



A selection of recent cooperation projects carried out by AREPO Regions in the quality agrifood sector

Region	Country	Region/ Locality	Date	Object	Action
Aquitaine	Morocco	Souss Massa Drâa	2002	Quality programme for Argan Oil	Valorising <i>terroir</i> products through the PGI certification for Argan oil, in particular improving quality at the processing and bottling phases and developing product commercialisation and marketing. Replication of such a strategy with other products from Souss Massa Drâa, such as Saffron of Talioune.
Bretagne	Madagascar	Analanjirifo	2009	Agriculture, fishing and aquaculture	Spreading horticultural techniques, developing family-managed pisciculture, and supporting the local dairy supply chain.
	UEMOA	Haute Vallée du Niger; Fada N'Gourma	2008	Organic and fair trade cotton supply chain	Shifting from conventional to organic and fair trade cotton, and ensuring the economic and environmental sustainability of such a transition.
Centre	Morocco	Mekness	2009	Aromatic and medical plants	Valorising aromatic and medical plants, aiming at obtaining a labelling and certification.
	Czech republic	Pardubice		PDO and PGI certification	Round table with Morocco for developing and promoting PGI and PDO certifications
Midi-Pyrénées	Viet Nam	San La	2006	Dairy farming and processing sector	Establishing a dairy cooperative and developing an arboriculture supply chain, including the processing phases. Establishing a special fund of 1 million Euros as guarantee for producers accessing to loans from private banks (drop in interest rates from 17% to 3-4%).
Pays de la Loire	Burundi	Burundi	2007	Fishing and tea	Supporting the commercialisation of fish supply chain aiming at both domestic and export markets. With regard to the project on tea, the aim is improving the working conditions at harvest and processing stages complying with fair trade principles.

Poitou-Charentes	India	Tamil Nadu and Pondichéry	2004	Goat and cattle breeding	Developing goat and cattle breeding through micro-credit financing
Rhône-Alpes	Hungary	Southern Transdanubia	2006	Viticulture and wines	Implementing an exchange programme between the University of “Vin de Suze-la-Rousse” and a Hungarian consortium in order to provide training on viticulture and wine waiting.
Navarra	Peru	Nororiente	2008	Coffee quality differentiation	Improving coffee quality standards in the North East of Peru through a better commercial management, especially exploring new export markets.
Puglia	Palestine	West Bank	2003	Fair trade and Organic Olive Oil	Micro projects generating income at the household level in Palestinian villages in animal and vegetable productions. In particular, improving the quality of organic olive oil production and its commercialisation at local and international levels.
	Albania	Tirana, Durazzo and Valona	2003	Typical and local agrifood products	Technical support to tune the supply of typical products to domestic and export markets, and to put in place a promotion system of local and typical products by the Albanian ministerial institutions.
	Egypt	Damietta, Alessandria, Marsa-Matruh, Port Said e Behira	2003	Value chain support	Technical support to improve the quality and increase the quantity of horticultural, assisting the establishment of producer associations as well as relationships between them and Italian importers and distributors. Strengthening the value chain spanning from Egypt to Italy, taking into consideration issues of seasonality and complementarity between the two countries.
Veneto	Croatia	Osijek Baranja	2009	PDO certification	Organization of a cluster and elaboration of guide lines and documents for the request of PDO- denomination of origin for the “Slavonska Jabuka”
		Pola	2006	PDO certification	Extension Service program for Wine “Malvasia Istriano” to attend European PDO certification
	Moldova Republic	Chisinau	2006	Developing a GI recognised by the EC	Mainstreaming the strategies of the European Commission for wines and food quality development and promotion.

We are collecting all the relevant information on ongoing projects from AREPO Regions and receiving project proposals, including projects aiming at establishing PGI and PDO schemes.

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