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# Presentation of the results of AREPO survey on RDP measure 16.01 on Operational Groups

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

## 1. Introduction



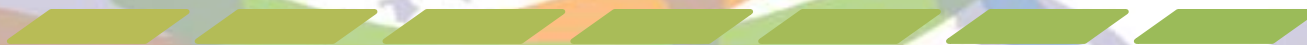
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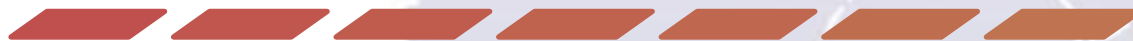
# 1. INTRODUCTION

1. **Operational Groups (OGs)** are a **new instrument** of CAP and our members highlighted **difficulties in the implementation** of cooperation measure.
  2. AREPO started to work on R&I on GIs and quality schemes
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- AREPO decided to realise a **survey** to analyse different forms of **implementation of OGs** among different regions. **Aiming at:**
    1. Collecting **pilot examples and best practices** to share and exchange information among our members;
    2. Monitoring **thematic priorities and issues tackled by OGs** with particular attention to GIs and quality schemes.
  - Survey realised **in cooperation with** the Network of European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry, **ERIAFF**, and **EIP AGRI Service Point**.
  - **Preliminary results:** AREPO intends to continue monitoring to enlarge the geographic scope of collected data and update information with data concerning new calls for proposals.

## 2. STRUCTURE AND METHODOLOGY OF THE ANALYSIS

Qualitative and quantitative survey structured in 4 sections:

1. OGS PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES



2. CALL FOR AID 2016



3. FINANCIAL AID



4. APPLICATIONS AND BENEFICIARIES



## 2. STRUCTURE AND METHODOLOGY OF THE ANALYSIS

- The data are the results of the preliminary analysis of the survey submitted to AREPO and ERIAFF regions.
- **15 regions from 5 different Member States** answered to the survey.

### Germany (1)

- Hessen

### Greece (1)

- Crete

### Italy (7)

- Bolzano
- Campania
- Emilia-Romagna
- Friuli Venezia Giulia
- Lombardia
- Piemonte
- Veneto

### Portugal (1)

- Açores

### SPAIN (5)

- Andalusia
- Catalunya
- Euskadi
- Extremadura
- Murcia

### 3. PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST RESULTS

All the 15 Regions have activated the measure 16.01 on operational groups in their Rural Development Programmes (RDP).

- **Nevertheless, they currently are at different stages of implementation.**
- Campania, Crete, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Lombardia and Murcia (5 of 15) will launch the **first call for proposal in 2017**. For this reason, the data concerning the number of applications and beneficiaries are projections.
- Açores, Andalucia, Bolzano Province, Emilia-Romagna, Euskadi, Extremadura, Piemonte, Veneto (8 of 15) **launched the first call in 2016**.
- Finally, Hessen and Catalunya (2 of 15) already opened **two calls one in 2015 and the second in 2016**.

### 3.1. OGs PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

REGION	Definitions of OGs priorities
AÇORES	X
ANDALUCIA	X
BOLZANO	X
CAMPANIA	
CATALUNYA	
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	X
EUSKADI	
EXTREMADURA	
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	X
HESSEN	X
LOMBARDIA	X
MURCIA	X
PIEMONTE	
VENETO	

1. Increased **resource efficiency** in agricultural and forestry

1. **Organic agriculture**: lowering inputs in viticulture; organic horticulture;

2. **Improved management of agricultural and forestry systems**: cereal sector, integrated crop-livestock supply chain; agricultural and forestry systems;

3. **Product and process innovation** in the food and non-food processed market integration;

4. **Livestock sector**: genomic research, alpine pasturage and restocking;

5. **Viticulture**: environmental sustainability; optimisation of plant health treatments; soil and water conservation and optimisation of harvest periods;

6. **Grape nursery**: risk control related to emerging plant diseases;

7. **Fruit and vegetable sector**: risk control related to emerging plant diseases; improvement of cold storage;

8. **Arboriculture for wood production**: increasing productivity and improving environmental sustainability of poplar cultivation;

9. **Forest management**: infrastructure, innovative systems for wood hauling and for the management of forest ecosystems.

### 3.1. OGs PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

REGION	GIs/Quality schemes
AÇORES	X
ANDALUCIA	X
BOLZANO	
CAMPANIA	
CATALUNYA	
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	X
EUSKADI	
EXTREMADURA	
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	
HESSEN	X
LOMBARDIA	
MURCIA	
PIEMONTE	
VENETO	

#### Focus area 3A:

improving the competitiveness of supported primary producers by better integrating them into the agri-food chain through quality schemes, adding value to the agricultural products, promoting local markets and short supply circuits, producer groups and inter-branch organization.

The selection criteria for the OG in Focus Area 2A and 3A envisage a **reward for project proposals that include certified farms/producers** (5 points for organic and 4 point for GIs).



### 3.1. OGS PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

REGION	Interest in cross-border OGS
AÇORES	X
ANDALUCIA	
BOLZANO	X
CAMPANIA	X
CATALUNYA	X
CRETE	X
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	
EUSKADI	X
EXTREMADURA	X
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	X
HESSEN	X
LOMBARDIA	X
MURCIA	
PIEMONTE	X
VENETO	

### 3.1. OGS PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

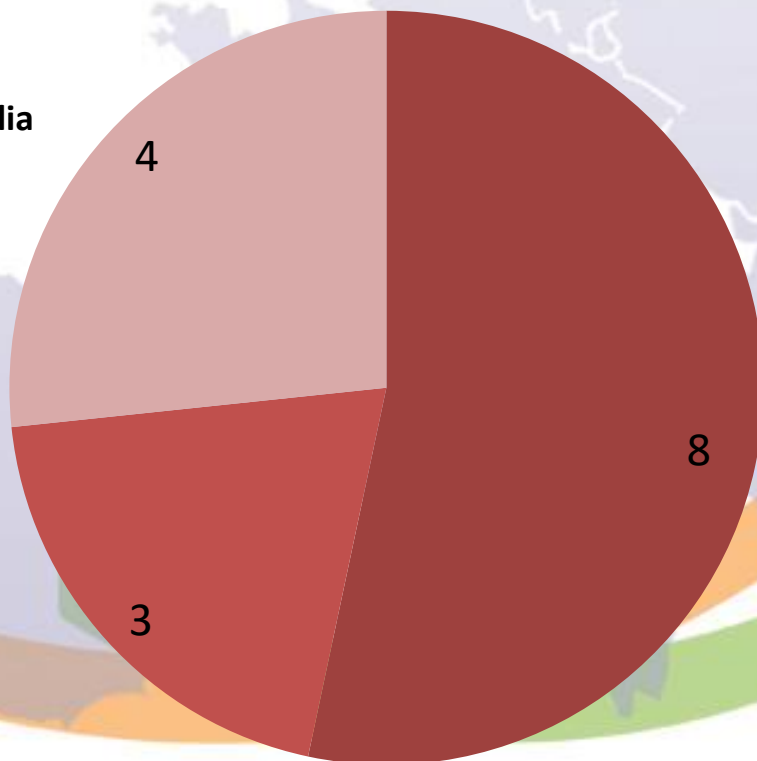
REGION	Knowledge of EIP Focus Groups	Inspiration for OGs
AÇORES	X	
ANDALUCIA	X	X
BOLZANO	X	
CAMPANIA	X	
CATALUNYA	X	
CRETE	X	
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	X	The call requires potential OGs to identify linkages with EIP AGRI themes and, if possible, with existing Focus Groups
EUSKADI	X	
EXTREMADURA	X	
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	X	Inspiration from Focus Groups results, in particular concerning lowering inputs in organic viticulture and horticulture
HESSEN	X	
LOMBARDIA	X	
MURCIA	X	
PIEMONTE	X	Results of focus groups quoted in OGs call for proposals to provide examples to applicants
VENETO	X	If the OG's proposal concerns one of them, the evaluation process rewards the proposal with a better ranking

## 3.2. CALL FOR AID 2016

### Organisation of the call for aid

**Bolzano Province**  
opted for three  
windows opening  
during the year

**Friuli Venezia Giulia**  
one call for aid in  
two steps



- One call for aid for both establishment and operation of operational groups
- Two calls for aid: one for establishment (innovation brokering) and another for operation
- Other

## 3.2. CALL FOR AID 2016

REGION	Info day	Information material
AÇORES	X	X
ANDALUCIA	X	X
BOLZANO		X
CAMPANIA	X	X
CATALUNYA	X	X
CRETE		
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	X	X
EUSKADI	X	
EXTREMADURA	X	
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	X	
HESSEN	X	X
LOMBARDIA		
MURCIA	X	X
PIEMONTE		X
VENETO	X	X

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**Focus Grups**  
(grups d'experts de la UE)

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AGRICULTURE & INNOVATION  
Associació Europea per la Innovació

**PROJECTES D'R+D+I FINANÇATS AMB FONDS EUROPEUS**

Consulta la relació de projectes amb finançament de la UE en els que participen entitats catalanes.

**CERCA DE SOCIS PER A PROJECTES D'R+D+I**

Meetingpoint de l'EIP-Agri  
Cerca de socis del programa Horizon 2020  
Servei de cerca de socis UE (CORDIS)  
Servei de cerca de socis UE (Enterprise Europe Network, EEN)  
Relació d'entitats d'R+D+I d'àmbit estatal  
Punt de trobada del "Programa IDi-A" del MAGRAMA

**DARRERES NOUETATS**

- Portal de la Recerca de les Universitats de Catalunya
- Anàlisi ICONO: Investigació excel·lent per àrees de coneixement
- Memòria PRITAC 2015
- Experts catalans participants en Focus Grups
- Funding opportunities H2020. Calls 2016
- Grups Operatius en el marc de l'EIP-Agri
- Baròmetre de la Innovació a Catalunya 2015
- La indústria agroalimentària catalana: una perspectiva empresarial (Agustí Segarra Blasco)

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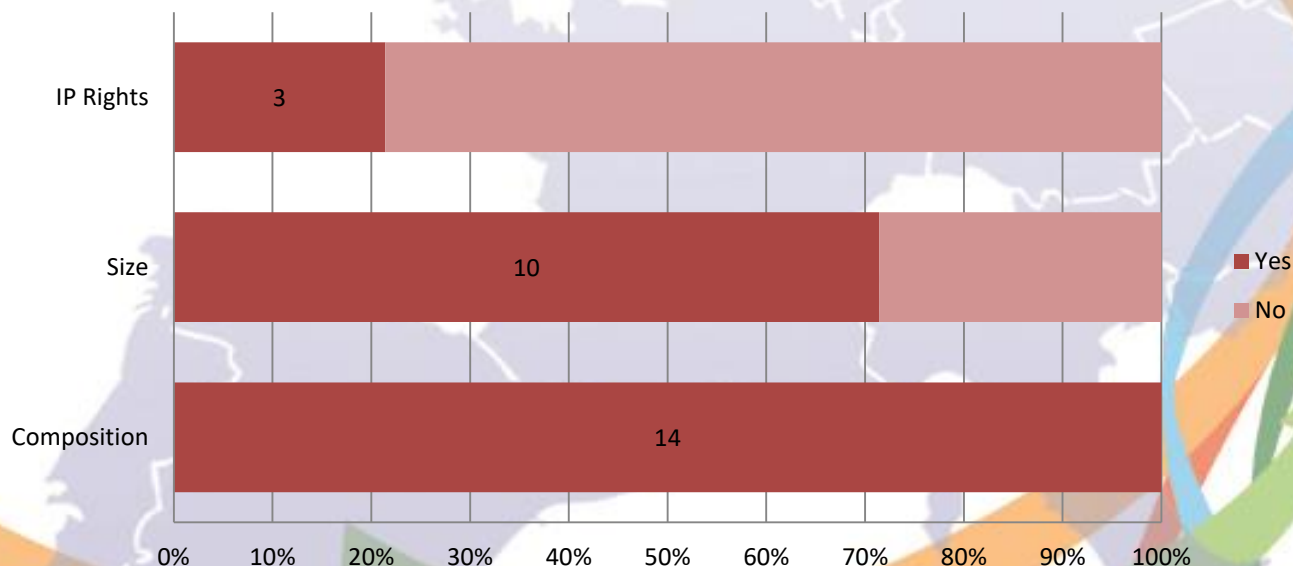
## 3.2. CALL FOR AID 2016

### Intellectual Property Rights:

**Hessen:** OG should publish the results of its project.

**Andalucia:** application implies the authorization for the dissemination of the results.

**Murcia:** OGs have to give up IPR, with the exceptions of scientific papers (open access).



### Size:

At least **2 members**;

**Catalunya:** max. **5 beneficiaries** (other can participate without funding)

### Composition:

- definition OG given by the EC and included a list of accepted categories of beneficiaries (5);
- OG must include at least an agricultural or forestry holding, leaving more flexibility concerning the other accepted categories (6);
- OG must include **both enterprises in the agricultural sector and research institutes** (2).

### 3.3. FINANCIAL AID

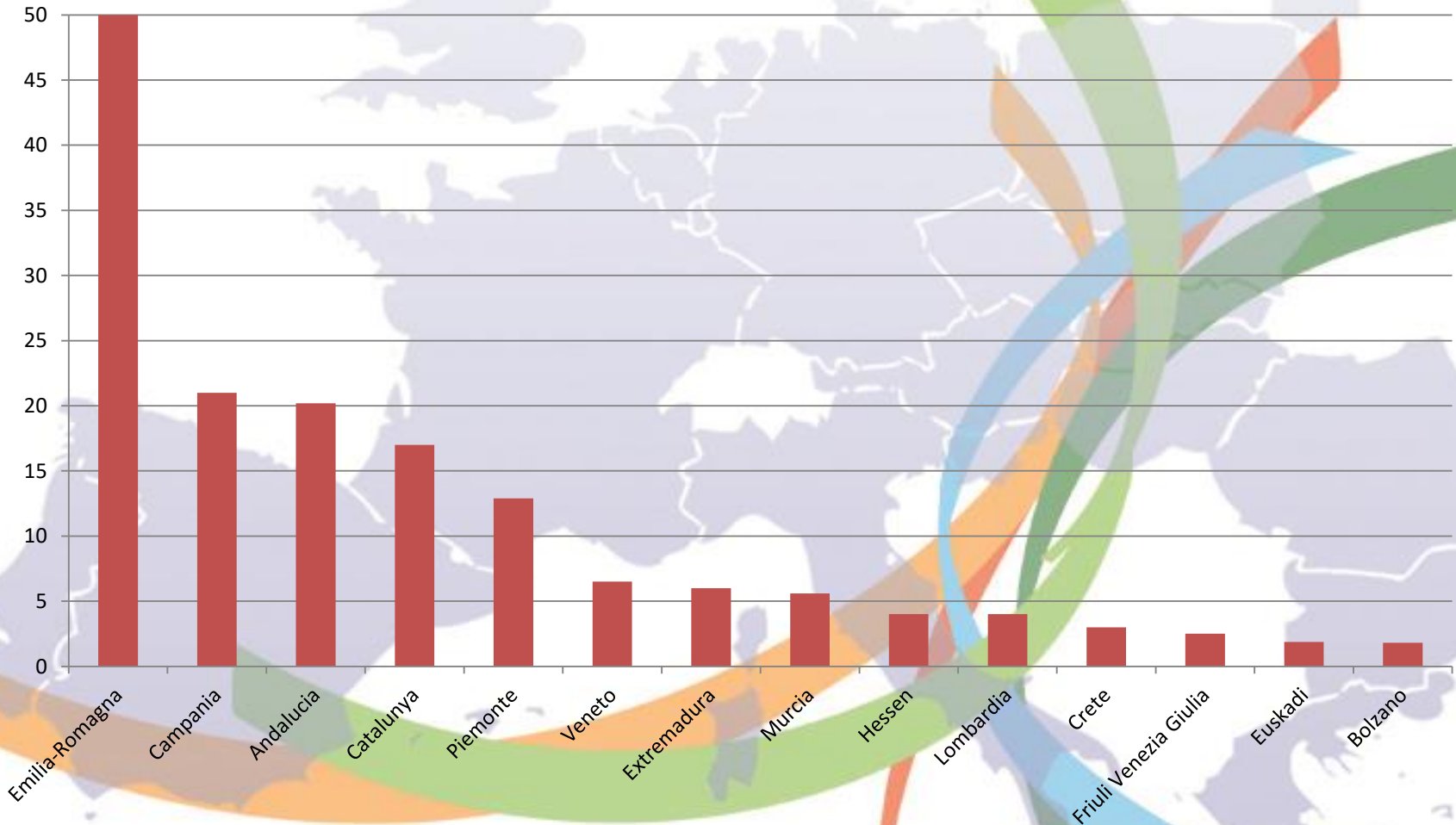
REGION	2016	2014-2020
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	12.165.873€	50.000.000€
CAMPANIA	NA (first call in 2017)	21.000.000€
ANDALUCIA	7.477.877 €	20.196.947€
CATALUNYA	3.500.000€	17.000.000€
PIEMONTE	7.540.000 €	12.900.000€
VENETO	2.250.000€	6.500.000€
EXTREMADURA	300.000€	6.000.000€
MURCIA	NA (first call in 2017)	5.600.000€
HESSEN	420.000€	4.000.000€
LOMBARDIA	NA (first call in 2017)	4.000.000€
CRETE	NA (first call in 2017)	3.000.000€*
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	NA (first call in 2017)	2.500.000€
EUSKADI	1.406.250€	1.875.000€
BOLZANO	749.970€	1.800.000€
AÇORES	700.000€	--

**Public Expenditure for measure 16.1 for 2016 and for all programming period.**

*Sorted from the highest to the lowest value for public expenditure for all programming period*

**\* For M16.01 and 16.02.**

### 3.3. FINANCIAL AID



**Public Expenditure for measure 16.1 for all programming period, expressed in million €, sorted from the highest to the lowest value**



### 3.3. FINANCIAL AID: ELIGIBLE COSTS & FUNDING RATE

REGIONS	Definition of min.&max. eligible costs	Minimum	Maximum	Funding rate
Açores				70%
Andalucia (operation)	X	€ 25.000	€ 300.000	100%
Bolzano				From 80% to 100%
Campania	X	€ 100.000	€ 1.000.000	100%
Catalunya				70%
Emilia-Romagna	X	€ 15.000	€ 400.000	70%; 90% or 100%
Euskadi				83,67%
Extremadura (establishment)	X	--	€ 10.000	90%; 100%
Friuli Venezia Giulia	X	--	€ 425.000	100%
Hessen	X	--	€ 200.000	From 50% to 100%
Lombardia				From 80% to 100%
Murcia				100%
Piemonte	X	--	€ 875.000	80%
Veneto (establishment)	X	--	€ 50.000	100%
Veneto (operation)	X	--	€ 250.000	100%

### 3.4. APPLICATIONS AND BENEFICIARIES

- **10 Regions** launched a call for measure 16.1 in 2016
- Only **6 Regions** had completed the selection procedure in November '16

REGIONS	Applications	Beneficiaries	Public expenditure for 2016	Avarage aid
Andalucia*	87	87	€ 7.477.877	€ 85.953
Bolzano	3	3	€ 749.970	€ 249.990
Catalunya (2015)	78	42	€ 3.500.000	€ 83.333
Emilia-Romagna	160	52	€ 12.165.873	€ 233.959
Euskadi	23	14	€ 1.406.250	€ 100.446
Hessen	3	3	€ 420.000	€ 140.000

\* Only for establishment of OGs

### 3.4. APPLICATIONS AND BENEFICIARIES: OG ON GIs AND QUALITY PRODUCTS

REGION	Selected OG
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	Improvement of forage systems in support of the production of PDO <b>Parmigiano Reggiano</b> cheese "mountain product"
	Adaptation of variety mixtures and evolutionary populations of common wheat for <b>organic</b> farming in the Emilia-Romagna region
	<b>Responsible ham</b> : Diversification of processed pork based on high standards of animal welfare on pig farms
	Integrated approach for the reduction of antimicrobial drugs in the production of milk for <b>PDO Regional Cheeses</b>
	Dairy cow farming in <b>Parmigiano Reggiano</b> cheese area: innovation and tradition for a sustainable farming and for high-quality products

REGIONS	Applications (selection still ongoing)
VENETO	<b>Organic farming</b> : creation of organic districts
	Definition of specification of <b>mountain products</b> (milk)
	<b>Sustainable food supply chain</b> for high quality products (milk, beef, pigmeat)
	PDO <b>wine</b>
ANDALUCIA	<b>IGP Cordero</b> segureño (lamb) - Differentiated quality
	<b>DOP Jerez</b> - Authentification of winegar
CATALUNYA	Improvement of quality and productivity of the <b>PDO olive oil</b> "Oli de Terra Alta"
EXTREMADURA	Improvement of the competitiveness of cherry cultivation ( <b>DOP Cereza del Jerte</b> )

## REGIÃO AUTÓNOMA DOS AÇORES

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The measure includes a **list of priorities** that define the areas of action of OGs:

**Priorities and objectives**

1. Increased **resource efficiency** in agricultural and forestry production;
2. **Improved management** of agricultural and forestry systems;
3. Improved **market integration**;
4. Valorization of **territories**.

**Interest in Cross-border OG**



Yes, on the priorities defined by the call for proposals.

**Focus Groups**

Yes, but the priorities have not been defined on the basis of focus groups' results.

**Call for aid 2016**

**One call for aid** for both establishment and operation of operational groups. In 2016 Açores launched 2 calls for aid for measure 16.01. **Application deadline:**

- 1) 15/02/2016 - 29/04/2016; [Call text PT](#) 
- 2) 01/08/2016 a 30/09/2016 [Call text PT](#) 

**Info material**

[Click here to consult all the document concerning the measure 16.01.](#)

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**Definition of OG**

**Composition/Size:** At least **two** members, from the following categories: farmers or timber growers; public or private legal entities in R&D sector; recognized advisory services; enterprises in the agriculture, forestry or agri-food sector; educational institutions.

**IP rights:** no defined.

An OG needs to have a **document rule attributing liability among the members**.

**GIs and quality schemes**

- Açores included GIs and quality schemes in the **priorities** of OG.

# INVENTORY

## 4. NEXT STEPS

1. AREPO will re-launch the survey and continue monitoring the implementation in order to **enlarge the database** to cover at least all AREPO regions;
2. Creation of an **inventory with measure fiches for each Region** in order to share information and best practices with **particular attention to GIs and quality products.**