



# BULGARIA ORGANIC

ADDRESSING SOCIO-ECONOMIC REGIONAL DISPARITIES:  
THE POTENTIAL OF ORGANIC FARMING FOR STRENGTHENING RURAL AREAS IN BULGARIA





## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### Main goal:

- To study sustainable rural development as one strategy to increase the economic and social resilience of rural areas in Bulgaria and in particular to analyze the potential of organic farming to contribute to such a sustainable rural development.

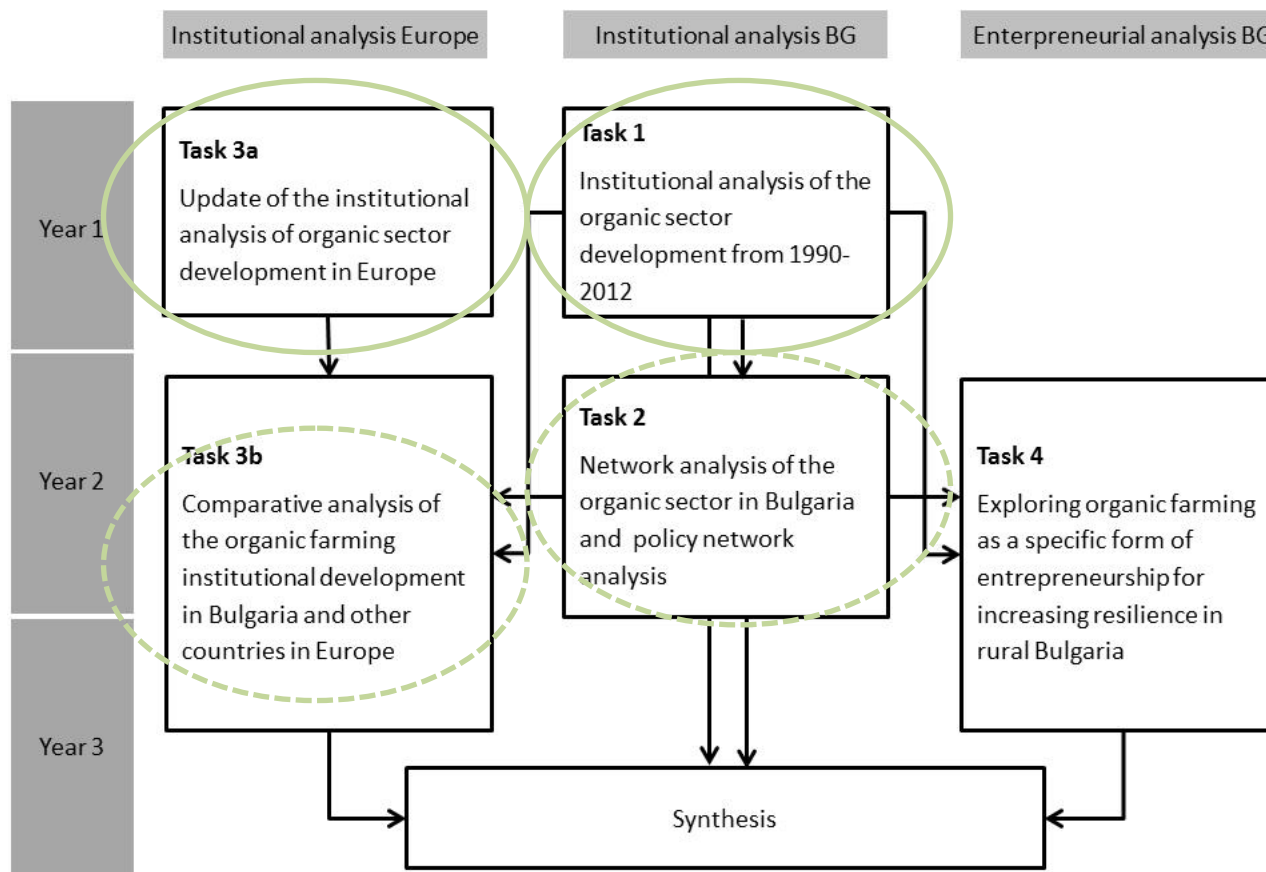
### Main tasks:

- To analyze the institutional development relevant for the organic sector in Bulgaria and five other European countries;
- To analyze the existing networks of the organic sector and the organic farming policy in Bulgaria;
- To compare the institutional development and policy network of the Bulgarian organic sector with this in other countries in Europe;
- To explore organic farming as a specific form of entrepreneurship in Bulgaria.

**Collaboration in the proposal preparation stage:** combination of different type of expertise.



## PROJECT IN PROGRESS





## RESEARCH COLLABORATION BETWEEN BULGARIAN AND SWISS TEAMS

### Collaboration across different research tasks

#### Task 1: Institutional analysis:

- Shared and updated methodology;
- Enlarged comparative institutional analysis;
- Data update.

#### Task 2: Network analysis :

- Guidelines for quantitative network analysis methodology ;
- Social network analysis - software training;
- Enlarged comparative analysis.

Task 3a и 3b: Update of institutional analysis and comparative analysis of institutional development of organic farming in 6 European countries.

Task 4: Organic farming as entrepreneurial activity – Bulgarian contribution and plans for future common projects



## DISSEMINATION OF PROJECT RESULTS

### Audiences:

- Non- scientific audience - brochure, PPT presentations, discussion seminars, web-site
- Scientific audience – academic publications and conferences

### Collaboration regarding the dissemination of project results

- Joint papers (in progress) on institutional and network analysis.



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

