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## **E3S Working Group Protected Designation of Origin (WG PDO)**

### **Working Group guidelines**

#### **1. Introduction**

The WG is formed with the aim to promote the knowledge and the employ of sensory analysis for PDO products. The traditional local foods can be also considered but the stress is laid on PDOs. A network of sensory scientists interested in PDO can improve the professional status of members, enhance the knowledge of PDOs characteristics and produce results useful to both producers and consumers. The WG should use the experience of its members in sensory analysis of PDOs products first to explore problems then to try to solve them. The WG can also serve as a basis for organizing European, national or regional funded projects.

#### **2. Area of interests and goals**

Area of interest: sensory analysis and PDOs

Goals: support exchange of ideas among the members in order to reach a consensus or find solutions about specific sensory problems of PDOs, organize projects dealing with specific topics, produce deliverables (see below).

#### **3. Composition and responsibilities**

##### **3.1 Coordinators**

The WG can have one or two members who act as coordinators (appointed by members and approved by E3S chairperson) and provide the basic coordination work for the functioning of the WG. Coordinators check the documents prepared by WG, prepare periodical reports of activity, keep contact with E3S chairperson, present project proposal to the members and when necessary keep contact with other groups or organizations or public authorities.

##### **3.2 Members**

Membership is free and members come from the national sensory associations that joined the European Sensory Science Society.

They have to be sensory analysts with experience, or at least interest, in PDOs, they keep contact with coordinator (and /or subgroup coordinator), participate in discussions inside the WG, provide information, provide data or task if required for a specific project.

##### **3.3 Non E3S members and guests**

Non E3S members are normally not allowed to participate to the activities of WG but guests with specific expertise could be invited to participate to specific project or activities.

#### **4. Subgroups**

Subgroups may be formed if there is an interest among WG members.

Subgroups could be country-oriented, or product-oriented.

A subgroup can have a coordinator.

#### **5. Activities**

Exchange of information among members, internet forum of discussion about specific topics, meetings, do specific projects (i.e. research, communications, surveys, etc.).

#### **6. Communication among participants and meetings**

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The internal communication among members will be done usually by e-mail. The coordinator shall prepare a periodical report of activity. A meeting schedule has to be normally prepared on a yearly base. General information about WG activities will be reported in the E3S website. E3S members not participating to the WG can receive deliverables/information about WG PDO on demand.

## **7. Deliverables**

### Written documents:

Periodical reports

Memos about activity

Publications,

Papers

### Events:

Meetings

Workshops

Symposiums

## **8. Costs**

The WG should be economically self-contained for the activities of exchange information or discussion via Internet. In case of specific events or projects it may be necessary to find sponsors or join externally-funded research programs.

## **9. Duration of activity, end of WG**

The WG has not a defined term, it should end his activity when the members agree, communicating the decision to the E3S chairperson.