

Study on agricultural interbranch organisations (IBOs) in the EU

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IBO Description Sheet

Organizzazione Interprofessionale Tabacco Italia (OIT) **Italy**

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Section 1: General information

- Official name of the IBO: [Organizzazione Interprofessionale Tabacco Italia](#)
- Acronym: [OIT](#)
- Date of creation of the IBO: [August 5, 2014](#)
- Date of national official recognition: [February 16, 2015](#)
- Legal basis for national recognition:
 - [Regulation \(EU\) n. 1308/2013, articles 158 and 159\(b\)](#)
 - [Legislative Decree of April 30, 1998 n. 173, repealed and replaced by the Decree Law of May 5, 2015 n. 51, converted with amendments by the Law of July 2, 2015 n. 91, article 3](#)
- Date of EU recognition: [not applicable](#)
- Legal basis for EU recognition: [not applicable](#)
- Are legal statutes of the IBO available online? (if so, please specify the link): [yes, on the Italian Ministry of agriculture food and forestry policies \(MoA\) official website at the link:
<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9766>](#)

Section 2: Contacts and coordinates

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<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/8996>](#)

Section 3: Scope and missions

- Sector(s): [raw tobacco growing and first processing](#)
- Products: [raw tobacco](#)
- Geographic coverage: [whole Italian territory](#)
- Activities covered by the IBO: [refer to the Statutes available on the Italian MoA official website at the link:
<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9766> \(official IT, for your convenience an unofficial EN translation is attached to this document\)](#)
- Has the IBO been mandated for other tasks by national authorities (e.g. delegation of official tasks): [to identify the body who operates the controls in the sector \(see Ministerial decree n. 2858 of August 8 – September 3, 2015, article 5, para7\), published on the MoA official website](#)

Section 4: Stages of the food chain covered

List the different players

Primary production	First processing	Second+ processing	Distribution	Retailers
<p>1. <i>Organizzazione Nazionale Tabacco Italia S.c. a r.l. (O.N.T. Italia), national association of tobacco growers' POs, Società consortile a responsabilità limitata (2nd level cooperative company with limited liability)</i></p> <p>2. <i>Unione Italiana Tabacco s.c. a r.l. (Un.I.Tab.), national association of tobacco growers' POs, Società consortile a responsabilità limitata (2nd level cooperative company with limited liability)</i></p>	<p>1. <i>Associazione Professionale Trasformatori Tabacchi Italiani (A.P.T.I.), national association of raw tobacco first processors and merchants, non-profit association</i></p>	—	—	—

Section 5: General description

- Legal structure: **non-profit association**
- Market value of the members (in millions of euros): **not available**
- Volume of production: **53.141 tons (leaf tobacco) contracted by IBO members for crop 2015**
- Turnover of each group of actors: **not available**
- Market share of the members of the IBO: **more than 85%, referred to crop 2015 publicly registered contracted volumes of Italian grown raw tobacco**
- Market share of each group of members of the IBO: **crop 2015 Italian raw tobacco contracted volumes %**

Primary production	First processing	Second+ processing	Distribution	Retailers
75,2 %	85,6 %	NA	NA	NA

Section 6: Main objectives

Objectives	Yes/no	Ranking (Top 5. 1 being the most important objective of the IBO)
Improving knowledge & transparency of production and the market	Y	2
Forecasting of production potential and recording market prices	Y	
Helping to coordinate better the way the products are placed on the market, in particular by means of research and market studies	Y	4
Exploring potential export market	Y	
Drawing up standard forms of contract, compatible	Y	1

with Union rules, for the sale of agricultural products to purchasers and/or the supply of processed products to distributors and retailers		
Developing initiatives to strengthen economic competitiveness and innovation	Y	3
Provide information and perform the necessary research to innovate, rationalize, improve and adjust production and, where applicable, processing and marketing	Y	
Seeking ways of restricting the use of animal-health or plant protection products, better managing other inputs, ensuring product quality and soil and water conservation, promoting food safety, in particular through traceability of products, and improving animal health and welfare	Y	
Developing methods and instruments for improving product quality	Y	
Taking all possible actions to uphold, protect and promote organic farming and designations of origin, quality labels and geographical indications	Y	
Promoting and carrying out research into integrated, sustainable production or other environmentally sound production methods	Y	5
Encouraging healthy and responsible consumption of the products on the internal market and/or informing about the harm linked to hazardous consumption patterns	NA	
Promoting consumption of, and/or furnishing information concerning, products on the internal market and external markets	NA	
Contributing to the management of by-products and the reduction and management of waste	Y	

Comments : [please refer to the Statutes for the full list of the social objectives](#)

Section 7: Governance

- General organisation of the IBO (board, sections, working groups, etc...): [Board of Directors, Specific tobacco variety group sections foreseen but not yet activated](#)
- Decision making processes: [the Board of Directors decides directly or submit to the Assembly in case of matters not delegated to the Board. Board decisions requires at least 85% of favourable votes for approval; Ordinary Assembly decisions are taken at unanimity; Extraordinary Assembly decisions requires at least 85% of favourable votes to be approved.. For further details please refer to Statutes](#)
- Representativeness in decision making: [50% primary \(growing\) sector, 50% first processing sector, at all stages of decision making process and representation \(Board, Assembly\)](#)
- Parity between activity sectors in decision making: [Yes](#)
- Budget (current)(in K Euros): [year 2015\(final\): 7,6; year 2016 \(provisional\): 2,7](#)

- Budget evolution since the creation of the IBO (or during the last 20 years)(in K Euros): [not applicable](#)
- Evolution of funding sources/origin since the creation of the IBO (or the last 20 years): [not applicable](#)
- Use of extension of rules to non-members: [Yes](#)
 - If yes, for collecting fees? [Yes \(in 2016 collecting fees to pay the controls body operations\)](#)
 - For other purposes (please specify): [NA](#)
- Are these rules are applied to imported products (if so, in which ways?) [No](#)
- Please describe who these non-members are? [they are just economic operators of the raw tobacco industry, grower POs and first processors, not willing to adhere. No application was rejected](#)

Section 8: Historical evolution & use of legislation

- Milestones of the IBO (besides its establishment):
 - February 16, 2015: recognition by Italian Authorities (MoA)
 - April 2, 2015: definition and signature of the Interprofessional Agreement for crops 2015, 2016 and 2017, including a cultivation contract scheme and minimum quality requirements
 - August 8 - September 3, 2015: MoA Decree of extension of the rules and of the financial contribution to non-members
 - December 11, 2105: agreement with AGECONTROL (100% State owned), the control body, Costs to be paid by the IBO members and also by non-members; control activity is coordinated by AGEA, the Italian National Payment Agency
 - December 16, 2015: agreement with the University of Perugia - Department of agricultural food and forestry sciences to develop a comprehensive National Tobacco Plan
- Have IBO objectives evolved over time (If so, thank you to comment on the changes and the reasons for these changes): [not yet, OIT was recognized in 2015, crop 2015 is the first year of activity](#)
- Has IBO faced legal disputes between its members? If so, thank you to describe (origin, dispute resolution): [No](#)
- Has IBO faced legal disputes with external actors? If so, thank you to describe (origin, dispute resolution): [No](#)
- Has the IBO drafted and implemented agreements in order to regulate the volumes of production? On any other subjects? [No agreement on regulations of volumes of production was drafted nor is foreseen. The Interprofessional Agreement for crops 2015, 2016 and 2017 is mainly focused on a fully comprehensive compulsory scheme of cultivation contract and on minimum quality requirements](#)

Attachments

- [Unofficial EN translation of the Statutes](#)