



Developing cross-regional natural resource corporations

Problem

One of the undeveloped areas in the organic advisory service in Germany is the regional management of natural resources such as water, biodiversity, and climate.

Solution

The development of regional cooperations by organic farmers, public service providers such as water companies, and the private sector where farmers are embedded in programs for the provision of public services.

Benefits

A regional approach can help maintain important natural resources (climate, water, biodiversity) ensuring long-term productivity and food security. Farmers are encouraged to maintain their organic production through support in marketing and cooperation with a public service provider.

Applicability box

Theme

Soil, environment and society, cross-regional development

Keywords

Environment, society, biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation, sustainability

Context

Germany

Period of impact

Continuously, starting about two years after the first actions

Practical recommendations

Farmers and advisors in a region should reach out to their water companies or other public service providers to suggest setting up similar programs. Value chain managers and people working with Öko-Modell-Regions should also approach service providers and private companies in their region to establish regional cooperation. On the practical side, it is important to develop a system that is a win-win solution for all involved stakeholders. Ideally, farmers receive a payment for the organic production through a programme, e.g., from the water company that is additional to the CAP payments. The combination of value chain analysis and marketing products with a positive effect on public resources, e.g., groundwater, can establish a strong network for organic transition and long-term production.

Further information

Weblinks

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