



BULGARIAN-SWISS COOPERATION PROGRAMME  
БЪЛГАРО-ШВЕЙЦАРСКА ПРОГРАМА ЗА СЪТРУДНИЧЕСТВО

## "Addressing socio-economic regional disparities: the potential of organic farming for strengthening rural areas in Bulgaria (Bulgaria Organic)"

<b>Starting Date</b>	01.01.2013
<b>Duration</b>	36 Months
<b>Discipline</b>	Social sciences



### Main Goals

- To analyze the development of Organic farming in Bulgaria in terms of institutions, policies and types of entrepreneurship
- To compare institutional development of Organic farming across different countries in CEE

### Activities

- Institutional analysis of organic sector development in Bulgaria from 1990-2012
- Network analysis of the Bulgarian organic sector and organic farming policy
- Comparative analysis of the institutional development and the policy network of organic farming in Bulgaria and in other European countries
- Analysis of the entrepreneurship activities in three Bulgarian regions

### Expected results

- Interdisciplinary research of the organic entrepreneurial branch in rural Bulgaria
- Construction of original theoretical and methodological framework combining institutional, network and entrepreneurial analysis.
- Qualitative and quantitative network analysis of the development of both policy and sector of Organic Farming in Bulgaria, including a comparison with selected European countries
- A comprehensive understanding of the potential of organic farming to contribute to sustainable rural development in Bulgaria
- Recommendations for the different stakeholders, including policy makers, rural entrepreneurs, and farmers' organizations for future development of organic farming in Bulgaria

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