specific measures to support these kind of circuits.

However EAFRD supports interterritorial and transnational LEADER cooperation projects like PROVE

## **Work in Progress**

**Working group - “Strategy to value the local agricultural production”**

The portuguese government nominated a working group to work on this thematic.

## Main objectives

- Identify local agricultural production and its ways of marketing and finding easy ways of their licensing;
- *Identify and study the legislative framework;*
- *Identify the bottlenecks and opportunities for the development and the promotion of small local production;*
- *Suggest changes to the national legislation;*
- *Propose policy measures to value the local agricultural production.*

# Local products - Definition

- Be produced in the territories
- Respect the seasonality of production;
- Using varieties and breeds well adapted to the region;
- Result of recognized traditional production methods;
- Have a benchmark of quality linked to territory;
- Use in the processed products, raw materials from identified farms;



## **WORK DONE SO FAR**

At this moment are identified all the bottlenecks regarding the development of SSC and also identified the lack of legislation.

We are organizing a Seminar to be held next month to discuss all this issues with the stakeholders.

# Expected Results

- Proposal of an integrated and coherent strategy and a specific regulatory framework for local products in SSC
- Proposal for specific measures to support the SSC to integrate the RDP 2014-2020

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