

A LOCAL ORGANIC GUARANTEE

PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEMS (PGS) ARE QUALITY-ASSURANCE INITIATIVES USING THEIR OWN WRITTEN STANDARDS, OFTEN BASED ON IFOAM'S BASIC STANDARDS.

PGS

SHARED VISION, SHARED IDEALS

PARTICIPATORY

PARTICIPATION

PGS ensure the direct participation of all stakeholders involved in production and consumption of organic products

FLEXIBILITY & SIMPLICITY

PGS are specific to individual communities, geographic areas, politics and their markets and they involve less administration work compared to third-party certification

SUPPORT TO LOCAL ECONOMIES & TERRITORIES

PGS are based on local and direct marketing: they encourage local development and environmental protection

GUARANTEE

TRUST & CREDIBILITY

PGS programs use an integrity-based approach that starts with a foundation of trust. Credibility is ensured through the participation of all stakeholders

TRANSPARENCY & HORIZONTALITY

PGS have transparent decision-making processes. All stakeholders have equal responsibility and capacity to ensure the organic quality of a product or process

CAPACITY BUILDING

PGS build knowledge networks and provide the tools and mechanisms for community empowerment

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