

## The Italian way to guarantee the integrity of the organic sector

**FEDERBIO**  
FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA E BIODINAMICA



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**Il Biologico italiano in movimento**

## FEDERBIO

Italian umbrella federation

Established in 1992

1 **fair organizers**

7 national **control bodies**

1 national **consumers' association**

2 **cultural** and **ecology associations**

1 national organic **retailers' association**

1 national **association of experts and agronomists**

1 national **association of companies** providing inputs

2 national organic **processing and trading companies' association**

35 national and regional **organic farmers' association**

51 members represent **95%** of the Italian organic operators



## **Federbio activities to prevent the frauds**



### **Crisis Union:**

- Prevention of frauds through the information, received from producers, processors, distributors and control bodies;
- Warnings to supply chain about the potential risky situations through the “alerts” system;
- Immediate communication, regarding the eventual cases of fraud.

### **Other FederBio activities :**

- preparation of the Guideline for the reinforcement of the risky supply chains (Agreement to reinforcement of controls of organic fruit and vegetable products; Agreement for organic grain crops);
- preparation of the Guideline for definition of the import procedure of the risky products;
- preparation of the Guideline for the management of the products subjected to the declassification in accordance with the art. 30 Reg. CE 834/07.



2011 - **Puss in Boots**: For two years some companies imported non organic grain and soybeans and passed them off as organic with fake documents.

2013 - **Green War**: some companies imported grains (soy, corn and flax) of Ukrainian and Moldovan production which arrived in the EU mainly via Malta.

2013-2014 **Fraud on durum wheat** (Enoagrim and Altabontà)

2014 - **Vertical Bio**: an international criminal conspiracy which imported grains for feed from non EU Countries with fake organic certification.

2015 - further investigation Vertical bio fraud

## **Fake Certificates of Foreign goods**

- Fake Certificates were issued by foreign CBs' officers
- When the buyer's control body asked for a check of the certificate, the foreign CB denied it, stating it had been forged, offload responsibilities onto the shoulders of the supply
- Who organized the fraud knew that the CBs could not verify the veracity of every certificate issued by other CBs

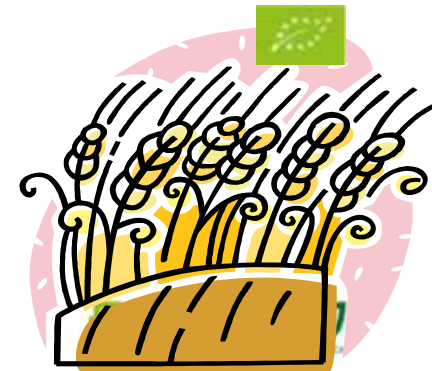


## **Falsify Certificates taken from the Internet**

- Downloaded Certificates
- Pdf copies of true certificates available on the web were suitably forged, obtaining fake certificates to cover fraudulent transactions
- Monitor the authenticity of every certificate issued by other CBs was difficult

## **Inflate the PAP (Annual Programs Production)**

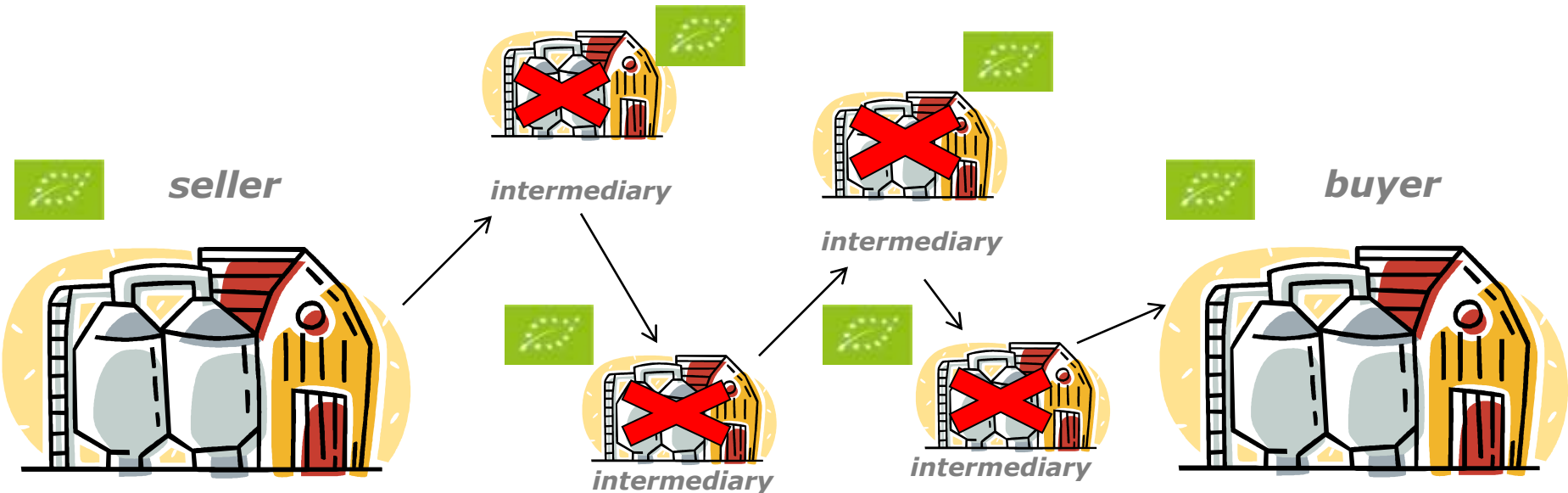
- Inflating PAPs (Annual Programs of Production)
- Higher yields per hectare were stated, even including non-existent crops
- Regular verification on the adequacy of PAPs controlled by other CBs was difficult for CBs
- Check of PAPs was difficult as well if the inspector and the operator were in cahoots



## Flows of paper .....

- The fake certificate enabled to transform conventional goods already stored at the buyer's into organic ones
- Who organized fraud knew that without a single database of transaction CBs can not verify the veracity of every certificate issued by other CBs

## Ghost operators...



- Intermediary companies entered the control system for a few months
- A vortex of sales among various "ghost" operators made traceability and check of transactions extremely complex





## CRITICAL POINTS

Difficulty in coordination among different players in the certification process, among control bodies and public authorities:

1. Data on operators, surfaces, facilities, animal stocks
2. Non compliances and sanctions;
3. Information about issued certificates;
4. Information about foreseen production (yearly production plans)

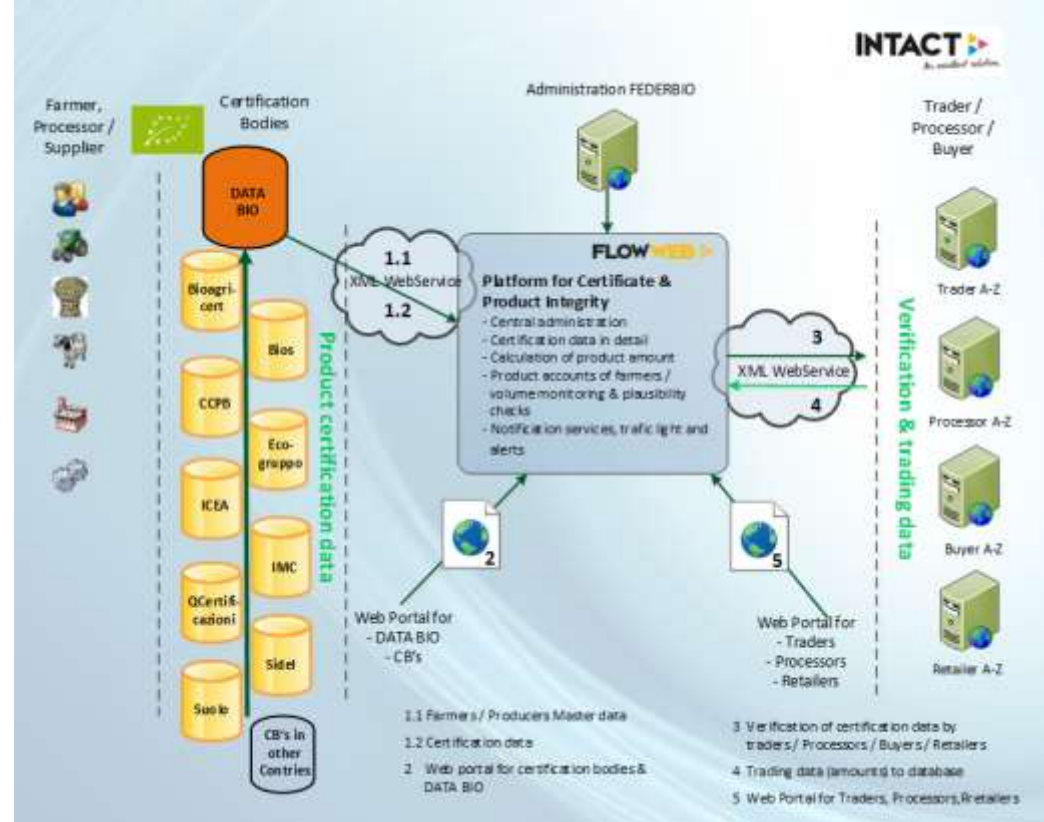
**IMPORT**  
Today there are no  
more individual  
authorizations  
from the Ministry

**And market is global**

## ISSUES

Public authorities worldwide **not ready**  
Control bodies worldwide **not ready**  
Operators worldwide **not ready**

Too many stand-alone databases, **no connection**  
Trade is **dependent on paper and pdf certificates**  
Certification status and data **cannot be verified in real time**



Critical elements can be overcome through tools for a greater coordination of control activities and more timely exchange of information.

**FederBio Integrity Platform** is based on the sharing of data collected by the different players in order to allow a more rapid check of all certificates and transactions.



## Data entry

Ministry of agriculture (not ready)

Control bodies & ACCREDIA database

**DATA BIO** via web services  
mandatory for Italian CBs accredited

**DATA BIO** Prepared to accept data from foreign CBs

All information and traceability as far as the parcel.



- Certification data are **provided by the CBs** and not by the seller
- **Certification data are valid**
- Certification **data are in real time** (withdrawn certificates are marked as withdrawn immediately)
- Certificates **don't need to be stored as hard copy** in own files
- **Easy tracking of certificates** during audit
- Online verification of **third party certificates** during the audit
- **No need to rely on paper**
- **No manipulation** by trading partners possible
- Data of **international CBs can be** included
- **Real time information**



# DATA BIO

- BANCHE DATI
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## Operatori Biologici

La banca dati degli operatori biologici è gestita da ACCREDIA e contiene i dati relativi alle certificazioni rilasciate dagli Organismi accreditati per i soli operatori a cui è stato rilasciato il Documento Giustificativo.

Ogni informazione ufficiale circa lo stato di certificazione delle organizzazioni deve essere richiesta direttamente all'Organismo di certificazione di competenza.

Per la correzione di eventuali errori relativi agli operatori biologici, occorre rivolgersi direttamente all'Organismo che ha rilasciato il certificato.

Operatore assegnato al controllo di  
**SUOLO E SALUTE S.J.L. / IT BIO 004**

Codice Operatore:  
**ASS34766CZ8063**



### AZIENDA CERTIFICATA

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Assegnamento  
**01-08-2012**

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Produzione vegetale

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### DOCUMENTO GIUSTIFICATIVO

**N. 18-07344**

Attività controllata  
Produttore esclusivo

Ultima emissione: 31-12-2013  
Scadenza: 30-12-2016  
Ultimo controllo: 06-08-2013

ATTIVO

Il **DOCUMENTO GIUSTIFICATIVO** è il documento rilasciato da un OGC autorizzato ai sensi dell'art. 27 del Reg. (CE) n.834/2007 a ciascun operatore soggetto al proprio controllo e che attesta l'inserimento dell'operatore nel sistema di controllo. In assenza di Certificato di Conformità allegato, il presente documento non consente all'operatore la messa in commercio di prodotti biologici e/o in conversione.

### VEGETALI E PRODOTTI VEGETALI

Prodotto	Biologico - Non Biologico - In conversione	mq. di terreno (ha)
COLTIVAZIONI ARBOREE SPECIALIZZATE	IN CONVERSIONE	168.20.50
PASCOLO CON TARA FINO AL 20%	IN CONVERSIONE	44.43.68
PASCOLO CON TARA FINO AL 50%	IN CONVERSIONE	94.89.50
PASCOLO SENZA TARA	IN CONVERSIONE	547.91.60
SEMINATIVO	IN CONVERSIONE	144.44.50

### CERTIFICATO DI CONFORMITA'

**N. 1**

Emissione/Aggiornamento: 31-12-2013  
Validità: 30-12-2014

Il **CERTIFICATO DI CONFORMITA'** è associato al **DOCUMENTO GIUSTIFICATIVO** e contiene l'elenco dei prodotti certificati per i quali l'operatore può rilasciare etichette e dichiarazioni di conformità.

Prodotto	Biologico - Non Biologico - In conversione	Etichettato - Non etichettato	Biologico - Non Biologico - In conversione
CASTAGNE	PRODOTTO IN CONVERSIONE ALL'AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA	NON ETICHETTATO	
OLIVE DA OLIO	PRODOTTO IN CONVERSIONE ALL'AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA	NON ETICHETTATO	
PASCOLI E PRATI	PRODOTTO IN CONVERSIONE ALL'AGRICOLTURA BIOLOGICA	NON ETICHETTATO	

- Personal data
- Activities
- Control inspections
- Non compliances, sanctions
- Certificate of compliance and update
- Yearly production plans

# FEDERBIO INTEGRITY PLATFORM

- ✓ for organic operators a traffic light alerts when a transaction doesn't seem adequate
- ✓ Transaction data
- ✓ Crop yields

Master data Flowweb Import logs Amministrazione Esci da

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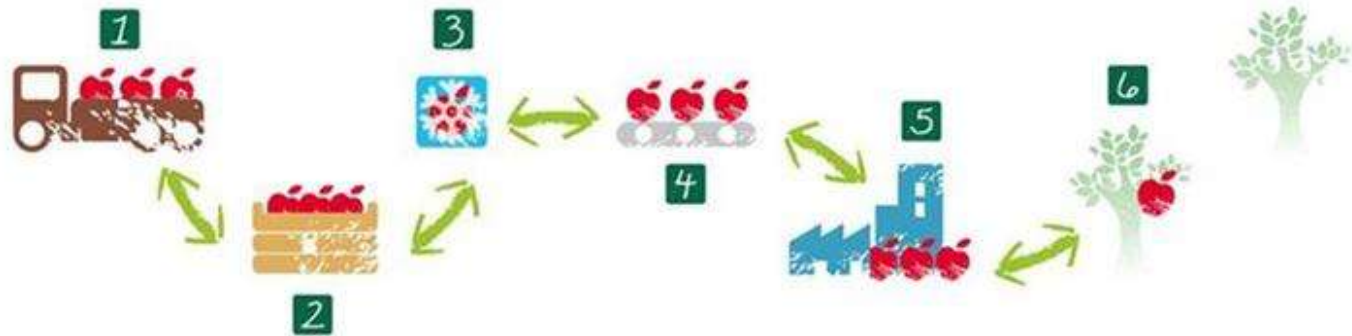
## Stato Certificazione:

- ☒ Tutti i prodotti del fornitore hanno una certificazione valida.
- ☐ Almeno un prodotto del fornitore ha una certificazione non valida.
- ☐ Nessun prodotto del fornitore ha un certificato valido.
- ☐ Dall'OdC non è disponibile nessun dato.

## Stato di integrità:

- ☒ La quantità consegnata è compatibile con la potenzialità produttiva.
- ☐ Almeno una delle quantità offerte sono superiori alla la potenzialità produttiva.
- ☐ La quantità offerta supera la potenzialità produttiva.
- ☐ Dall'OdC non è disponibile nessun dato.

Anno	Nome	Indirizzo	Numero di consegna	Stato Certificazione	Stato di integrità	Intrastat ID	Prodotti INTRASTAT	ID Prodotto	Descrizione Prodotto	Quantità consegnata	Numero di Consegne	Stato della certificazione	Stato di integrità
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## WHO

Thanks to the role of **FederBio**,  
the main supermarket chains

**coop CONAD**

the main organic wholesalers,  
the main mills & feed mills



ask their supplier to be part of **FederBio Integrity Platform**.

**If you want to access the market you must join the platform.**

No way to slip down the alley.

Global market can keep full confidence on the organic industry

# NOW

## DATABIO

- **Databio** is implemented by almost all Italian Control Bodies (96% of producers are included)

## FEDERBIO INTEGRITY PLATFORM

- Thanks to the agreement with the main processors of grain crops, who hold a share in the Italian market of over 80% for feed, 70% for durum wheat and 40% for bread wheat, the platform will be ready and fully operational for the next summer harvest

## OBJECTIVES 2015

### DATABIO

- Upload of productive data (PAP 2015) by June;
- Upload of certificates and non conformity data's by the end of 2015;

### FEDERBIO INTEGRITY PLATFORM

- Agreement with ITALMOPA (Italian Milling Industry Association), with the purpose to promote the Platform
- Expansion of controls / Extra Virgin Olive Oil

### SVILUPPI INTERNAZIONALI

- Promote the Platform in EU and non EU Countries, in co-operation with with Organic Services in the program Check Organic.

**If a trader doesn't want to join the platform he doesn't want market transparency, so he can't be a supplier of the Italian organic industry.**





## A Big Brother scenario?

Maybe.

But we are responsible of transparency of the organic market in order to keep important assets like consumers' confidence and a really fair market.

# Thank you

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