

## Supplementary Material

**Table S1.** Documentation consulted in each case study and communication with key informants

Case	Documentation Consulted	Means of Communication	Contact Frequency
TP1	D1 - General certification procedure document D2 – Request form for inscription into the organic agriculture regime D3 – Annual fees document	- Meeting - Email - Telephone	5 times in 6 months
TP2	D4 - General certification procedure document D5 – Certification request form D6 – Fees document	- Email	3 times in 6 months
TP3	D7 - General certification procedure document D8 – Certification request form	- Email	Twice in 6 months
PGS1	D9 – Statement of liability D10 – Entrance request form D11 – PGS manifesto D12 – Report on activities, 2015	- Meeting - Telephone - Email	Ongoing communication Framework project steering group
PGS2	D13 – Letter of commitment D14 – Operating manual D15 – Entrance approval D16 – Principles/objectives document D17 – Introduction to the PGS's document	- Meeting - Telephone - Email	Bimonthly
PGS3	D18 – New producers form D19 – Entrance statement of liability D20 – Internal rules v1505 document D21 – Certificate of conformity	- Meeting - Telephone - Email	Ongoing communication Framework project steering group
PGS4	D22 – New producers form D23 – Entrance statement of liability D24 – Internal rules document	- Meeting - Telephone - Email	Monthly
PGS5	D25 – New producers form D26 – Entrance statement of liability D27 – Internal rules document	- Meeting - Telephone - Email	Monthly
PGS6	D28 – Entrance form Annex II D29 – Entrance motivation letter D30 – Website (Internal structure, entrance procedure and PGS's operational rules)	- Meeting - Telephone - Email	Ongoing communication Framework project steering group
PGS7	D31 – Membership form D32 – Confirmation of Commitment D33 – Conformity assessment form D34 – Process of creation document D35 – Label presentation Annex 1	- Meeting - Telephone - Email	Monthly
PGS8	D36 – New producers admission criteria D37 – PGS's principles	- Meeting - Telephone - Email	Bimonthly

Source: Compiled by the authors

**Table S2.** Development of tasks in the entry procedure of both guarantee systems, and the agents responsible

Task	Subtasks Associated	Person/Body with Overall Responsibility	
		PGS	Third-Party
Initial Contact and Entry Procedure	Request for documentation Receipt of documentation Receipt of fee.	General assembly or commission	Administration office of Certification body
Commitment declaration	Receipt of documentation	General assembly or commission	Administration office of Certification body
Self-evaluation	Receipt of the documentation Documentation review	General assembly or commission	Certification body and Auditor
Audit/Initial visit	Audit or Initial visit development Complete the visit checklist Write visit report	Visiting Group	Auditor
Transition period/PGSs integration	Decision about the transition period required	General assembly or commission	Certification Committee
Decision on the Entry of the applicant	Positive or negative decision on the application	General assembly or commission	Certification Committee

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**Table S3.** Development of tasks in the follow-up procedure of both guarantee systems, and the agents responsible.

Task	Subtasks Associated	Person/Body with Overall Responsibility	
		PGS	Third-Party
Follow-up visits	Carry out the visit Complete the visit checklist Complete the visit report or inspection report	Visiting Group	Auditor
Analytics	Sample collection on farm	Visiting Group	Auditor
Evaluation of visits	Assessment and evaluation of the visit report	General assembly or commission together with the visiting group	Auditor or Certification Committee
Membership renewal decision	Making the decision - recommendations and sanctions	General assembly or commission	Certification Committee and Director
Field notebook	Evaluate the field notebook		Auditor

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