

Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural System with Low Environmental Impact in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Abstract

The main goals and objectives of the project are to: contribute to enhance economic situation of small farmers enhancing profitability of their activities; introduce standards and agricultural methodologies with low environmental impact and particular focus on organic productions; enhance technical skills of the farmers; encourage ecological commitment of all involved stakeholders; and develop marketing strategies for organic products in BiH.

Services established within the project to be carried on by the farmer association ECO-line:

- *technical assistance to the producers;*
- *technical trainings for agronomists and producers;*
- *support on the introduction of innovative agricultural techniques;*
- *agricultural anticipation and credit;*
- *post harvesting processing and commercialization;*
- *administrative and legal consulting; and*
- *institutional capacity building.*

Main outputs so far:

- *101 farmers involved (and about 300 beneficiaries) and future active members of the farmer association ECO-line (under registration), together with the technical team of the project;*
- *22.10 ha certified by the agency Organska Kontrola (IFOAM accredited) and 62.40 has completing conversion (2008);*
- *agricultural anticipation system established to support shift to organic and 84,687 € already provided;*
- *200 tons of organic production in 2007 and 7 variety of products;*
- *400 tons of planned organic production in 2008 and 23 variety of products;*
- *270m² warehouse equipped with two packaging lines, a refrigeration system, and offices for the farmer association under establishment.*

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