



Aims of WP1 Workshop

- Make the point about the difficulties met by researchers to fill the check-lists
- Draw general ideas from the knowledge accumulated by researchers
- Begin a synthetic approach based on the available information (check-lists)
- Identify the main lines of dispute regarding the protection of GIs

Process

1. WP1 work progress for CL (ETM)
2. WP1 work progress for publications database (ETM)
3. Difficulties for filling the CL (all)
4. Draft synthesis – typology of the systems of protection (ETM)
5. Share of knowledge
(Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats)
6. Brainstorming on the points that must be further studied (all)



Share between the participants

- Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats of protection systems of GI's and their diversity in the perspective of a better protection.
 - Identification of main bottle-necks and possible way of improvement.

Points to be discussed

- What are the problems linked to the fact that in some countries there is no special protection provided to GIs as an IP category ?
- What are the problems linked to the different legal definitions applicable in different countries, especially regarding the registration for special protection ?



Points to be discussed (2)

- What are the consequences of the diversity of the systems of registration ?
 - Consultation of experts in the registration process, or not
 - Process of delimitation of geographical areas
 - Ways to solve the problems of pre-existing rights, problems of co-existence between prior trademarks and GIs

Points to be discussed (3)

- Controls and certification : credibility and consequences by the consumers
 - Controls and certification modalities: which are the main and specific difficulties in the developing countries ?

Points to be discussed (4)

- Collective management of the GI's and anti-trust and competition laws
 - Which are the current stakes ?
 - Which are the specific needs in this topic for a better development of the GI's ?

Points to be discussed (5)

- Rural Development policies and GI's
 - Which kind of RD policy measures are able to re-inforce the GI's impacts on the territories ?
 - Identification of good case studies

Points to be discussed (6)

- In which way the consumers protection is helping the development of geographical indications
- Are the GI's a credible sign for creating a trust relations between the consumers and the producers ? Under which conditions could it be the case in the future ?

Points to be discussed (7)

- Which are the consequences of the heterogeneity of the GI's and the GI's protection system on the extension of the protection under TRIPS Agreement ?
- Which are the consequences of a lack of a multilateral registration system ?
- Which is the compatibility between the national legal frameworks and the articles 22-24 of the TRIPS agreements ?