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#### TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF QUALITY AND ORIGIN PRODUCTS

#### THE PARMIGIANO REGGIANO EXPERIENCE

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## HOW TO MANAGE GI PROTECTION?

#### **Strategy**

1. Market map

2. Channel map

assess the risks according to local laws

## **Tools**

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- Market surveillance
  - Channel surveillance
  - Skill network
  - Legal network
- Technical tools (i.e. consumers surveys, new technologies)

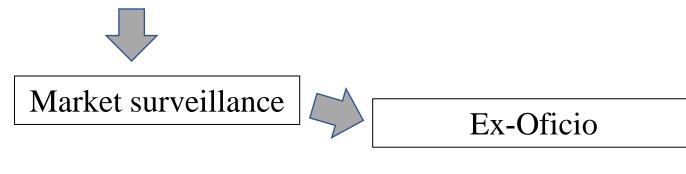
## THE MARKET APPROACH



Critical issues:



## **Stronger Rules**



• Catering / Restaurans

• products with GI as ingredient

# REST of the WORLD

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## **Need for FTA**



- GI registration as trademark
- Opposition to trademark registration
- Warning / distruts
- Lawsuits

#### **EXPANDING BOUNDARIES OF PROTECTION**

# Retail, Labels, Advertising



Marketplace Blog Social Siti web Domini

## **KEY FIGURES 2022:**



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Marketplace	542
Blog	82
Social	56
Website	27
Web domain	3



## **ANNUAL BUDGET FOR GI PROTECTION**

## More than 1 mln €

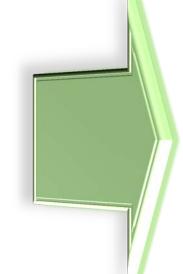


## **CRITICAL POINTS FOR GI GROUPS**

- Manage the relevant markets, without gaps, without forgetting
- Amount of economic resources
- Internal skills and procedure for coordination
- Protection culture open to innovation

## THE ROLE OF POLICIES

- To effectively manage "protection" you need scale
- in economic resources
- in skills and abilities



Small GIs risk being excluded from this competitive lever

## THE ROLE OF POLICIES

## Needs for policies to ensure GIs the access to adequate protection

## It's not just a "small GI" problem. If an GI loses a lawsuite, a negative jurisprudence is fed

Legal aid for GI protection, is like a "vaccine" against usurpations and evocations of IG names