

# **THEROS Project Overview**





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#### **THEROS Key Facts**



- Project Title: An integrated toolbox for improved verification and prevention of adulterations and non-compliances in organic and geographical indications food supply chain
- Call identifier: HORIZON-CL6-2022-FARM2FORK-01-04
- **▼ Topic:** "Innovative solutions to prevent adulteration of food bearing quality labels: focus on organic food and geographical indications"
- **Duration:** 01.01.2023 31.12.2025 (36 months)
- Funding scheme: IA Innovation Action
- **EU contribution:** EUR 3,999,961.00
- Coordinated by: Institute of Communication and Computer Systems (ICCS), Greece

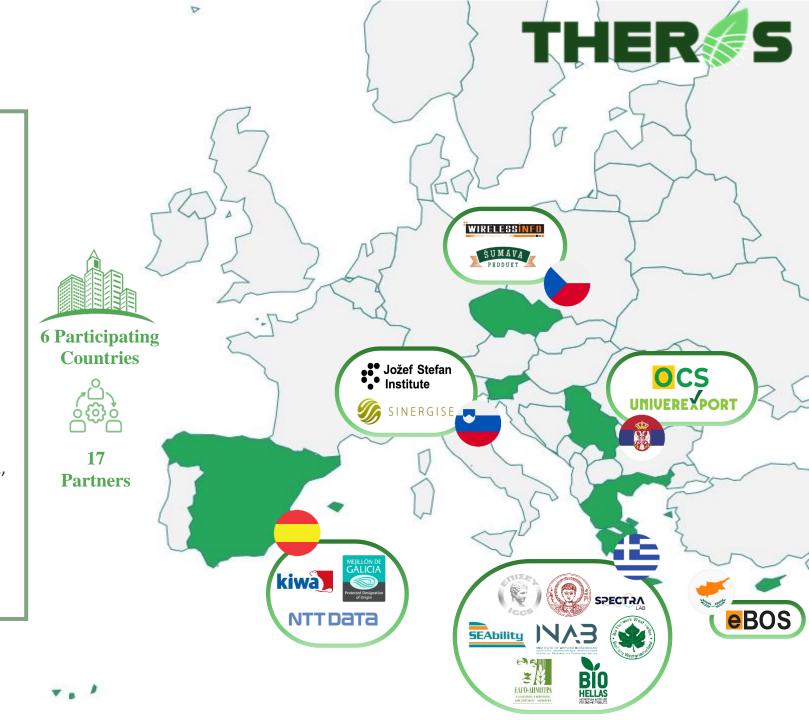




#### **THEROS Consortium**

- ➤ 4 Research Institutes &

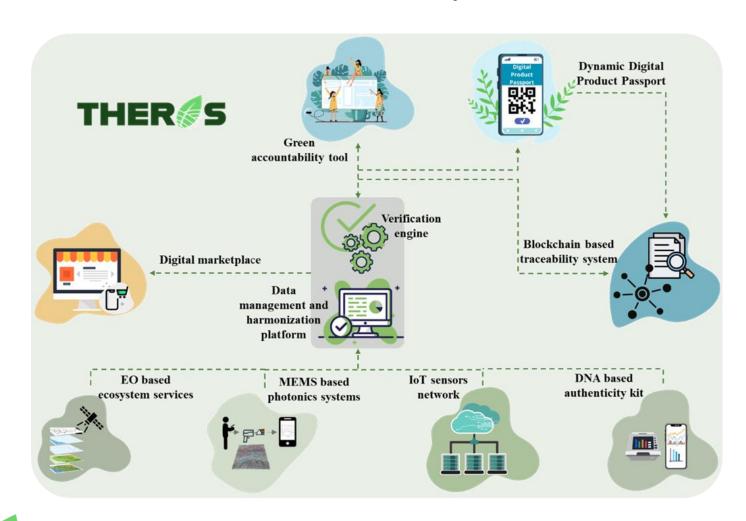
  Technology Organizations (ICCS,
  AUTH, JSI, CERTH)
- ➤ 4 Control and Certification Bodies / Authorities (ELGO, OCS, KIWA, BIO-HELLAS)
- > 5 Large Enterprises & SMEs (NTT DATA, SINERGISE, EBOS, SEABILITY, WRLS)
- ➤ 1 Regulatory Council for a DPO (MEXILLON)
- 2 Retailers / Wholesalers (UNIVER, SUMAVA)
- ➤ 1 Cooperative and Producer
  Association (BIO-NET)





### **THEROS Vision & Concept**





THEROS aims to implement an integrated toolbox being capable to modernize the process of verifying organic and geographical indications food products and preventing adulterations and non-compliances, while demonstrating enhanced traceability, security and transparency in the supply chain, through the use of various technologies and innovations

that leverage Earth Observation, photonics, internet of things (IoT), DNA metabarcoding, blockchain, digital interfaces and product passport, advance analytics, machine learning, artificial intelligence and business models.

At the same time, efficient mechanisms will be employed in order to ensure interoperability with existing control systems, as well as improved accessibility and sharing of data through harmonized and standardized means, whilst also demonstrating their uptake by relevant stakeholders for improved decision-making.





#### **THEROS Objectives**





Improve detection of adulterations and non-compliances in the organic and GI food products including efficient monitoring of quality and sustainability parameters through low-cost, digital & scalable solutions.



Enhance traceability in the quality labelled food supply chain via novel technologies and approaches that will ensure secure and transparent data governance across the whole value chain.



Ensure efficient management and harmonization of data collected from the different stages of the supply chain, enable their uptake for improved decision making and assure interoperability and integration with existing systems.



Assess and formulate new business-oriented models and approaches towards preventing quality labelled food adulteration as well as increasing awareness and quality assurance.



Validate and demonstrate the effectiveness of the THEROS integrated toolbox through 4 validation campaigns that will pave the way for rapid uptake of the proposed systemic innovations.







#### If you're Food authority or Control/Certification Body

Increase system's analytical and preventive capacity

Real-time control with simultaneous location tracking as well as automated and orchestrated data feed processing

Promote and secure the organic and geographical indications labels

Making possible to monitor organic agricultural parcels of 0.1HA

Prevent food fraud

Improve functioning and effectiveness of control and inspection systems (>25%)

A more simplified certification process

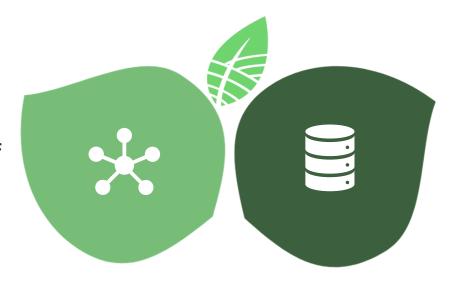






#### *If you're EC institution or Policy Maker*

Tools for improved monitoring performance of the organic and GI food supply chains



More accurate and reliable environmental impacts assessment



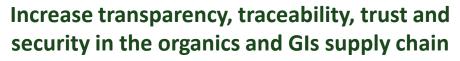






#### If you're a Supply Chain Actor











#### *If you're a Consumer*



A game-changing innovation that will provide sustainability of organic farming systems and ensure rapid and cost-effective verification of organic and geographical indications food products





#### THEROS Pilot Demonstrations







Pilot 2: Greece



Pilot 3: Czech Republic



Pilot 4: Spain



Pilot Scope

The pilot demonstration will focus on the employment of THEROS toolbox components in order to facilitate efficient large-scale monitoring of organic food assets.

The pilot
demonstration will
focus on the
verification of organic
production practices.

The pilot demonstration will focus on the design and validation of an extended innovative business model aimed primarily at supporting the availability of organic food.

This pilot demonstration will define and engage a group of supply chain participants, aiming to cover 100% of the value chain, including initial harvesting, aggregation, transformation, shipping, packaging and selling events.

Use of THEROS innovations



EO based ecosystem services, MEMS based photonics systems, Green accountability tool, Dynamic Digital Product Passport, Blockchain based traceability system, Verification engine, and Data management and harmonization platform

IoT sensors network, Blockchain based traceability system, Verification engine, Digital marketplace, and Data management and harmonization platform DNA based authenticity kit,
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Passport, Blockchain based
traceability system, Verification
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#### **THEROS Impact**





Establish sustainable supply chains with commercial value and targeted client communities



Create an integrated system that tries to minimize shortcomings/limitations



Providing needed business support to short supply chains of quality labelled food that increase efficiency





Establish sustainable supply chains with innovative technology

Lead to new or improved products, processes or services on the market







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