DOLPHINS Project

Firenze Meeting 10th-12th September 2001

OLPs

- have a strong potential
- are vulnerable

Strenghts of OLP

- Strong image (naturality, authenticity, GMO free, culture, ...)
- Link with farmers, artisan craft production, connaisseurs consumers
- Link with social local networks and local economy, social cohesion and culture economy

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Weaknesse of OLP - a

- Atomisation, small firms
- Often natural handicaps (LFA)
- Wild competition and opportunism within OLP sector
- Imitations, usurpation from large industries
- Exploitation of OLP by big multisectoral firms

Weaknesse of OLP - b

- Difficulty to innovate (rigidity, how to comply tradition and innovation)
- Difficulty for small actors to build up a collective action (Difficulty to manage collective product quality and differenciation, ..)
- Difficulty to maintain and develop a relationship with consumers
- Difficulty to face modern distribution

Weaknesses of OLP -c

- Europe : common agricultural policy does not help OLP
- World : globalisation does not give place to OLP

Some links between OLP - a

- ∠ WP1 WP3 : How to improve codes of practice, innovate and maintain social cohesion ?

Some links between OLP - b

- ∠WP1 WP2 WP4 : How to develop relationships with consumers (who are more and more interested in modes of production)

WP and some policy implications a

- WP1 : Quality and origin Policies (regulations and implementation)
- WP2 : Competition policy (market, competition and interprofessionnal bodies)

WP and some policy implications b

- WP3: Will CAP take into account rural development and multifuncionnality
- WP4 : Consumer information and protection (brands, labelling, ...)
 Social concern and market

Our project

- Has a strong potential
- ✓ Is vulnerable

Strenghts of our project

- Nice international team (from several networks to one research team)
- Common scientific culture and cohesion
- Common interest (and passion) for OLPs
- Plaesure (yesterday's dinner for example ...)

Weaknesses of our project

- Too long delays for our duties
- Information does not flew well (the website will improve it : thanks Corinne!)
- Heterogeneity of the deliverables
- Not enough knowledge of our works and publications
- Scientific consanguinity?
- Links with the mainstream?

Further works

- Finalise Literature reviews
- Finalise WP synthesis
- Annual report
- ∠ Databases D10, D11, D12
- ∠ D4B : WTO negotiations
- Case studies and seminar on special topics
- ✓ Next plenary meeting: March 21st 22nd 01

Seminars

- WP1 : legal problems and labelling, Controls
- WP2 : Vertical relationships upstreamsdownstreams
- WP3 : Local networks and development
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