



**economic analysis of certification
systems in organic food and farming**

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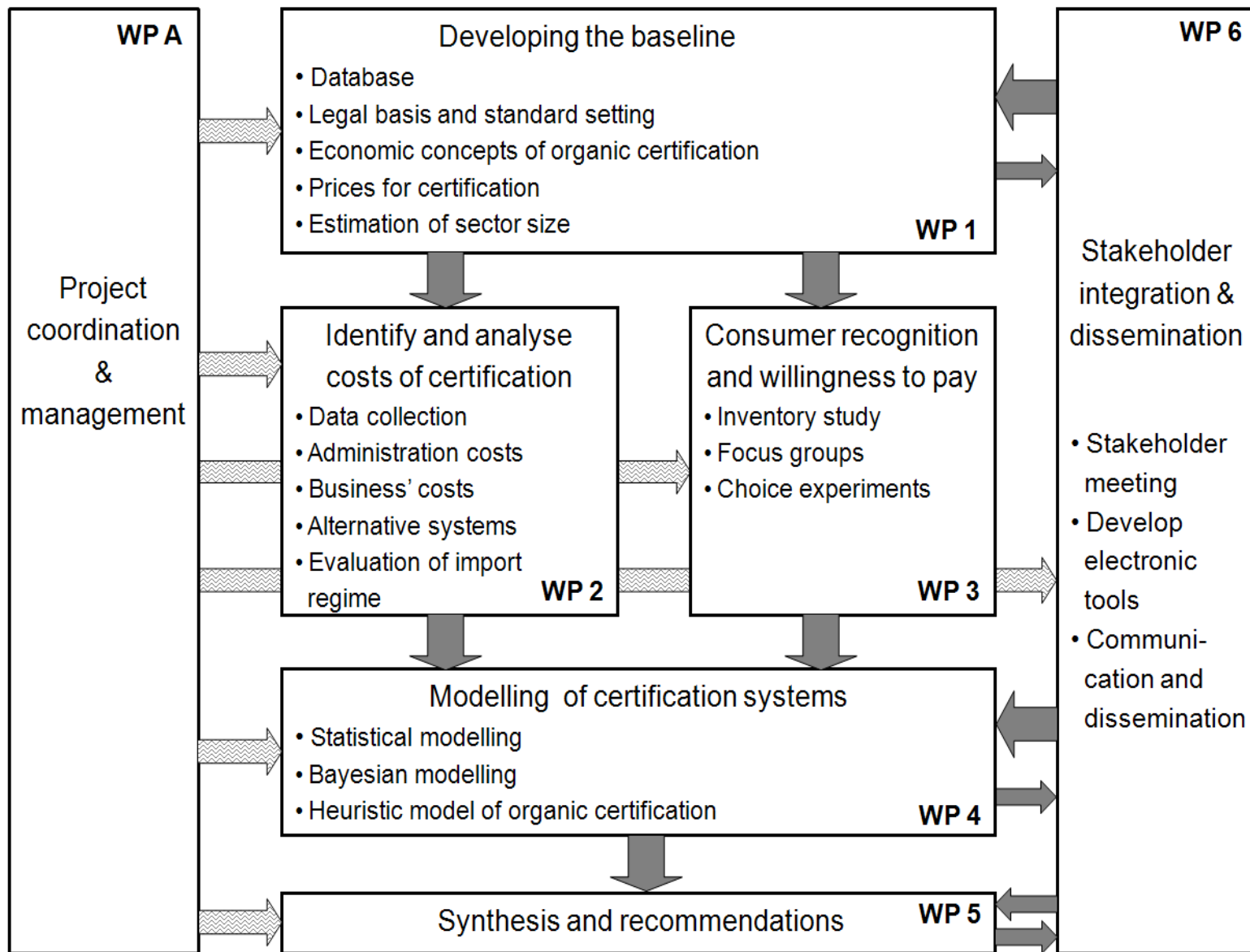
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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

- ☞ to provide research based recommendations to improve organic food certification systems in Europe in terms of efficiency, transparency, and cost effectiveness.

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- 4 University of Kassel, (UNI-KASSEL), DE
- 5 Institute for Marketecology (IMO), CH
- 6 University of Ege, TR
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- 8 Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, CZ
- 9 Institute for Ethical and Environmental Certification (ICEA), IT
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WP1: Developing the baseline

- ☞ Task 1.1: **Database** on the public and private actors involved in standards setting and certification in the selected EU and associated countries building on www.organicrules.org (AT, CH, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, NL, NO, PL, R)
- ☞ Task 1.2: Review of **regulatory framework**, studies and agencies influencing organic inspection, certification and standards setting in the EU
- ☞ Task 1.3: **Economic concepts** of organic certification
- ☞ Task 1.4: Publicly available **prices** for organic certification and public **support measures** influencing certification costs in selected EU and associated countries
- ☞ Task 1.5: Estimation of the **size of the organic certification sector** in selected EU and associated countries

DATABASE (building on www.organicrules.org)

ALLREADY IN:	Stakeholder proposals
<p>Short description of the certification systems incl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☞ short statistical overview☞ Funding/support of certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☞ Number and types of operators certified by each organisation.☞ Number of standards certified☞ Local, regional, nat. or internat. certification.☞ Number of withdrawals of authorisations issued per year☞ pricelist on various services
<p>Contact details for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☞ Accreditation bodies☞ Competent national authorities☞ Public certific. & inspect. authorities☞ Private certific. & inspect. Bodies☞ Standards owners☞ Logos applied☞ Links to relevant webpages☞ Links to public inspection reports	

WP6 Stakeholder integration and dissemination

Development of electronic tools and methods for

Communication and dissemination: www.certcost.org

- *part of webpage for stakeholder panel consultations*

- ☉ Meeting in Nov. 2008 for motivation and involvement of stakeholder panel to secure user relevance and impact of results.
- ☉ 1 day WS: Febr. – May 2010: WP1 + prelim. WP2-WP4
- ☉ 1 day WS: Apr. – Jun 2011: prelim WP5
- ☉ Efficient and dynamic communication and dissemination of results to stakeholders