



**Policy information to be gathered for each potential food example**

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- **For EACH issue/question**

- What does the farmer say/know/answer?
- What is your commentary/feeling?
- Remember that we are talking about the generic item, not just a particular producer – what is the overall picture?
- This means you need to have a real feeling for what the questions mean in your country, as far as you can
- This also means you have to be aware of KNOWN potential problems, but also open to hearing NEW potential problems
- And making a list of the gaps in your understanding which we can try to fill



- **1. What is the size of the farm in which the food product/raw material is produced?**

- We are interested not only in the land that is owned by the farmer but also land that is used under informal or semi-formal arrangements with neighbours; common /municipal or state/ land for grazing etc.
- Size also relates to number of livestock



- **2. Farm/farmer registration**

- Is the farm, the farmer and the farm animals registered according to the national requirements or this is not necessary?



- **3. Policy support to the farm/farmer**

- We are interested to know if the farmer is applying for any type of state/EU agricultural or rural development support
- If YES, what type of support is it? How easy is it to receive it? How does it relate to the food products that are of interest for the mapping exercise?
- If NO, what are the reasons? No support for this type of farms, no information on it, not eligible to receive it, not interested, etc.



- **4. Nature values of the farm/location in protected areas**

- We are interested to know if the farm or the farming system from which the products of interest for the mapping exercise can be considered of High Nature Value? I.e. is it based solely, or mainly, on semi-natural pastures or traditional orchards? Is this recognized as a strength by the farmers themselves?
- Also, is the farm land located in a national protected area or potential Natura 2000 sites?



- **5. Training needs of farmers**

- What are his/her advice/training and/or consultancy needs? What kind of 'capacity' do they lack?



- **6. Collaboration between producers**

- Are you working completely alone or are you part of an association or collaborating in some way with your fellow-producers?

