Agriculture

CSI 026 Area under organic farming

Indicator definition:
The share of organic farming area (i.e. the sum of existing organically farmed areas and areas in process of conversion) is presented as a proportion of total utilised agricultural area (UAA).
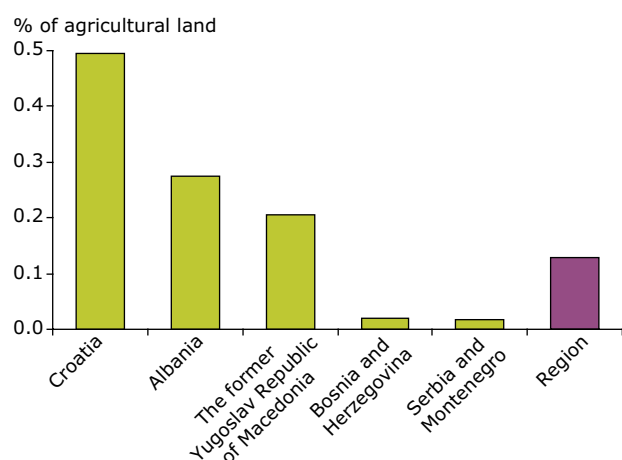
Key policy question:
What are the environmentally-relevant key trends in agricultural production systems in the Western Balkans?

Past and present trends

Key message:
The share of organic farming in the Western Balkan countries is at the moment negligible. In 2006 only 0.13 % of the total agricultural land was utilised for this purpose.

Organic farming in the Western Balkans, 2006

% of agricultural land

Note: Data on area under organic farming for Bosnia and Herzegovina have been estimated.

Assessment:
The organic farming sector is currently under development in the Western Balkan countries (with the exception of Bosnia and Herzegovina) and new strategies and policies are being prepared and implemented. The 2006 figure could be compared with the similar level, below 0.5 % share of organic farming, seen in the EU-10 Member States at the end of 1990s.
Due to gaps in time series it is difficult to assess the changes over the past years at regional level; as new data becomes available, the quality of this indicator should improve in the future.

Source: Albania: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Production (MoAFCP).
Bosnia and Herzegovina: State Agency of Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Croatia: National Bureau of Statistics; Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development.
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Statistical Yearbook, 2005, State Statistical Office; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, Division of Organic farming.
Serbia: Controlling Organization of Organic Production; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management.

Temporal coverage: 2006.

Spatial coverage: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia.