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**Traceability status and trends.**

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MEMBERS ACCOUNT FOR 12% OF FOOD SALES IN ITALY



## RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION FOR THE FOOD INDUSTRY

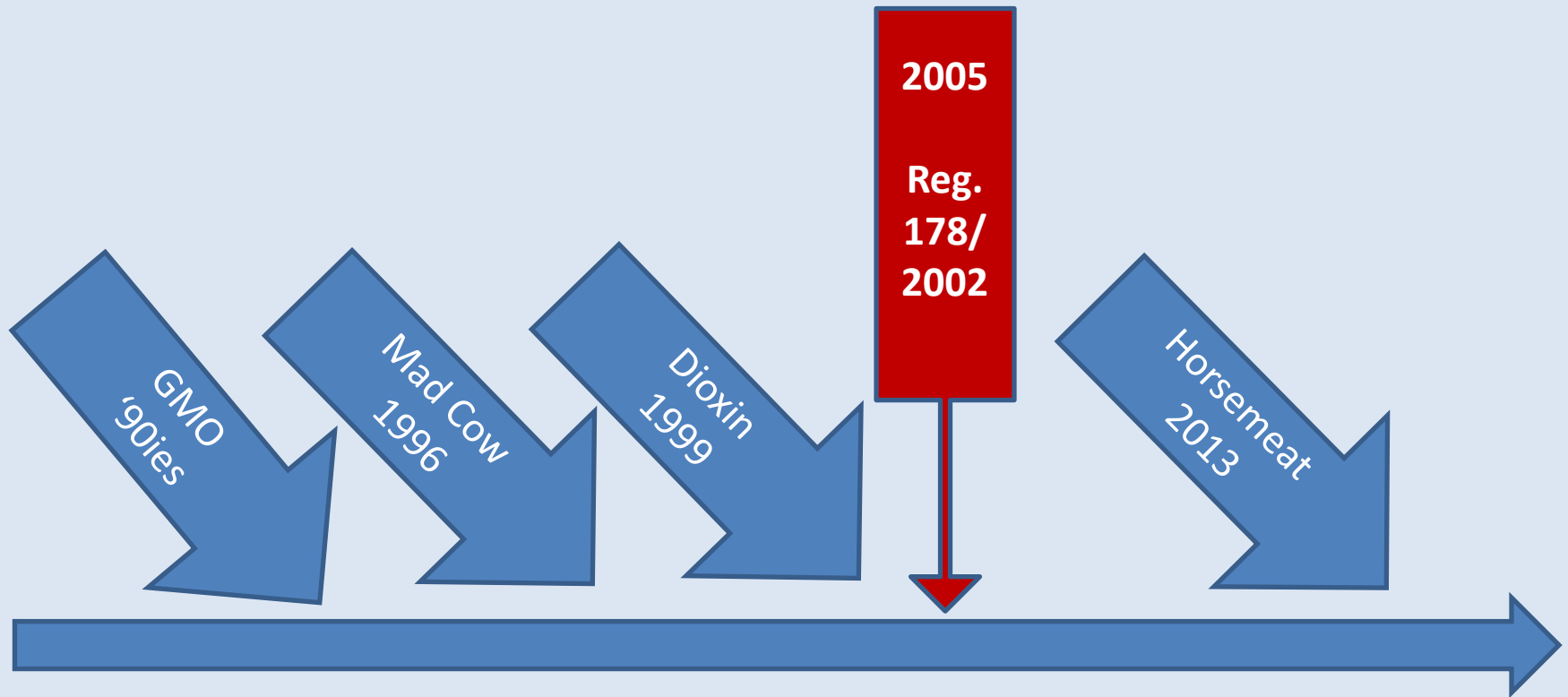


- NO PROFIT
- 40 YEARS IN THE BUSINESS
- CLOSE TO INDUSTRY
- TECHNOLOGY FOCUSED
- NATIONAL AND INT.L PROJECTS
- WIDE NETWORK
- THINK TANK STUDIES

# Our network



# The origin of the traceability need



# The purpose of traceability

The purpose of traceability is **to keep track of and record the history of an item** — which is often used to comply with regulations and minimize risk.

Traceability is the ability to formally identify the provenance, motivation, and **relations between components of a product.**

The ability to ensure the tracking, if possible in real time, of activities and of information flows linking activities. The basic principle consists in **linking information flows to the physical flows** and activities of a given process.

A key method to counter the **growing complexity of product development.**

# The current food regulatory framework

## Reg. (EU) 178/2002

Laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety

## Reg. (EU) 1169/2011

Provision of food information to consumers

## Reg. (EU) 1829,1830/2003

Traceability and labelling of GMOs

## Reg. (EU) 852/2004

Hygiene of foodstuffs

## Reg. (EU) 1935/2004

Materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

## Reg. (EU) 396/2005

Maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin

Mandatory

Related to traceability



## ISO 22000:2005

Food safety management systems - Requirements for any organization in the food chain



## ISO 14001:2015

Environmental management systems



## ISO 50001:2018

Energy management



## ISO 22005:2007

Traceability in the feed and food chain



## ISO 9001:2015

Quality management systems



Performance,  
Credibility,  
Transparency

Eco-management and audit schemes



Scheme for Food Safety Management Systems



International Food Standard



Bio-dynamic certification



EU organic food



Global Standard for Food Safety

Voluntary

# The benefits of traceability

## Cost and speed of recalls

Public health  
Food safety  
Brand image  
Inventory tracking  
...

Average cost  
of a food  
recall is 1-8  
Million EUR

Approx. 1400  
food products are  
recalled from the  
EU market every  
year  
(2020 RASFF)

## Counterfeits

Client confidence  
Protect sales  
Customer service  
....

5-7% of EU  
produce is  
counterfeited =  
500 Million  
EUR  
(Intellas, 2022)



# The market value of traceability



**PDO - Protected Designation of Origin**  
is a EU product quality scheme identifying products that are produced, processed and prepared in a specific geographical area, using the recognized know-how of local producers and ingredients from the region concerned.

**PGI - Protected Geographical Indication**  
is an origin trademark attributed by the European Union to those agrifood products for which a specific quality, the reputation or other characteristics depends by the geographical origin, and whose production and or processing happens in a specific geographical area.

Origin linked products represent 5.7% of European food and beverage sales in 2010 and 58% of respondents were willing to pay a premium price of more than 20% for these products

(AND International, 2012)

Tecnoalimenti's participation to EU and  
National projects revolving around traceability  
concepts (2005-to date)



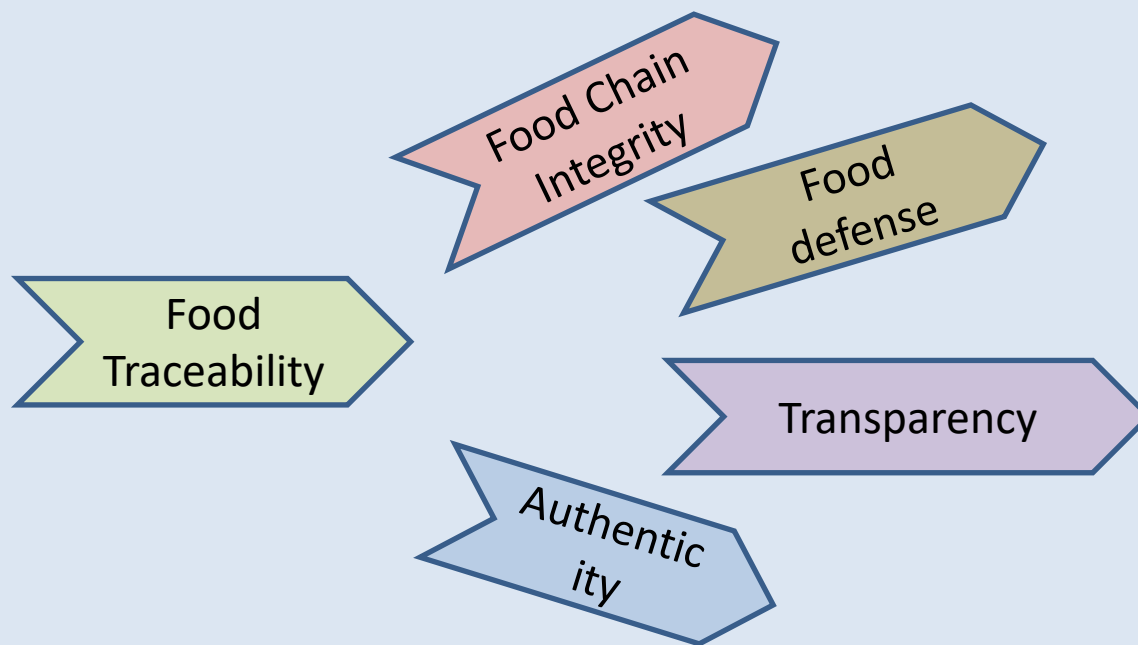
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# Evolution of the concept in the last 2 decades



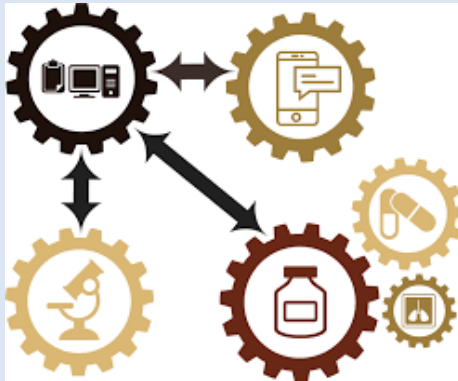
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# The central issue



# Lessons learnt: 1. Data highway

- Infrastructure connecting all players along food chain
- Interoperability of the different systems



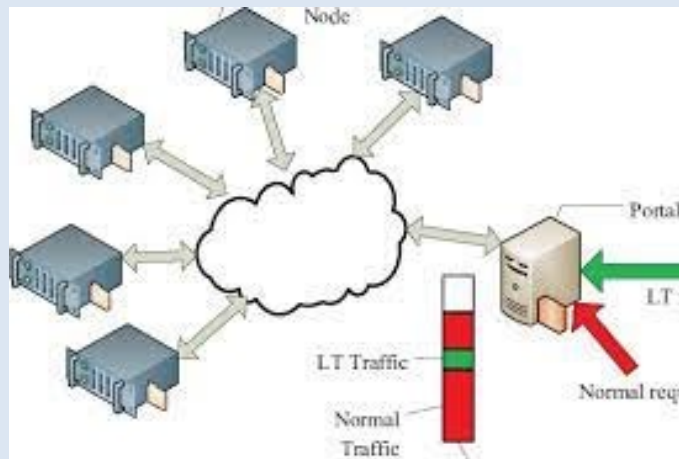
## Lessons learnt: 2. Data integrity

- Reliable data
- Allow flexible data input!



## Lessons learnt: 3. Digitalisation

- Data management platforms
- Regulate ownership, confidentiality and privacy



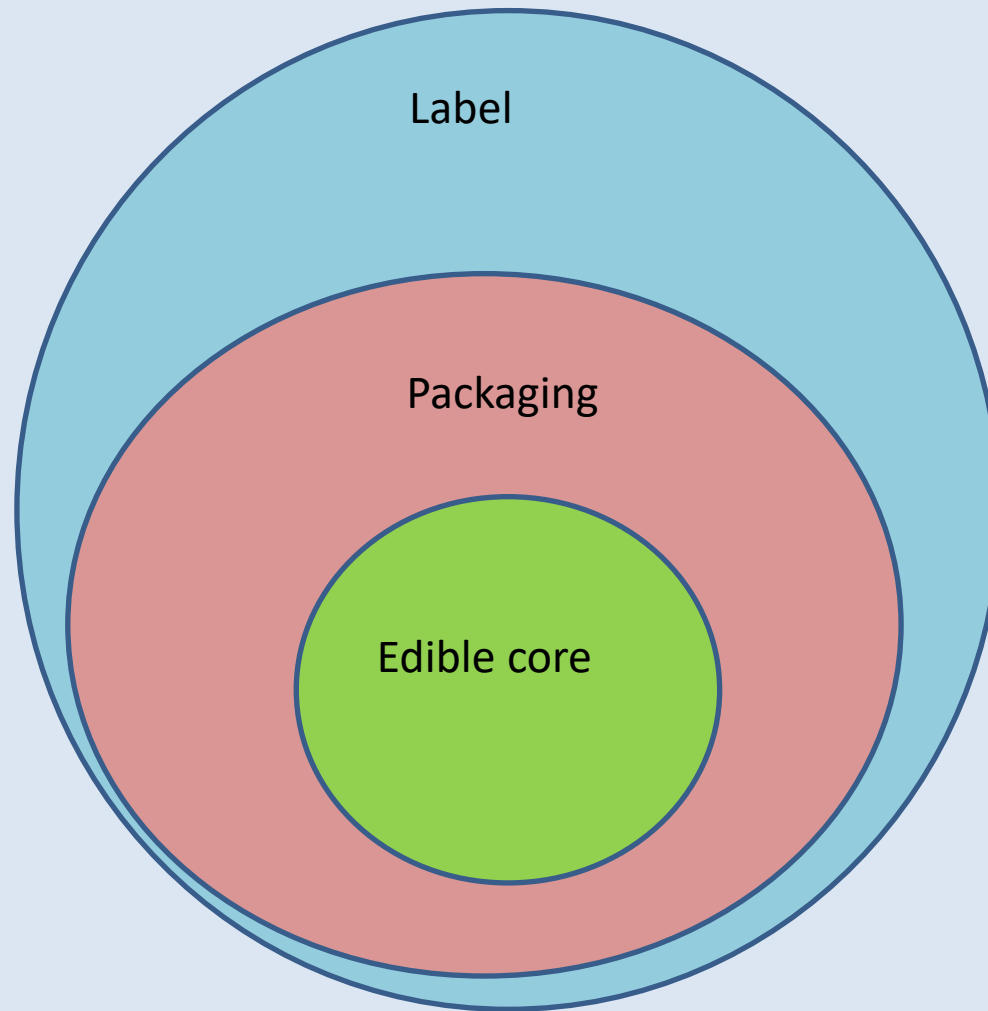
# Lessons learnt: 4. Opening of a wider picture beyond tracking and tracing



Source AIMS-FAO, 2020



# «Meta Food Product»



# Future outlook: 1. Traceability data are important from the very onset of the food chain

To improve internal farming processes and decision making:

- Precision agriculture
- Digital agriculture
- Crop yield prediction
- Crop selection
- Smart irrigation
- Crop disease prediction
- Insurance smart contracts
- Vertical agriculture
- Monitor food safety
- Monitor food defense
- ...



## Future outlook: 2. Traceability data are a source of data for a fast growing business





### Global agriculture analytics market size

- 2020 0,8 Billion USD
- 2025 1,4 Billion USD
- Growth rate 12,2% annually

Source Report Linker, 2021

! Who owns the data owns the power !

# Future outlook: 3. Traceability is providing data for the growing data driven consumer preferences

				
	Baby boomer 1940–59	Gen X 1960–79	Gen Y (millennial) 1980–94	Gen Z 1995–2010
Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postwar</li> <li>• Dictatorship and repression in Brazil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political transition</li> <li>• Capitalism and meritocracy dominate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globalization</li> <li>• Economic stability</li> <li>• Emergence of internet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobility and multiple realities</li> <li>• Social networks</li> <li>• Digital natives</li> </ul>
Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Idealism</li> <li>• Revolutionary</li> <li>• Collectivist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materialistic</li> <li>• Competitive</li> <li>• Individualistic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globalist</li> <li>• Questioning</li> <li>• Oriented to self</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undefined ID</li> <li>• “Communaholic”</li> <li>• “Dialoguer”</li> <li>• Realistic</li> </ul>
Consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideology</li> <li>• Vinyl and movies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status</li> <li>• Brands and cars</li> <li>• Luxury articles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience</li> <li>• Festivals and travel</li> <li>• Flagships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniqueness</li> <li>• Unlimited</li> <li>• Ethical</li> </ul>

McKinsey&Company

## Future outlook: 4. Traceability data are valuable for the food market

To increase the value of the product in the eyes of the consumer:

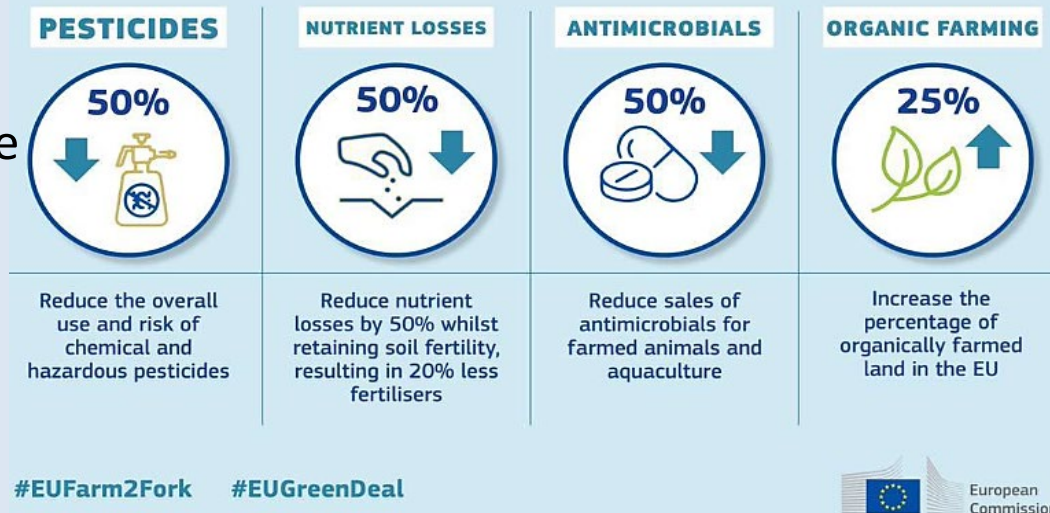
- Support evidence for «credence attributes»
  - Environmental concerns of consumers
  - Sustainability
  - Social and ethical concerns
- Support product transparency (consumer trust)
- Market intelligence
- Fight counterfeit
- ...

# Future outlook: 5. Data are required to evaluate sustainability metrics of agricultural production

Sustainability targets of EU Green Deal require:

- traceable, transparent and trusted data about farming
- what input used? (pesticides/herbicides, fertilizers, fuel, antibiotics...)
- how used? (compliance to good practice, to production protocols, to environmental restrictions)
- where used? (which lots of produce)
- how much used? (quantitative indicators of sustainability)

## 2030 Targets for sustainable food production



# Tools are getting available to convert traceability data into product value

Technologies are getting available to provide real value to data collected for traceability:

Artificial Intelligence

Data analytics

Machine Learning

IoT

Blockchain

Big Data Analysis

Small Data Analysis


Label 4.0

Algorithms

Decision Support Systems

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We are always open to new ideas,  
projects and collaborations!



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