



ADER 1.4.4. Identification, evaluation, testing, development and validation of analysis methods of nutrients and contaminants from inputs usable in organic agriculture

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WHAT THIS PROJECT PROPOSES TO DO



Although the legislation in force (**Regulation (EC) No 889/2008**) contains fertilizers and soil amendments authorized to be used as inputs in organic farming, currently there are no standardized working methods for their analysis, except for those inputs that are also found in Regulation (EC) no. 2003/2003.

The project proposes to solve the current situation regarding the lack of a methodology for identification, evaluation, testing, development and validation of methods for analyzing nutrients and contaminants from inputs usable in organic farming by implementing sensitive detection methods based on state-of-the-art techniques, similar to the European reference laboratories.

O1. Development of methods for the analysis of nutrients and contaminants from inputs usable in organic farming.

Nutrient analysis

Macro and microelements - ICP-MS
Trace elements - ICP-OES
Elemental analysis - AAS
Elemental analysis - C, N, S



Contaminant analysis

Heavy metals - ICP-MS
Organochlorine pesticides, dioxins, furans - GC-MS
Triazine pesticides – HPLC

O2. Development of a sampling method for the analysis of nutrients / contaminants from inputs usable in organic farming.

O3. Validation of analysis methods developed for nutrients and contaminants analysis from inputs usable in organic farming.

O5. Development of a good practice guide on the evaluation, testing, development and validation of nutrient and contaminant analysis methods.

O4. Testing the effectiveness of specific inputs for organic farming.

OBJECTIVES

WHAT'S NEW?



The project is an innovation for Romania by the fact that it is the first time that a consortium consisting of a university, 3 national research and development institutes and 2 research and development stations in the agricultural field aims to develop a guide of good practices on evaluation, testing, development and validation of methods for the analysis of nutrients and contaminants and the development of a procedure for certification/attestation of inputs usable in organic farming, so as to have a uniform approach and traceability in their evaluation.

RESULTS



1. Specific validated procedures for the analysis of nutrients and contaminants from inputs usable in organic farming.
2. Evaluation of the effectiveness of specific inputs for organic farming in the experimental fields of fruit trees and fruit bushes, vegetables and field crops.
3. Good practice guide on the evaluation, testing, development and validation of methods for nutrients and contaminants analysis.

BENEFICIARIES



- all **operators** along the food chain: **farmers - processors - consumers**;
- all **authorities and competent bodies** in the field of certification in organic farming;
- the estimated results of the project will substantiate the agri-environment policies developed by MADR and the CAP strategy after 2020, in correlation with the other European partners;
- the **Good practice guide** for evaluation, testing, development and validation of analysis methods of nutrients and contaminants developed in the **project will be made available to the competent authorities** as a tool in the organic farming domain.

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