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Organic production and certification in Norway - Visit from Japan

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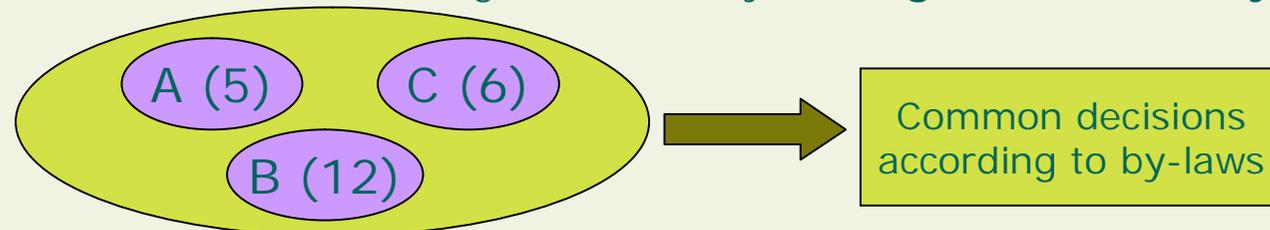


(1) The organization and management of Debio

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- **Debio** aims to safeguard and promote organic production, marketing and consumption and is the only certifying body for organic farming in Norway
- **Debio** is a non-governmental and non-profit member organization consisting of **three member groups** (nation-wide stakeholders):
 - A Farmers` organizations
 - B Companies` organizations
 - C Consumers` , animal welfare & environmental organizations
- The member groups cover the whole "value chain" from soil and water to table. The members meet together annually in **the general assembly**:



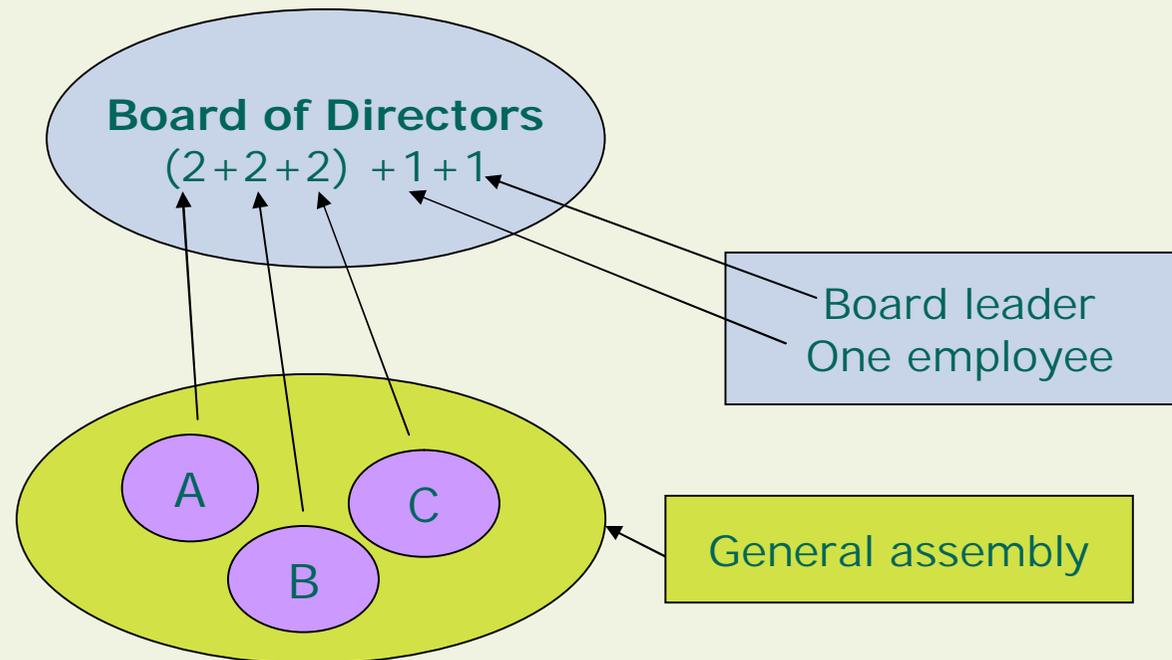
The general assembly takes decisions regarding statutes, budgets, accounts and elects the board

(2) The organization and management of Debío

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- The member groups are equally represented in the **Board of Directors**, meeting physically 4-6 times a year, with additional telephone-meetings:



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- The Board appoints and delegates responsibility to **the managing director**, having 3 main divisions:

Adviser

Managing director

Coordinator of information

Division of Administration (1)

Serving the whole organization of Debio

- Personnel
- Accounts
- Data processing
- Seminars

Division of Certification (2)

for both primary production processing, import and sales

- Inspections of processing units
- Certification decisions for both farms and processing Units according to EU 2092/91

3 regional divisions

- covering whole Norway
- Inspections of farms
 - Communication

Division of Development (3)

- Standards for new areas of organic production (aquaculture, forest, textiles, cosmetics)
- Projects abroad



(4) The inspection and certification system of Debio

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Norway is an associated member of EU:

EU-regulation 2092/91 with supplements and appendices is implemented into the Norwegian Food Law

The Ministry of Agriculture delegates the responsibility for inspection and certification to **Debio** through **The Norwegian Food Safety Authority**, being the competent authority

- **Debio** carries out annually inspections and certifications on farms and processing units based on both **state and private standards**
- **Debio** is accredited according to **EN 45011/ISO 65 (EU), IFOAM and Demeter International**

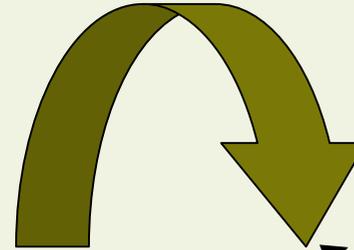
Debio is the owner of the Norwegian ecolabel

(5) The steps to be certified by Debío

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Step 6. and 7.
is repeated
each year



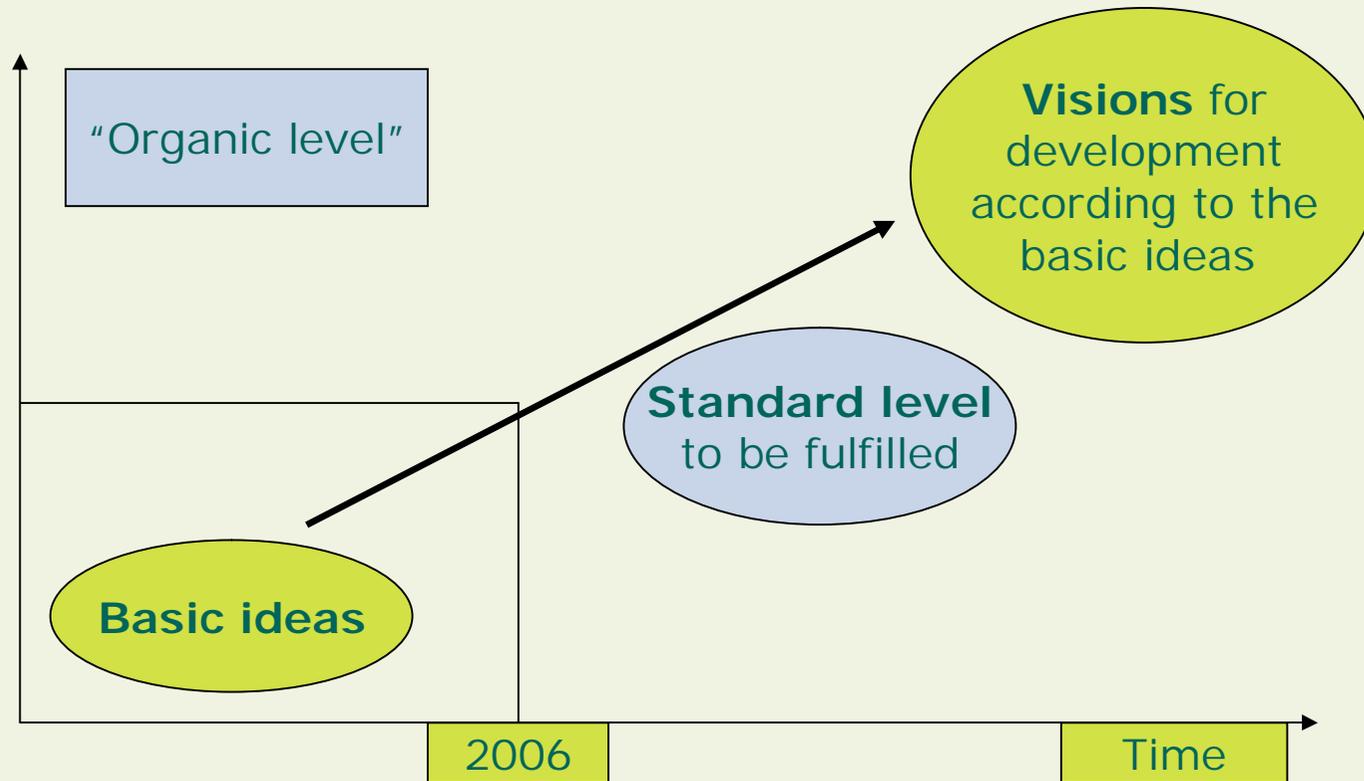
7. Confirmation or sanctions
6. Annually inspections
5. Certification decision
4. First inspection visit
3. Full description of the unit
showing how to fulfil the requirements
2. Application for inspection and certification
1. Information

(6) Standards developing process

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From basic ideas to standards and towards visions:



(7) Political goals, production and marked trends in Norway

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- **The official goal of the Parliament of Norway from 2000:**
 - 10 % of the total amount of arable land shall be converted into organic farming within 2010 (104.300 hectares).
 - By the end of 2005 4,2 % of the arable land and 2.496 farms are organic or in conversion to organic production.
- **The latest goal of the Government of Norway from 2005:**
 - 15 % of the food production and consumption shall be organic within 2015 by different means, included increased subventions to farms.
- **The status by the end of 2005 and marked trends in 2006:**
 - 1,7 % of the total milk production was organic. For the first time in history, the production is now less than the marked demand.
 - 0,6 % of the total meat production was organic. However, the trend shows a rapid increase in offer and marked demand, as well as for vegetables, fruits and baby food.
 - The amount of sales from the biggest stores shows an increase of 30 – 40 % from 2004 to 2005.
 - By the end of 2005, 354 processing units and 2.784 products were certified.
 - In **October 2006** a big campaign is planned to push on both production and consumption of organic products in Norway.



Debios vision:

The future is
organic

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