What is GI SMART?

GI SMART is a 4-year research project that will provide evidence-based recommendations to strengthen the contribution of Geographical Indications (GIs) to sustainable territorial development and the objectives of the EU Farm to Fork Strategy.

To achieve this, GI SMART will develop tools and methodologies to foster the implementation of sustainability strategies by GI producers, ensure their recognition by consumers, and formulate policy recommendations for a better design of GI policies.



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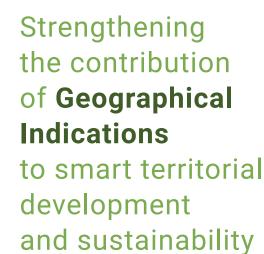






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Quality, sustainability and heritage

Geographical Indications (GIs) recognise and protect a product with unique characteristics, linked to its geographical origin. These products are often associated with the production of public goods, such as biodiversity conservation and contributions to animal welfare, while also preserving cultural heritage and promoting territorial and rural development.

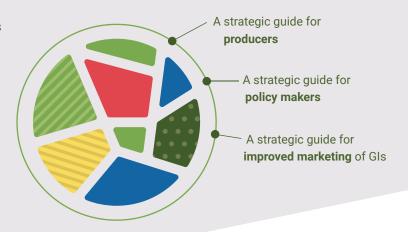
Challenges for GI systems

- Sustainability aspects of GIs are not well assessed and understood.
- GI producer groups need greater support to facilitate the transition towards sustainability.
- Policy makers require stronger evidence to refine GI policies.
- Consumers and producers need better recognition of the sustainability benefits of GIs.
- Gls face market competition from other schemes and standards.

What will GI SMART do?

- 1. Analyse the sustainability of GIs in all its dimensions (economic, social, environmental and governance) and enable producers to assess their own sustainability through a self-assessment tool.
- 2. **Identify best practices** and highlight the sustainability benefits of GI schemes.
- 3. Explore and benchmark existing policies related to GI agri-food systems
- 4. Understand consumer perceptions of GIs.

The findings will lead to:





































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