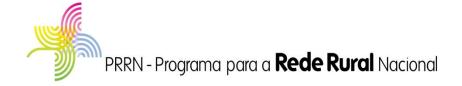
SHORT FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS IN Portugal

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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 SUPLLY 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 oportunities 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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