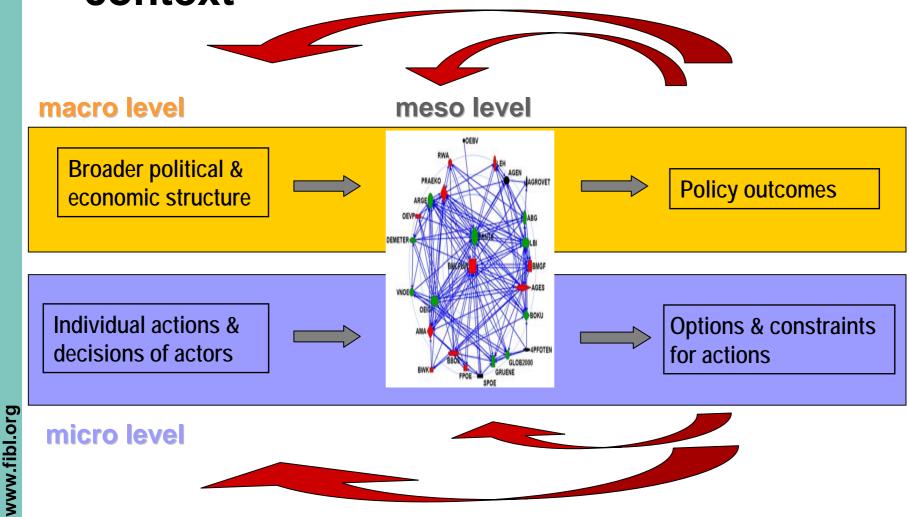
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Network analysis in the broader context







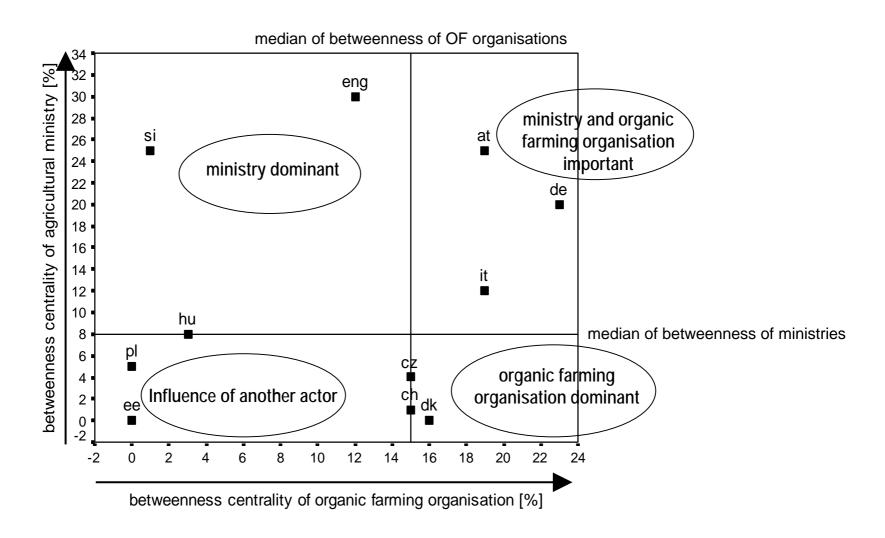
Size and density of national networks

	Density			
Size	Loose	Average	Dense	
Small	EE	CZ	IT	
Average	SI, HU	PL		
Large	СН		DK, ENG, DE, AT	





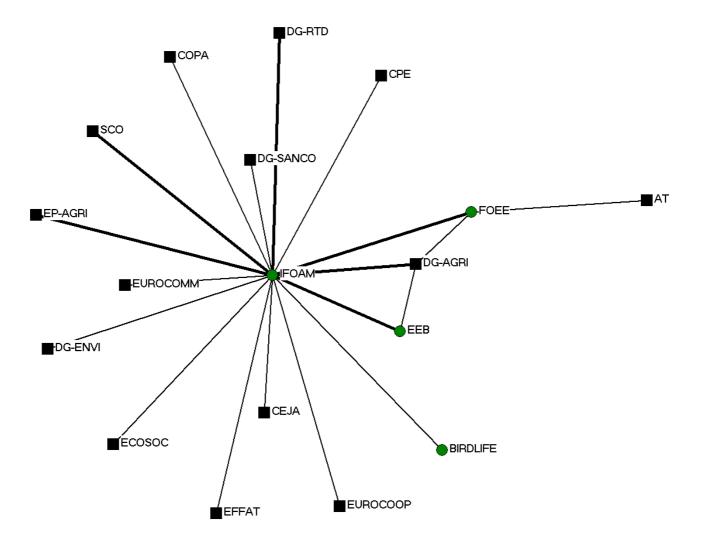
Role of organic sector in the networks





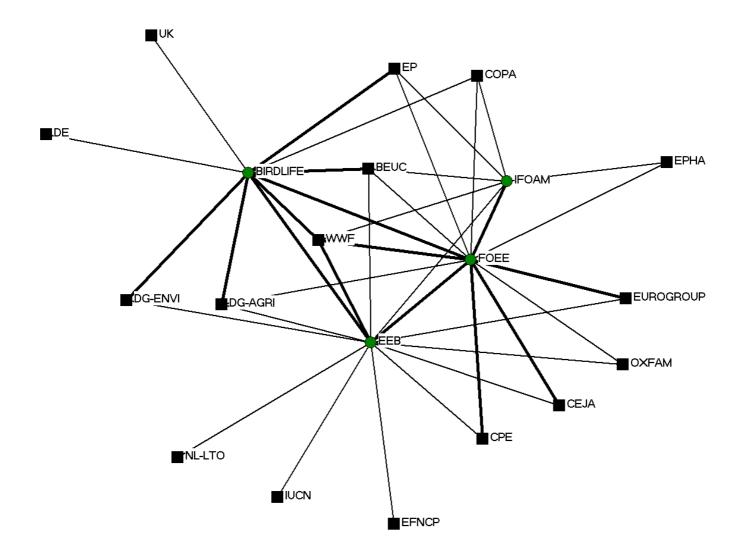
Source: own representation based on UCINET (Borgatti et al., 1999) results

EU network on the Organic Action Plan





EU network on the Midterm review

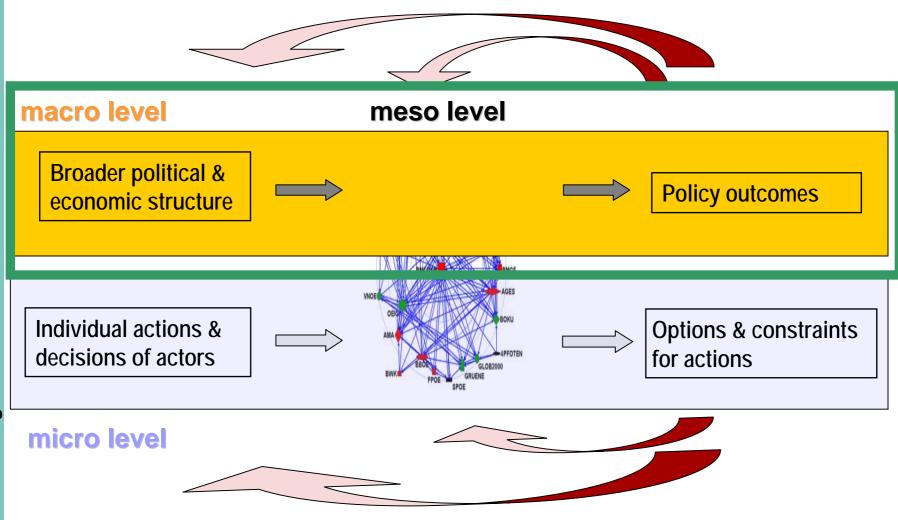




Comparison of EU networks

	Organic Action Plan network	Midterm Review network
Number of actors involved	18	20
Share of links established	12.4%	20.5%
Network centralisation	95.6%	4.5%







Macro level – relationship between organic and general farming policy

"One of the five most important actors in ... is..."

Policy field	Ministry/ department in charge of organic farming	Organic farming organisation	General farming organisation
Organic farming policy	93%	88%	23%
General farming policy	95%	8%	73%

Source: Moschitz and Stolze, 2006





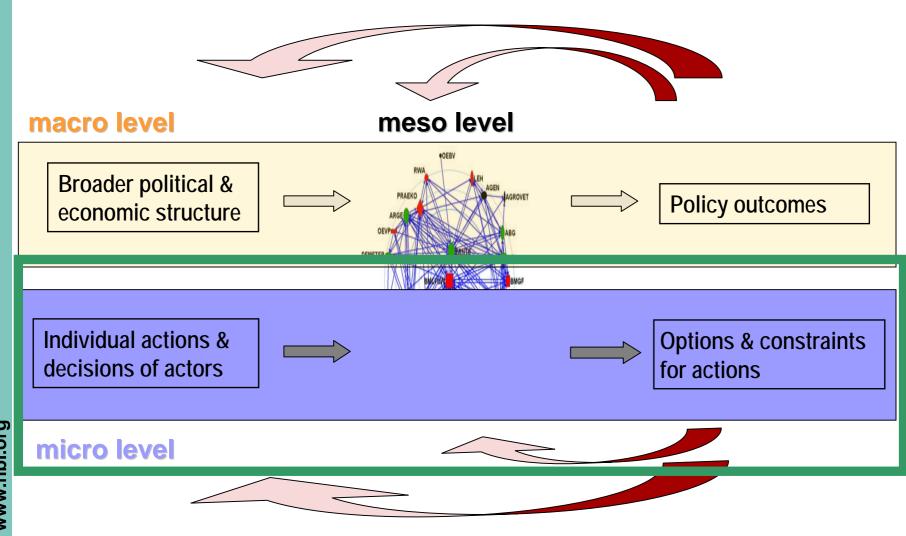


Macro level – policy environment

- > Organic farming supporters
 - > CPE, PR CZ, Soil Association, ECOVAST, EPHA, FIAO, PR AT, PR HU, **BIRDLIFE**, **IFOAM EU**, PR SK, EEA, **AGRI**.F.4, CZ-CZAC, **EuroCoop**
- > Open to organic farming
 - > EEB, AGRI.F.3, EFFAT, Eurogroup, PR LX, PR SI, EURO-TOQUES, BE-BB, LV-LZF, AER, AGRI.C.2, IUCN, JRC.D.8, PR DK, AGRI.A.1, AGRI.H.1, SE-LRF
- > Hesitant about organic farming
 - > Euromontana, PR EE, FVE, PR UK, PR SE
- > Critical to organic farming
 - > TRADE.G.3, UK-NFU, FEFAC, TRADE.G.2, CELCAA



Source: Moschitz and Stolze, 2006





Consequences for the micro level – lobbying strategies of organic actors

Aspects of succesful lobbying strategies

- > The centrality and reputation of the potential partner
 - > Achieve a widespread effect with limited resources
- > The potential partner's interest in the issue
 - > Establish a relationship
- > The potential partner's position on it
 - > Creative conflict needs a clear positioning of the debate partners



Further information:

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