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The SINERGI Project

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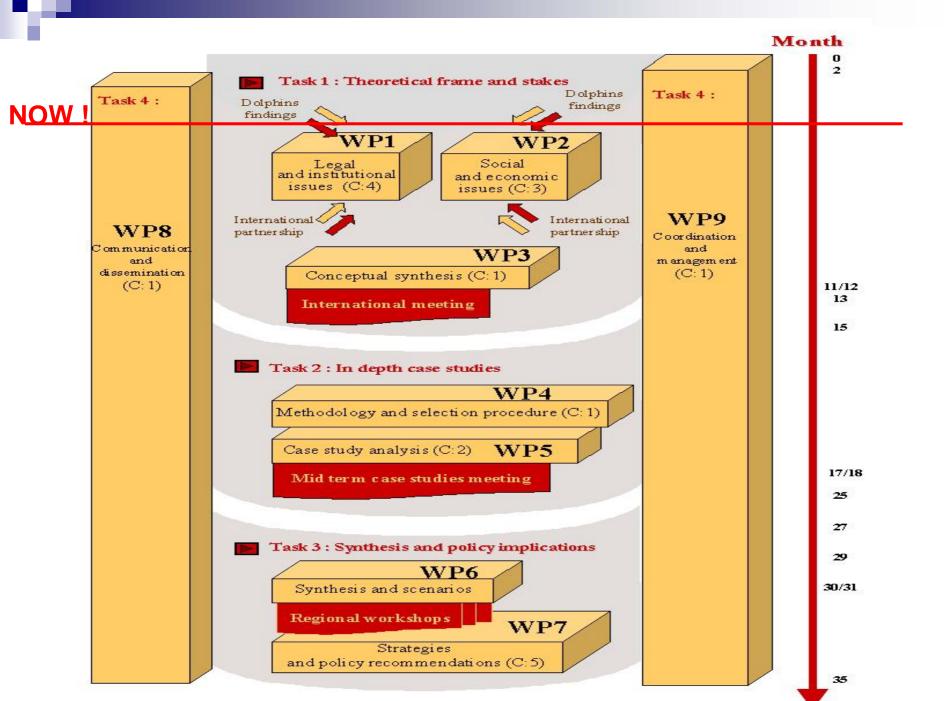
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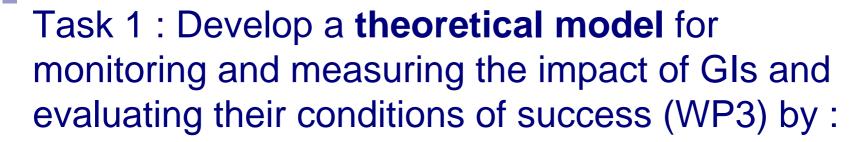
to enhance the knowledge and to raise awareness among practitioners, policymakers and academics on the effects of geographical indications (GIs) for agricultural products in order to support their legitimacy in the framework of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) negotiations

The scientific objectives of the project are:

- to gather an up-to-date systematic knowledge on GIs legal protection systems, socio-economic aspects, institutional arrangements and levels of protection of GIs for agricultural products currently used throughout the world, and to systematise and analyse their pros and cons;
- to understand the effects of the different kinds and levels of protection of GIs on economic, social, environmental, cultural and ethical dimensions;
- to design a common analytical framework to analyse, assess and monitor the effectiveness of GIs, considering the different economic, environmental, and social effects of the most relevant types of institutional frameworks;
- to design and implement a common monitoring and assessment tool for analysing the conditions of success of GIs, supported by casestudies and practical examples;
- to provide relevant information and recommendations to policymakers on whether and how to support GIs through the setting-up a network of researchers, through exchanges of information on research results and meetings. Start up meeting in Parma 21-22 June

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- identify the diversity of institutional arrangements aiming at protecting GIs throughout the world; the analysis will consider the different levels and kinds of protection in different countries (with special reference to Developing Countries) and for different products; (WP1)
- identify the **effects of Gls** with respect to economic growth and income distribution, rural development dynamics, environment impact (biodiversity, pollution, landscape), culture and traditions; the study will consider the **different market structures and products**, and the institutional frameworks; (WP2)

Task 2 : Develop a new knowledge corpus from an in-depth fieldwork:

- build a common reference methodology for analysing case-studies using an integrated approach to assess the multifunctional character of different types of GIs; (WP4)
- perform in-depth analysis of relevant case studies in selected extra-EU countries (with special emphasis on Developing Countries) and comparison to EU casestudies; (WP5)

Task 3: Elaborate synthesis and scenarios to devise **strategies and policy recommendations**:

- compare international case-studies and define a typology of GIs protection effects crossed to different legal and institutional systems; (WP6)
- identify **likely consequences** (in terms of competition, trade, economic growth and income distribution, rural development, environment and culture) of the pursuit of current GI protection arrangements in different EU and non-EU countries, and **elaborate recommendations** for future improvement of GI institutional and policy frameworks, in EU and non-EU countries, in order to **enhance opportunities and benefits**, whilst decreasing threats (WP7);

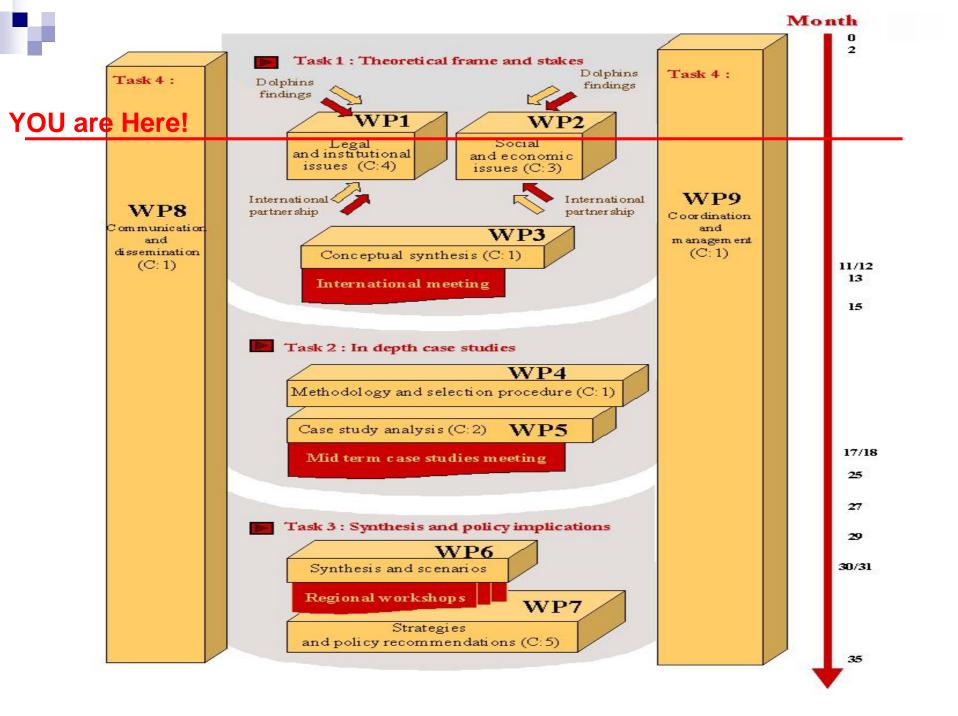
General comments

- There are many different framework worldwide : cultural, institutional, political, economical differences among the countries
- The point is not just to « transfer » the european Gls approach to the countries which have no tradition in Gls protection
- But find out the theoretical basic concepts grounds for GIs through international comparisons

Diagram 1 - Timetable of workpackages

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Deliverables for year 1

Del N°	Title	Leader	Assistant	WP nr	Date
1	Report on legal and institutional issues	SRVA	INRA CIRAD ORIGIN	1	12
2	Report on social and economic issues	Firenze Univ.	SRVA Univ. Latvia Univ. Parma	2	12

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Plenary session 1 : Introduction Tuesday 21rst (9.00 – 10.30)

- Welcome
- Teams presentations (5mn per team !)
- Introduction on the STREPE program
 Danielle Tissot (DG Research, Bruxelles)
- Presentation of the SINERGI project
 Bertil Sylvander (F-INRA, Toulouse)
- Discussion

Plenary session 2: the institutionnal and economical framework

Tuesday 21rst (10.45 – 13.00)

"The Lisbon System for the Notification and Registration of Appellations of Origin"

Matthijs Geuze, Senior Counsellor, WIPO

- "The WTO and geographical indications: ongoing work and negotiations"
 Thu-Lang Tran Wasescha, Counsellor, IP Division, WTO
- "Analysis of the WTO Panel ruling on the EC Regulation 2081/92"
 David Thual, Secretary, ORIGIN
- Initiation of the discussion
 Eric Thevenod Mottet (SRVA) and Delphine Marie-Vivien (CIRAD)
- IDiscussion
- "Opportunities and trends for differentiated products"
 John Wilkinsson (University of Rio de Janeiro)
- Initiation of the discussion
 Gilles Allaire (F- INRA, Toulouse)
- Discussion

Plenary session 3: the background Tuesday 21rst (14.00 – 16.00)

- Previous projects (focus, aims, frameworks, methodologies, main results):
 - presentation of the PDO-PGI project
 Dominique Barjolle, CH-SRVA, Lausanne)
 - presentation of DOLPHINS
 Bertil Sylvander, F-INRA, Toulouse)
 - presentation of SUSCHAIN
 Dominique Barjolle, CH-SRVA, Lausanne)
 - discussion
- First presentation of the WP 1 and 2 : main stakes
 - Main stakes WP1 Eric Thevenod-Mottet - Dominique Barjolle (CH-SRVA, Lausanne)
 - Main stakes WP2
 Giovanni Belletti / Andrea Marecotti (It-University of Firenze, Italy)

Plenary session 4 and 5: the guidelines for WP1 and WP2

Wednesday 22nd (9.00 – 10.30 and 11.00 – 12.30)

- Presentation and discussion of the WP1 guidelines
 Eric Thevenod-Mottet and Dominique Barjolle (CH-SRVA, Lausanne)
 - Guidelines presentation
 - Discussion on the guidelines
- Presentation and discussion of the WP2 guidelines
 Giovanni Belletti / Andrea Marecotti (It-University of
 - Firenze, Italy)
 - Guidelines presentation
 - Discussion on the guidelines

Plenary session 6 : decisions and future activities

Wednesday 22nd (14.30 – 16.30)

Review of the decisions on WP1

Eric Thevenod-Mottet and Dominique Barjolle (CH-SRVA, Lausanne)

Discussion

Review of the decisions on WP2

Giovanni Belletti and A. Marescotti (It-University of Firenze)

Discussion

Information / decisions on the web site and internal communication

Eric Thevenod-Mottet (CH-SRVA, Lausanne) and Frederic Wallet (F-INRA, Toulouse)

Next meetings, project management

Frederic Wallet (F-INRA, Toulouse)