

TOWARDS A NEW EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL MODEL

Will we be able to defend our Origin Labelled Products at the next WTO negotiations?

Le Mans, France, 1st December 2001.

The European Union tries to preserve and to increase in value its Origin Labelled Products and its biodiversity (varieties, species, process, products, ...), by upholding them at the World Trade Organization (WTO). The Concerted Action research "DOLPHINS" (Origin Labelled Products: Humanity, Innovation and Sustainability) is a way to reach it.

Full details on the web site <http://www.origin-food.org>

This free web site offers three European databases, detailing our researchers' work on PDO, PGI² and non-certified regional products based on codes of practices.

Le Mans, France, 1st December 2001. The European Union set up a wide share and research Project about agriculture's and agro-food's Origin Labelled Products³.

⚡ Program name: DOLPHINS = Development of Origin Labelled Products: Humanity Innovation and Sustainability.

⚡ Timetable: December 2000 to December 2003.

⚡ 9 countries: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and United-Kingdom.

⚡ 17 Research Institutes and more than 50 researchers are involved in the program.

⚡ Analysis of Origin Labelled Products' sector per country covers all the European Union countries and Switzerland.

The first European research network on Origin Labelled Products

⚡ The setting up of a network of scientists involved in research on Origin Labelled Products;

⚡ The activation of dissemination instruments in order to meet the needs of citizens, policy-makers, researchers, firms and all other operators involved in Origin Labelled Products.

A multifaceted perspective of Origin Labelled Products

1. Definition, Characteristics, legal Protection of Origin Labelled Products
2. Link between Production-Marketing System and Origin Labelled Products
3. Link between Rural Development and Origin Labelled Products
4. Link between Consumers, Citizens and Origin Labelled Products
5. Characteristics, evolution problems, opportunities for Origin Labelled Products
6. Policies evaluation
7. Synthesis and recommendations
8. Information and dissemination

A wide dissemination of the work

Today we open the web site: <http://www.origin-food.org>

?? Presentation of the DOLPHINS action's program, its partners and the results of their work.

?? Free access to 3 databases on Origin Labelled Products:

- o Publications (with a research module),
- o Research Institutes
- o current research Projects.

?? Many links to the web sites of Agriculture ministries, local, national and international organizations, as well as to the web site of the PDO and PGI products.

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¹ INRA: National Institute for Agronomic Research, France, <http://www.inra.fr>

UREQUA: Research Unit for the Economics of Qualification Processes in Agro-food

² Regulation EEC No 2081/92 - PDO : Protected Designation of Origin – PGI: Protected Geographical Indication

³ QLK-2000-00593 financed by the fifth framework of the European Community for research, technological development

and demonstration activities: 1998-2002. Presentation of the project <http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/quality-of-life/ka5/en/00593.html>,