



# INAO

## Statute & Organization



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- **Public body** under the wing of the Ministry of Agriculture
- **Annual Budget** : 22 millions euros (70 % from the State and 30 % from professional fees)

## Some dates to remember



**30th of July 1935** : Law-Decree creates the national committee of wines and spirits



**6th of July 1947** : establishment of Institut National des Appellations d'Origine (INAO)



**2nd of July 1990** : INAO competences extended to dairy and foodstuff products under PDO



**9th of July 1999** : INAO competences extended to dairy and foodstuff products under PGI



**1st of January 2006** : INAO competences extended to Label Rouge, Organic farming & TSG products.

INAO becomes the “Institut National de l’Origine et de la Qualité” (same acronym).

# Organization

**President** : Jean-Charles  
ARNAUD

**Director** : Jean-Luc DAIRIEN

260 agents, 70% in local  
offices

Central services and 8  
Territorial Units spread on 18  
sites which provide a support  
to the professionals

Head office in Montreuil



## Decision-making structures

- Mainly composed of representatives of industry professionals engaged in production, processing and distribution of quality and origin products
- 5 national committees
- 1 approval and control board
- 1 standing Council

# Decision-making structures

National Committees					Approval and Inspection board
Wines and spirits PDO	Wines and Ciders PGI	PDO dairy and foodstuff products	PGI, TSG, Red Label	Organic Farming	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• about 50 members, appointed for 5 years</li> <li>• Composition : Professionnals, members of the Administration and qualified people</li> </ul>					35 members including representatives of control bodies
<p><b>Check applications</b> of recognition of new SIQO, <b>define</b> quality, origin and control criteria, <b>express an opinion</b> on the recognition of the defence and management bodies</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• defines principles of controls</li> <li>• expresses an opinion about the approval of control bodies,</li> <li>• approves control schemes</li> </ul>



# INAO assignments



# The tasks of the INAO



- Examination and recognition of official signs
- Supervision of control of official signs
- Protection of official signs in France and abroad
- Protection of terroirs
- Demarcation of PDO / PGI geographical areas
- Promotion and information of official signs



# Procedure of recognition (PDO – PGI)

## Application by a group of producers

*drafting of a product specification and application for recognition*



**INAO**

*examination, national procedure of objection then proposal*



**GOVERNMENT**

*decision of recognition and forwarding to the UE*



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

*examination + publication and european procedure of objection, then registration*

## Procedure at the national level

- Preliminary examination by the local office
- Presentation before the competent National Committee
- Nomination of a board of experts ( with visits on the spot)
- National procedure of objection
- Final Report and vote
- Approval of the control/inspection scheme
- Final decision taken by the Ministry of agriculture

## European procedure (PDO and PGI)

- Transmission of the application to the European Commission by the Ministry of Agriculture
- Examination (additional information, observations requested from the member state)
- Objection procedure at the European level (6 months for agrifood products ; 2 months for wines)
- Publication at the Official Journal of the European Union