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Current status and ways forward

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Main Purpose of the WG

- Supporting organic agriculture development in WB economies;
- Networking, capacity building, knowledge exchange/transfer;
- Support in harmonization of organic law and bylaws;



Key Assets/Opportunities

- Network of institutional representatives, international/national experts;
- Possibility to work together and use available resources;
- Visibility and outreach of outputs;



Key Barriers

- Administrative barriers in terms of slow and rigid procedures for setting up new (or upgraded) laws/bylaws;
- Lack of legal support in drafting the Law;
- Lack of capacities (institutional/producers/processors/NGO's);
- Lack of awareness among different stakeholders;



Ways Forward

- To continue working on preparing the Organic Law harmonized with EU Regulation 2018/848
- To continue working on bylaws;
- To develop a strong organic Action plan with the organic actors and market actors to promote consumption, increase production, and organic farming sustainability – to incentivize stronger involvement of all stakeholders in the process of establishment and implementation of organic law;
- Transnational cooperation and ensure that policies are coherent and mutually supportive;
- To develop/collect more knowledge and acquire reliable data;
- Forging the infrastructure for market development of organic products;
- Developing a platform for dialogue with the organic sector on policy (farmers/processors/other actors) needs/design;

