

HIGHER Interreg Europe

Biodiversity, research and entrepreneurship: Case studies from Central Macedonia

Region of Central Macedonia

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Support the "Local Brand Name" in Agriculture

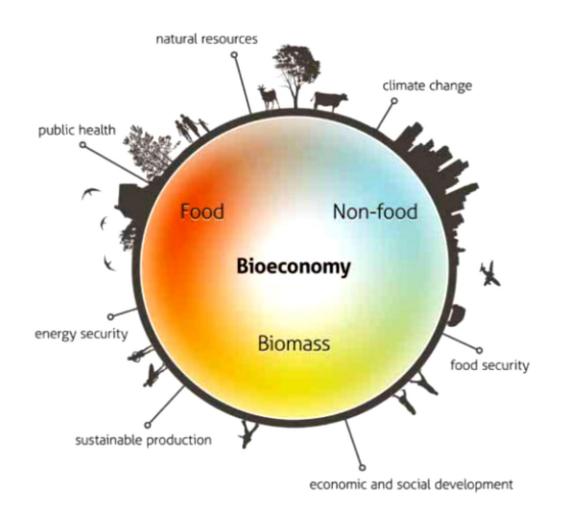
- Assist companies, co-operatives, farmers in monitoring quality attributes in the production and processing of agricultural products
- Incorporate technologies (i.e. marker assisted-breeding) to develop elite plant genotype varieties
- Utilize the rich indigenous biodiversity to support sustainable utilization of valuable resources



Bioeconomy and Food Systems

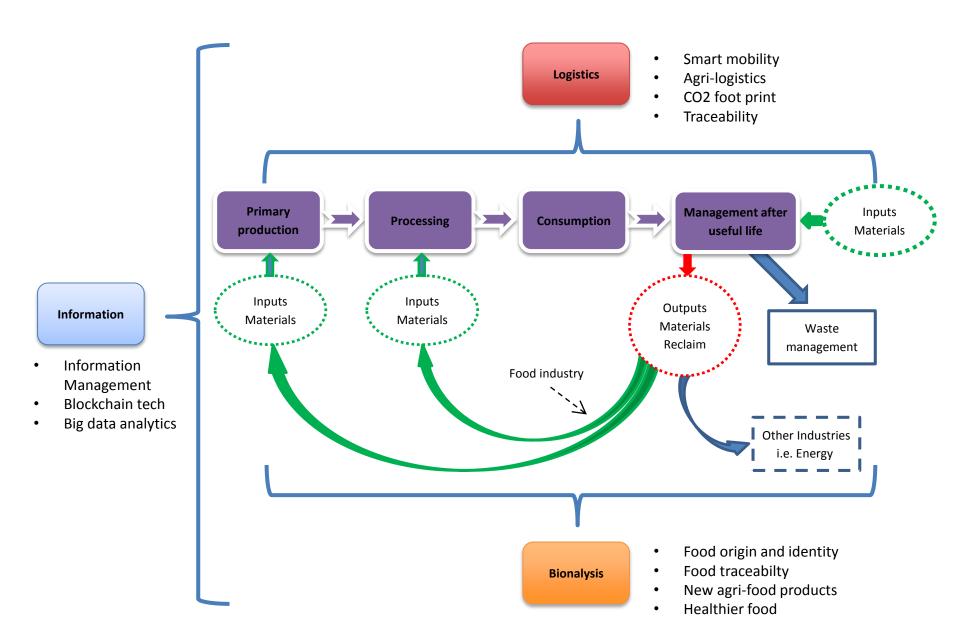








Food systems



Food Systems and Biodiversity





Food Systems

Securing global nutrition

Ensuring sustainable agricultural production

Producing healthy and safe foods

Using renewable resources for industry

Developing biomass-based energy carriers

Biodiversity

- □ "biological diversity," refers to the variety and variability of life on Earth based on genetic differences
- "biodiversity of agro-ecosystems", refers to the variety of ecosystem diversity, that is the variety of species and ecological functions and processes, both their kind and number, that occur in different physical settings
- □ "biodiversity of culture", refers on the historical process of accumulation of human stock, heritage, leading to the capability to use and manipulate the product biodiversity and a sustainable respect of the ecosystem biodiversity

Biodiversity in Greece





~ 1000 endemic taxa

- ➤ Identification, authentication and exploitation of Greek biodiversity: a major objective!
- Incorporation of technological innovations and development of new products



Protecting **Food Specialities** in the EU

Europe has many different regions and the conditions for agricultural production vary. The different regions have specific production methods and culinay traditions.

European, global consumers and food trade are showing an increasing interest in the qualities of these foods.

The EU plays a major role in enhancing and safeguarding in many ways these high



PROTECTED DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN (PDO)

A PDO gives status to a food product which is produced entirely within a defined geographical area using recognised skills and ingredients from the region and which is linked to its geographical origin.

PDOs include many cheeses (e.g. Parmigiano Reggiano, Feta, Queso Manchego), meat products (such as Prosciutto San Daniele), olive oil (Kalamata, Montoro-Adamuz,



TRADITIONAL. SPECIALITY GUARANTEED (TSG)

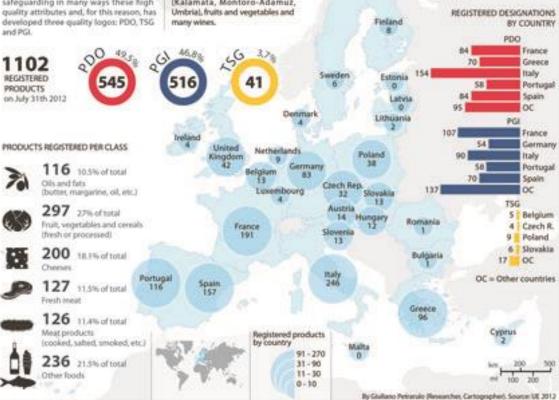
A TSG emphasises a product's traditional make-up or traditional production method. It is therefore not linked to a geographical region (Jamon Serrano is an example).



PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION (PGI)

A PGI denotes a food linked by its quality and reputation to a region in which at least one stage of production took place.

PGIs include beers (Münchener Bler, Ceskobudejovicke Pivo), meat (Scotch Beef, many types of French poultry) and also bakery products and fish (notably Scottish Farmed) Salmon).







The case of Mountain Tea



Social Need: To replace the cultivation of tobacco and guarantee income

Area: The Pomaks villages in Rodopi mountainous area





Understanding what makes *Sideritis scardica* (Mountain tea) unique and provide genetic material of higher performance



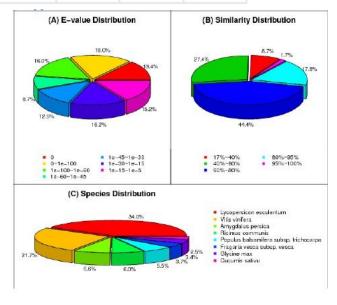
Output statistics of sequencing

| Samples | Total Raw Reads | Total Clean Reads | Total Clean Nucleotides (nt) | Q20 percentage | N percentage | GC percentage |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sideritis_scardica | 49,947,880 | 44,300,316 | 4,430,031,600 | 96.98% | 0.00% | 46.08% |

Statistics of annotation results

| Sequence File | NR | NT | Swiss-Prot | KEGG | COG | GO | ALL |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sideritis_scardica-Unigene.fa | 39,403 | 30,557 | 26,249 | 23,354 | 14,929 | 30,536 | 40,536 |







The case of the Greek Black Pig



Social Need: To find a new animal with higher added value, connected with the local

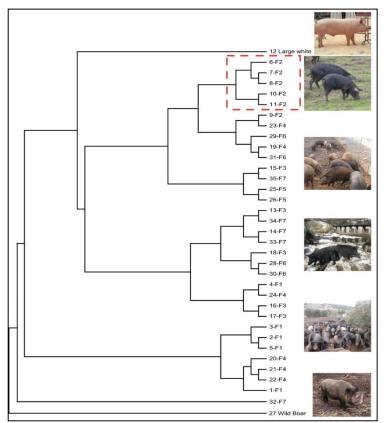
history and tradition

Area: Mountainous area of Olympus,

Karpenisi and Viotia















Genetic selection of animals, DNA traceability of the final product





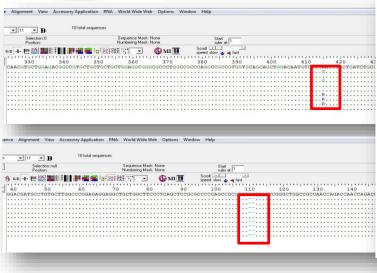
San Daniele

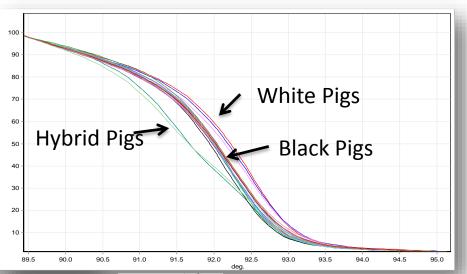
~ 20 Euros/Kg



Pata Negra Bellota

~ 150 Euros/Kg







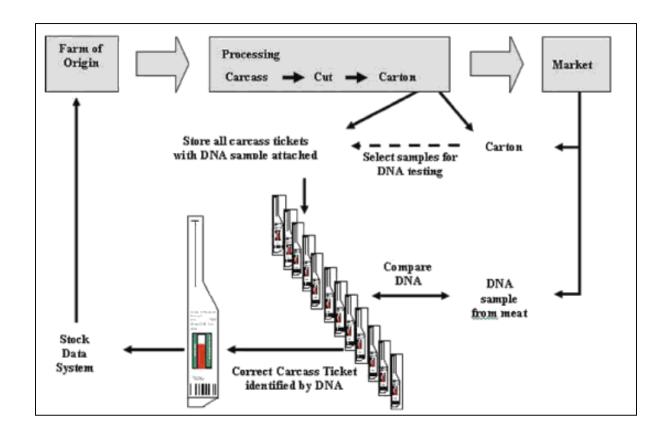
Greek Black Pig sausages From 8 to 25 Euros/Kg



Greek Black Pig salami
From 18 to 45 Euros/Kg
100 Euros/Kg on shelf

DNA Traceability of the value chain



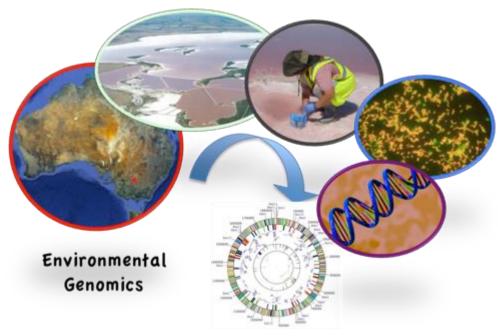




The case of the dairy products









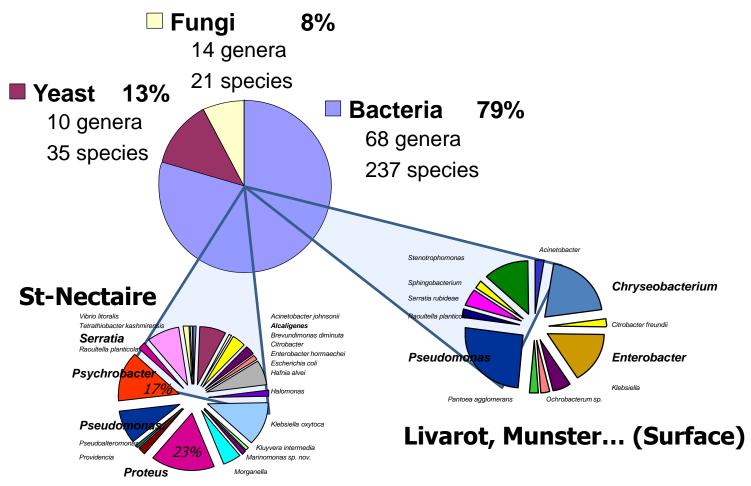








Microbial diversity of traditional fermented dairy products

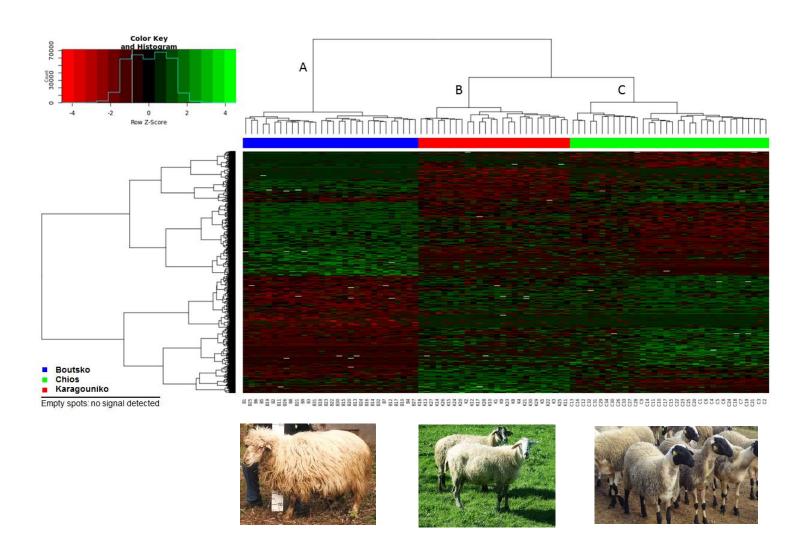


Ref: MC Montel, ANR GRAMME 2008-2010



Greek sheep breeds





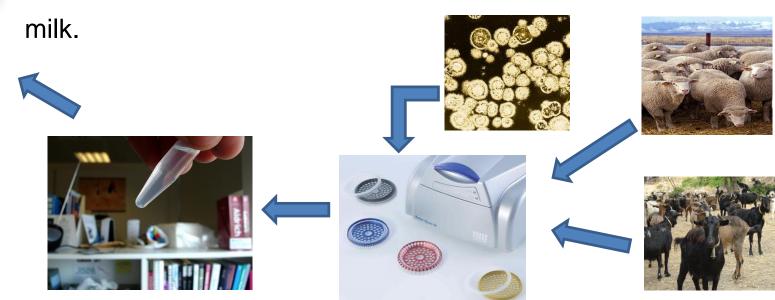
Greek Feta Cheese from autochthonous breeds and Greek starters

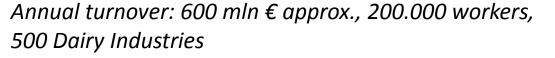




+ Max goat milk to 30%

- It is prohibited to manufacture Feta Cheese from other type of











Thank you

