

Supplementary Material

Table S1. Documentation consulted in each case study and communication with key informants

| Case | Documentation Consulted | Means of Communication | Contact Frequency |
|------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| TP1 | D1 - General certification procedure document D2 – Request form for inscription into the organic agriculture regime D3 – Annual fees document | - Meeting - Email - Telephone | 5 times in 6 months |
| TP2 | D4 - General certification procedure document D5 – Certification request form D6 – Fees document | - Email | 3 times in 6 months |
| TP3 | D7 - General certification procedure document D8 – Certification request form | - Email | Twice in 6 months |
| PGS1 | D9 – Statement of liability D10 – Entrance request form D11 – PGS manifesto D12 – Report on activities, 2015 | - Meeting - Telephone - Email | Ongoing communication Framework project steering group |
| PGS2 | D13 – Letter of commitment D14 – Operating manual D15 – Entrance approval D16 – Principles/objectives document D17 – Introduction to the PGS's document | - Meeting - Telephone - Email | Bimonthly |
| PGS3 | D18 – New producers form D19 – Entrance statement of liability D20 – Internal rules v1505 document D21 – Certificate of conformity | - Meeting - Telephone - Email | Ongoing communication Framework project steering group |
| PGS4 | D22 – New producers form D23 – Entrance statement of liability D24 – Internal rules document | - Meeting - Telephone - Email | Monthly |
| PGS5 | D25 – New producers form D26 – Entrance statement of liability D27 – Internal rules document | - Meeting - Telephone - Email | Monthly |
| PGS6 | D28 – Entrance form Annex II D29 – Entrance motivation letter D30 – Website (Internal structure, entrance procedure and PGS's operational rules) | - Meeting - Telephone - Email | Ongoing communication Framework project steering group |
| PGS7 | D31 – Membership form D32 – Confirmation of Commitment D33 – Conformity assessment form D34 – Process of creation document D35 – Label presentation Annex 1 | - Meeting - Telephone - Email | Monthly |
| PGS8 | D36 – New producers admission criteria D37 – PGS's principles | - Meeting - Telephone - Email | Bimonthly |

Source: Compiled by the authors

Table S2. Development of tasks in the entry procedure of both guarantee systems, and the agents responsible

| Task | Subtasks Associated | Person/Body with Overall Responsibility | |
|--|--|---|---|
| | | PGS | Third-Party |
| Initial Contact and Entry Procedure | Request for documentation Receipt of documentation Receipt of fee. | General assembly or commission | Administration office of Certification body |
| Commitment declaration | Receipt of documentation | General assembly or commission | Administration office of Certification body |
| Self-evaluation | Receipt of the documentation Documentation review | General assembly or commission | Certification body and Auditor |
| Audit/Initial visit | Audit or Initial visit development Complete the visit checklist Write visit report | Visiting Group | Auditor |
| Transition period/PGSs integration | Decision about the transition period required | General assembly or commission | Certification Committee |
| Decision on the Entry of the applicant | Positive or negative decision on the application | General assembly or commission | Certification Committee |

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Table S3. Development of tasks in the follow-up procedure of both guarantee systems, and the agents responsible.

| Task | Subtasks Associated | Person/Body with Overall Responsibility | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | PGS | Third-Party |
| Follow-up visits | Carry out the visit Complete the visit checklist Complete the visit report or inspection report | Visiting Group | Auditor |
| Analytics | Sample collection on farm | Visiting Group | Auditor |
| Evaluation of visits | Assessment and evaluation of the visit report | General assembly or commission together with the visiting group | Auditor or Certification Committee |
| Membership renewal decision | Making the decision - recommendations and sanctions | General assembly or commission | Certification Committee and Director |
| Field notebook | Evaluate the field notebook | | Auditor |

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