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More than wine, cheese and asparagus: Geographical Indications (GI) protect local goods and traditional production processes against imitation and misuse. A new research project of the German Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition will examine the legal system of GI in an overall assessment. A GI is first of all a label that protects a geographical name. However, the GI system as a whole constitutes a complex “quality scheme”, related to a number of relevant policies of the EU, especially, although not exclusively, the Agricultural one” There is a value in the origin link that could be used to achieve goals unrelated to the mere market function of the label, such as fostering rural development.

The project will conduct an overall assessment of the EU GI system for the protection of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

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