

Short food supply chains and diverse agricultural production in Slovenia

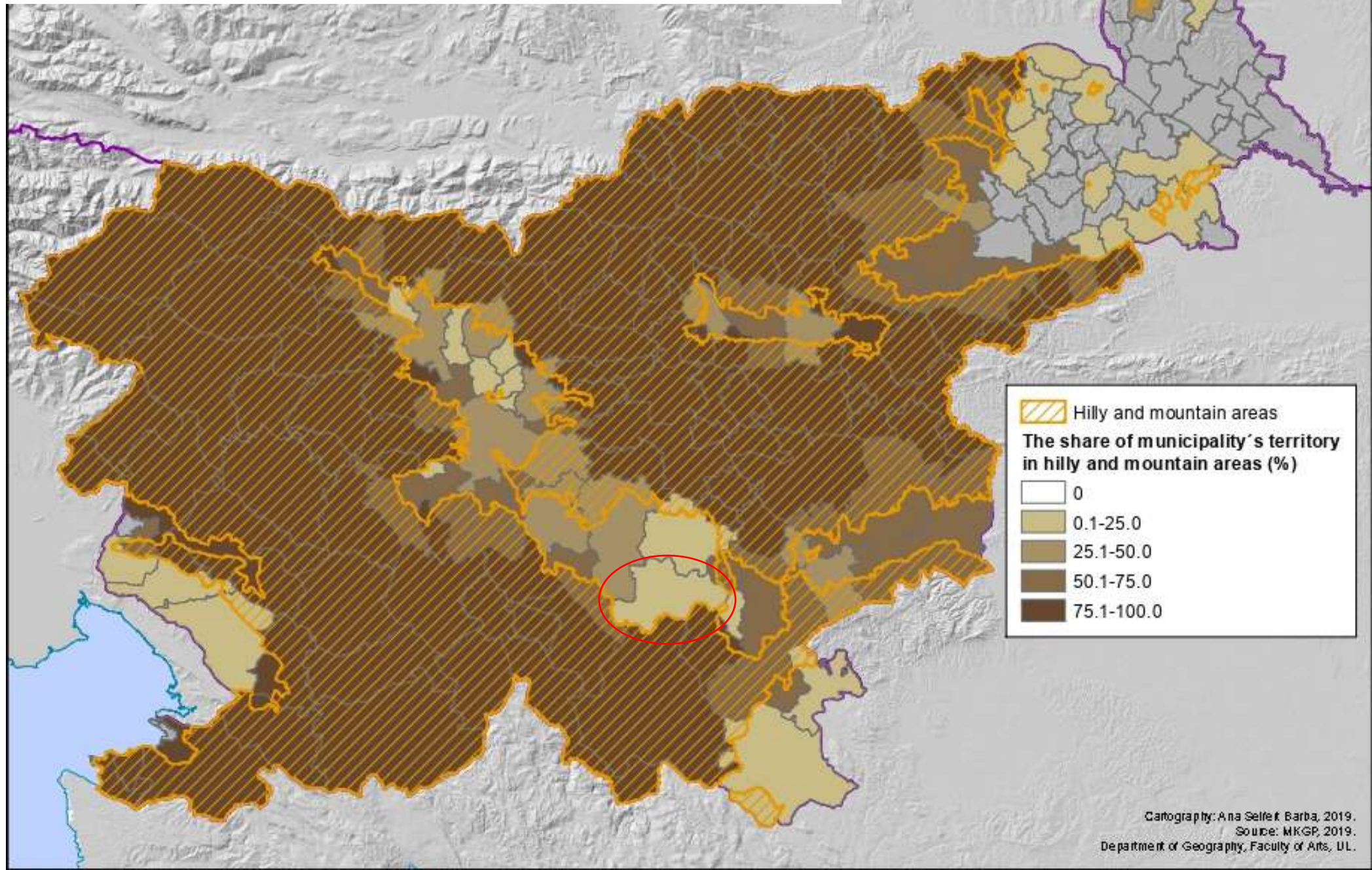
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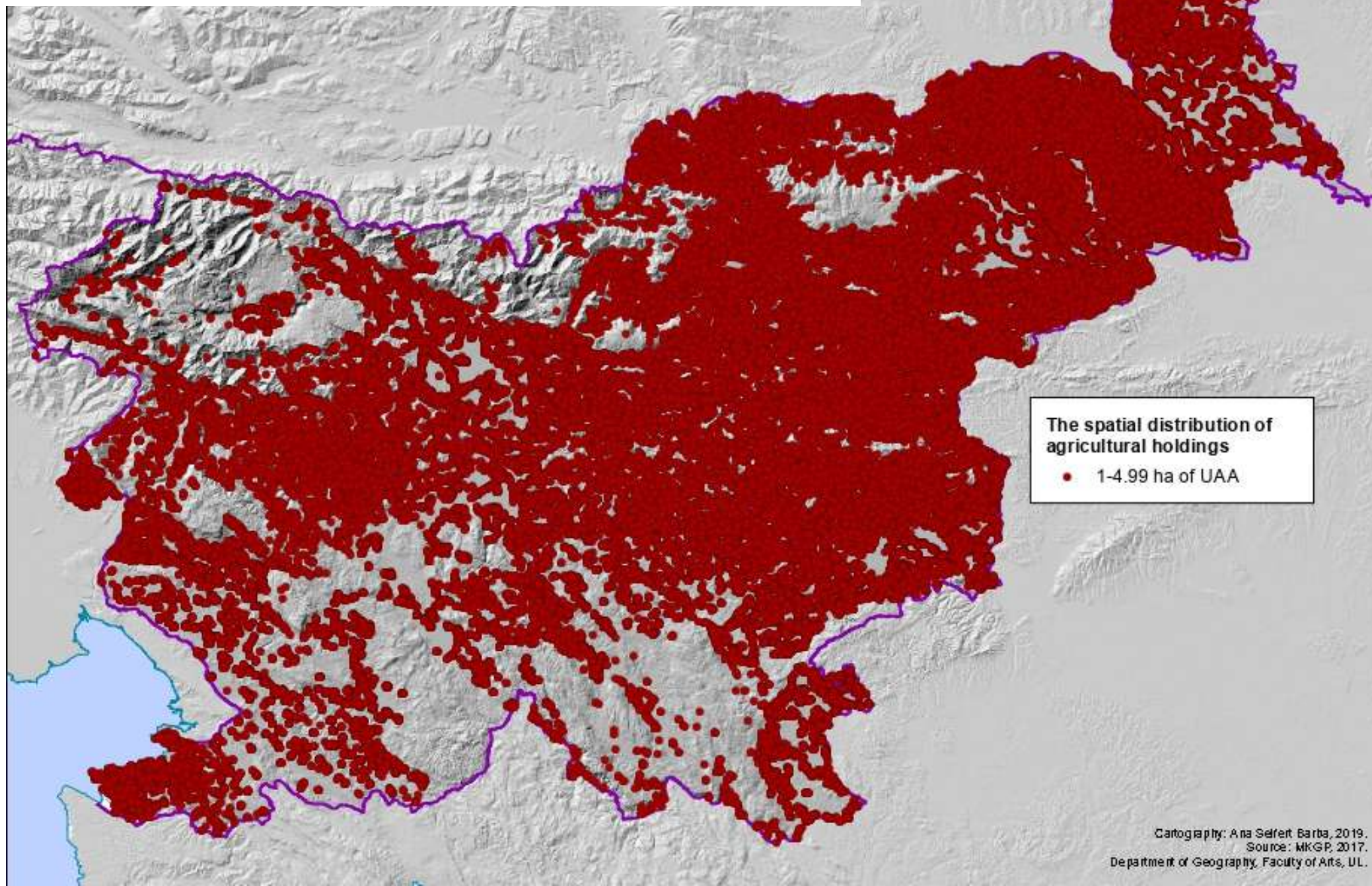
Who am I?



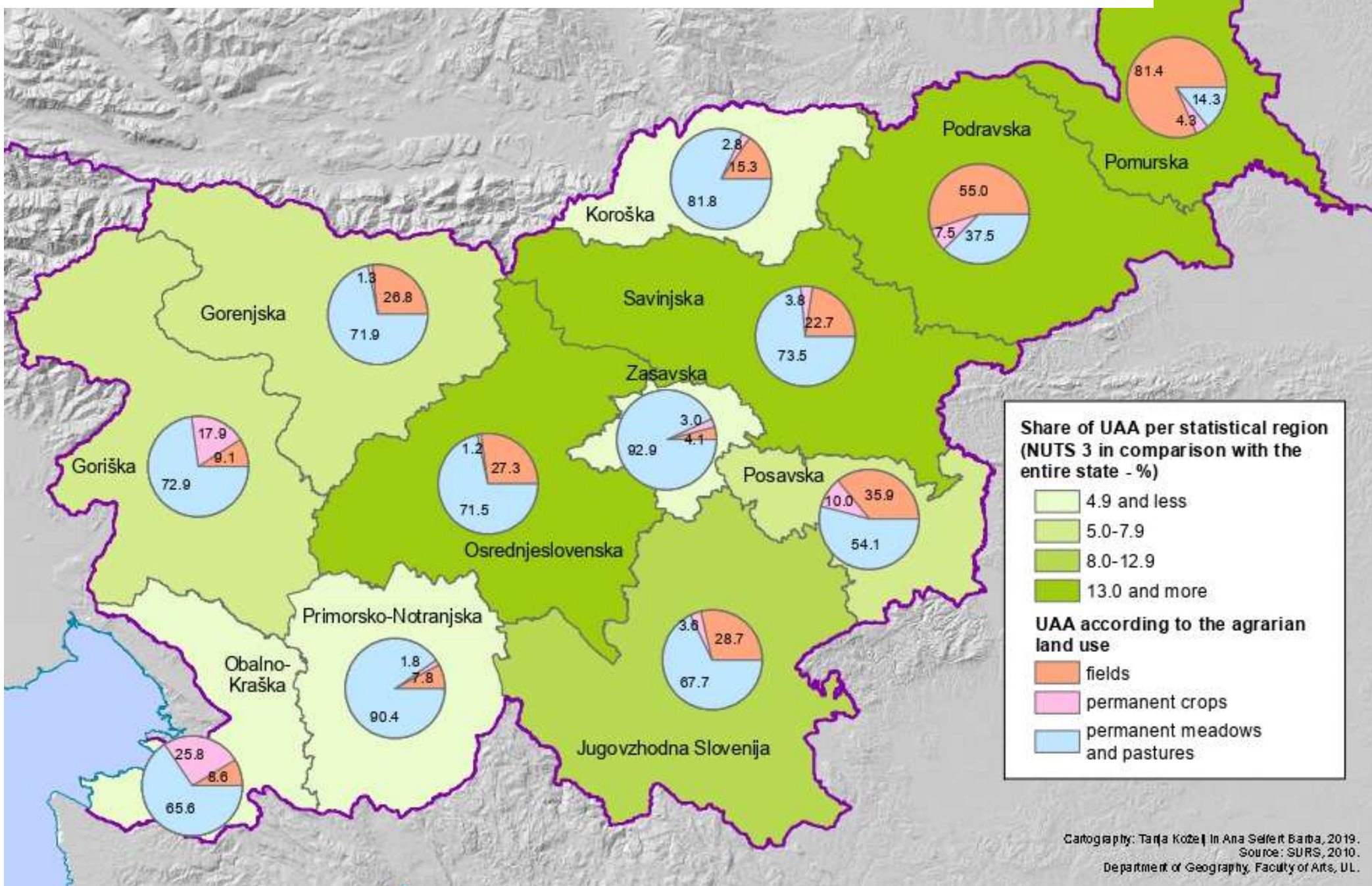
Agricultural production is feasible on only 30% of the country's territory



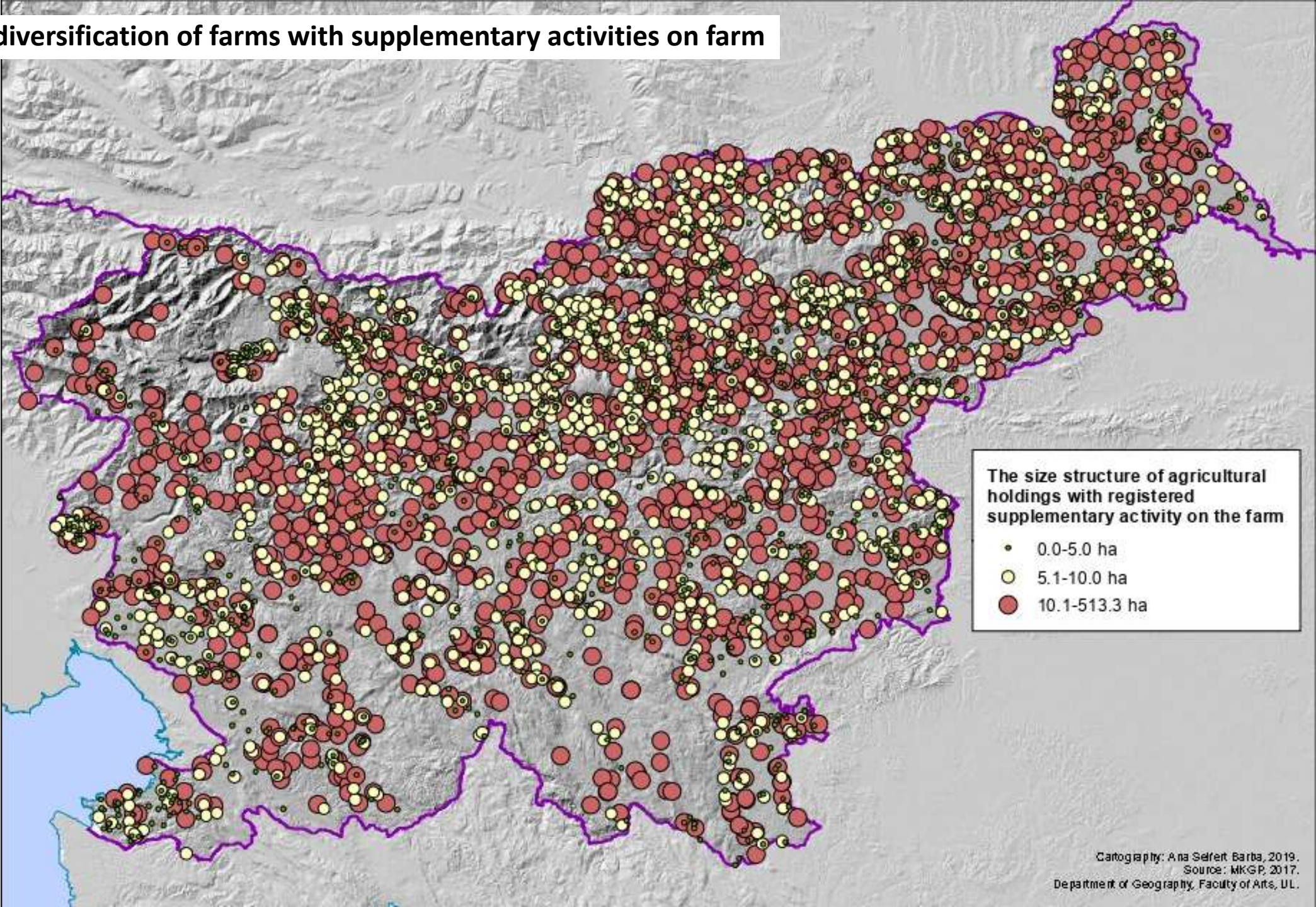
Prevalence of small agricultural holdings with up to 5 ha of UAA: 60 %



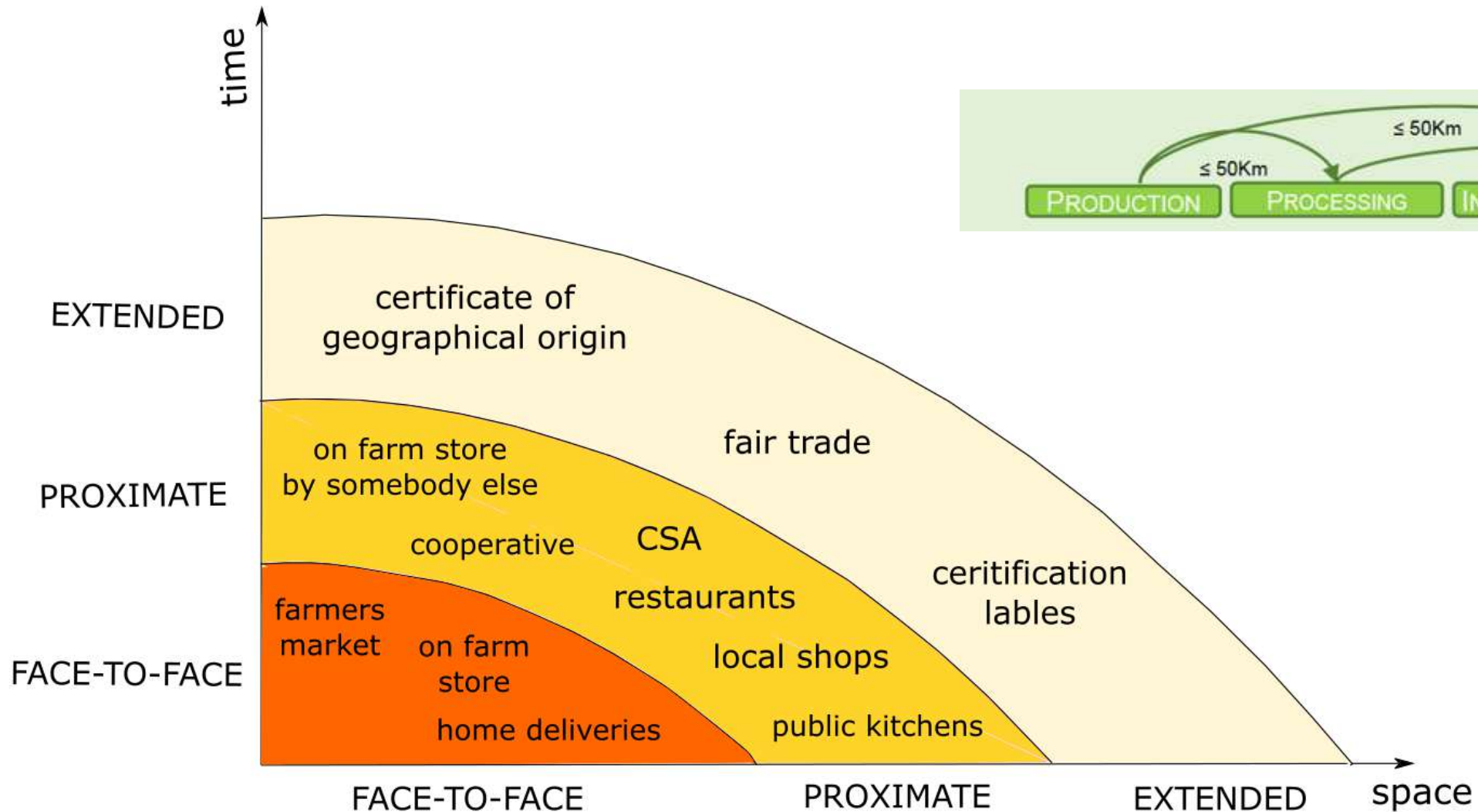
Production orientation of farms is dominated by permanent grasslands and animal husbandry



Income diversification of farms with supplementary activities on farm



Short food supply chains – its key elements are physical and social proximity





local shop on wheels

joint selling on farm, in restaurants, TIC, etc.



cooperative Loška zadruga



collective brand Dobrote Dolenjske



CSA and other partnerships with costumers



individual farm stores



farmers market

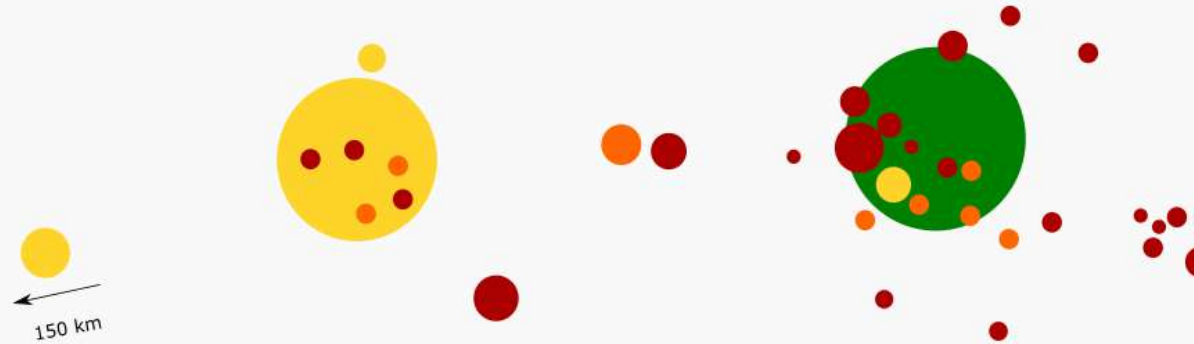


Photo: S. Uhan or farmers' archive.

2015



2019

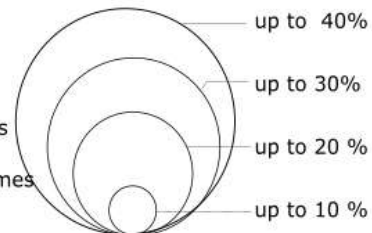


Legend

Selling channels:

- on farm store
- market, CSA
- cooperatives, retailers, restaurants
- schools, kindergartnes, elderly homes

Share of selling:

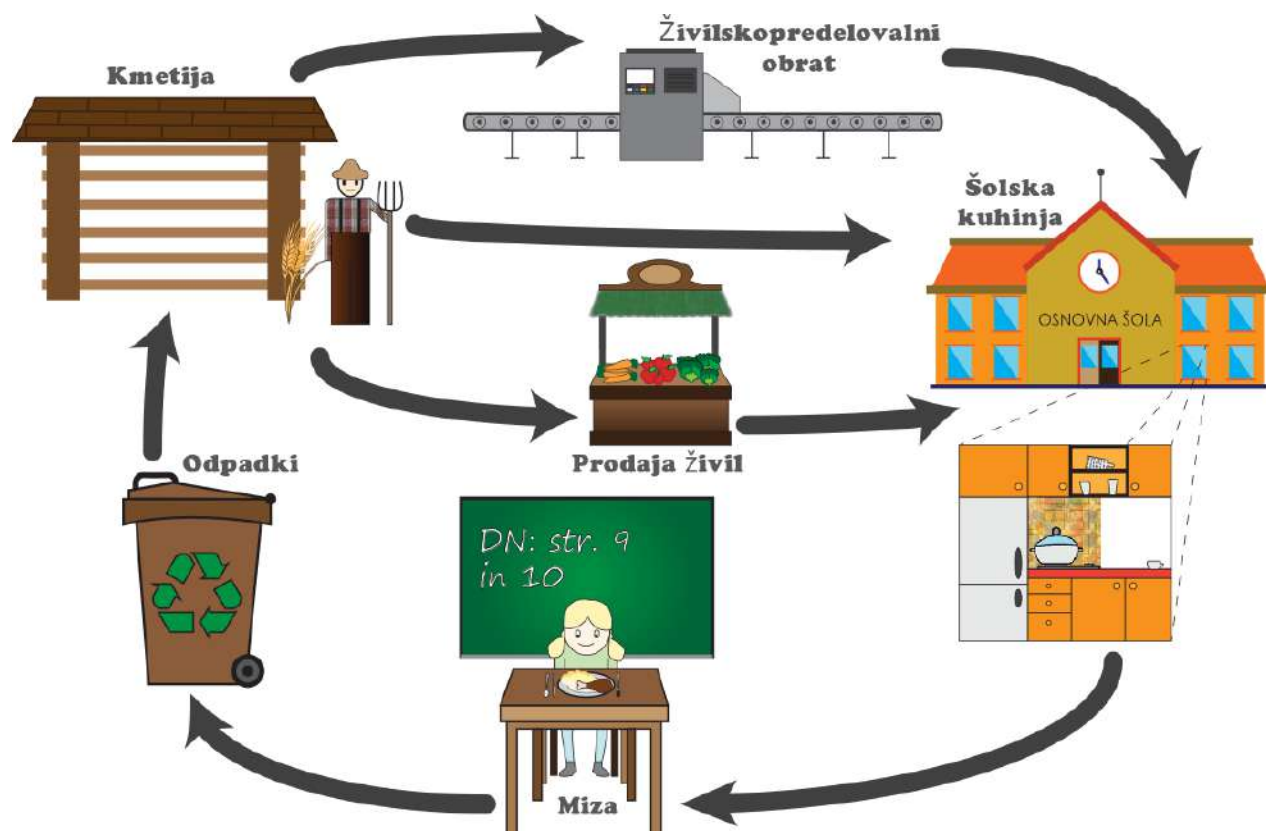


Food miles:



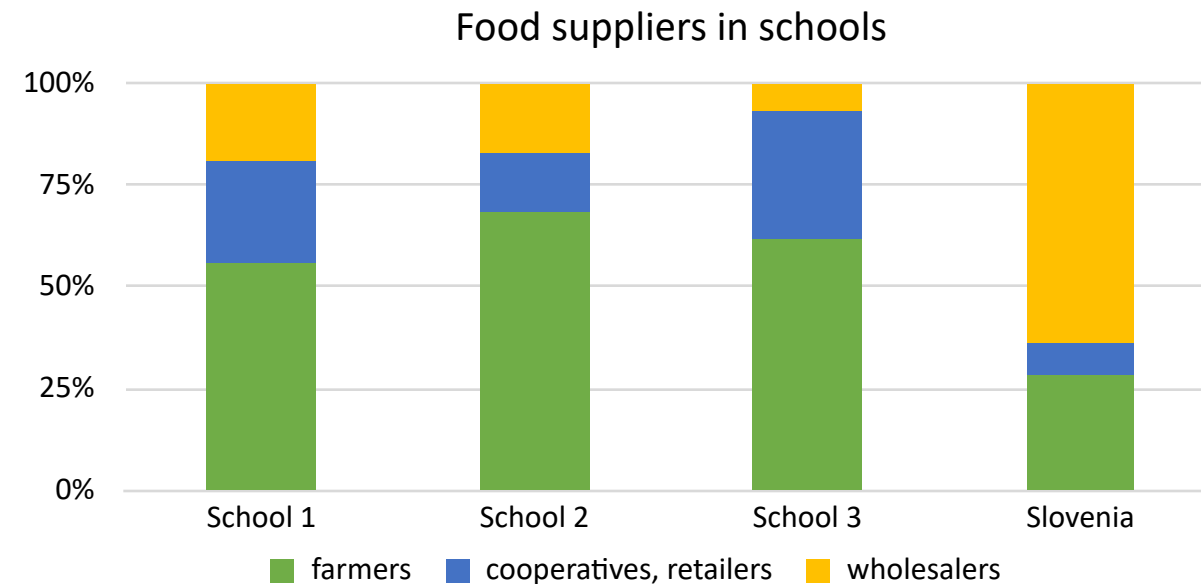
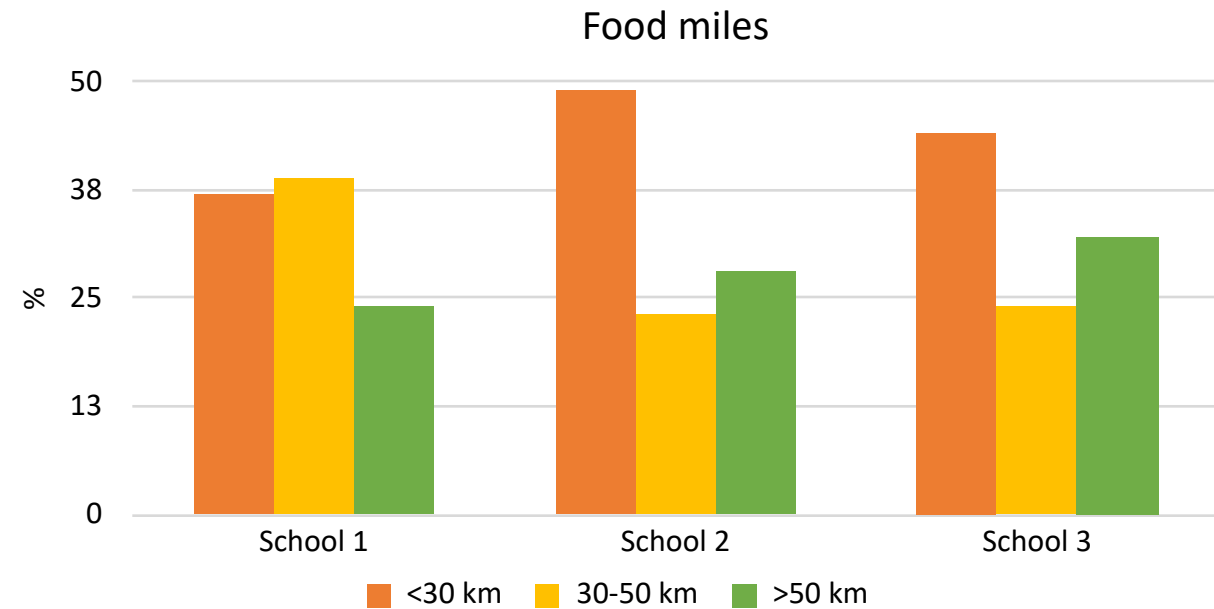
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How SFSC work in public institutions?



Recommendations for SFSC in public institutions

- Promoting short supply chains with a **mandatory share of local food** in public institutions.
- Networking of farmers for **joint enter** to the market (e.g. within a cooperative) to ensure sufficient quantities, better logistics and a competitive price.
- Building **trust** between the farmer / farmers' organization and the public institution is crucial for long-term cooperation.
- The **bottom-up** approach and the pro-active role of the farmer to gradually achieve increased ordering of locally produced food at the local level.
- Establishment of a model for **monitoring the origin of food** in public institutions.
- **Promotion and education** of nutrition managers in public institutions as well as consumers.



Source: Uhan, 2018.

School Fruit, Vegetable and Milk Scheme



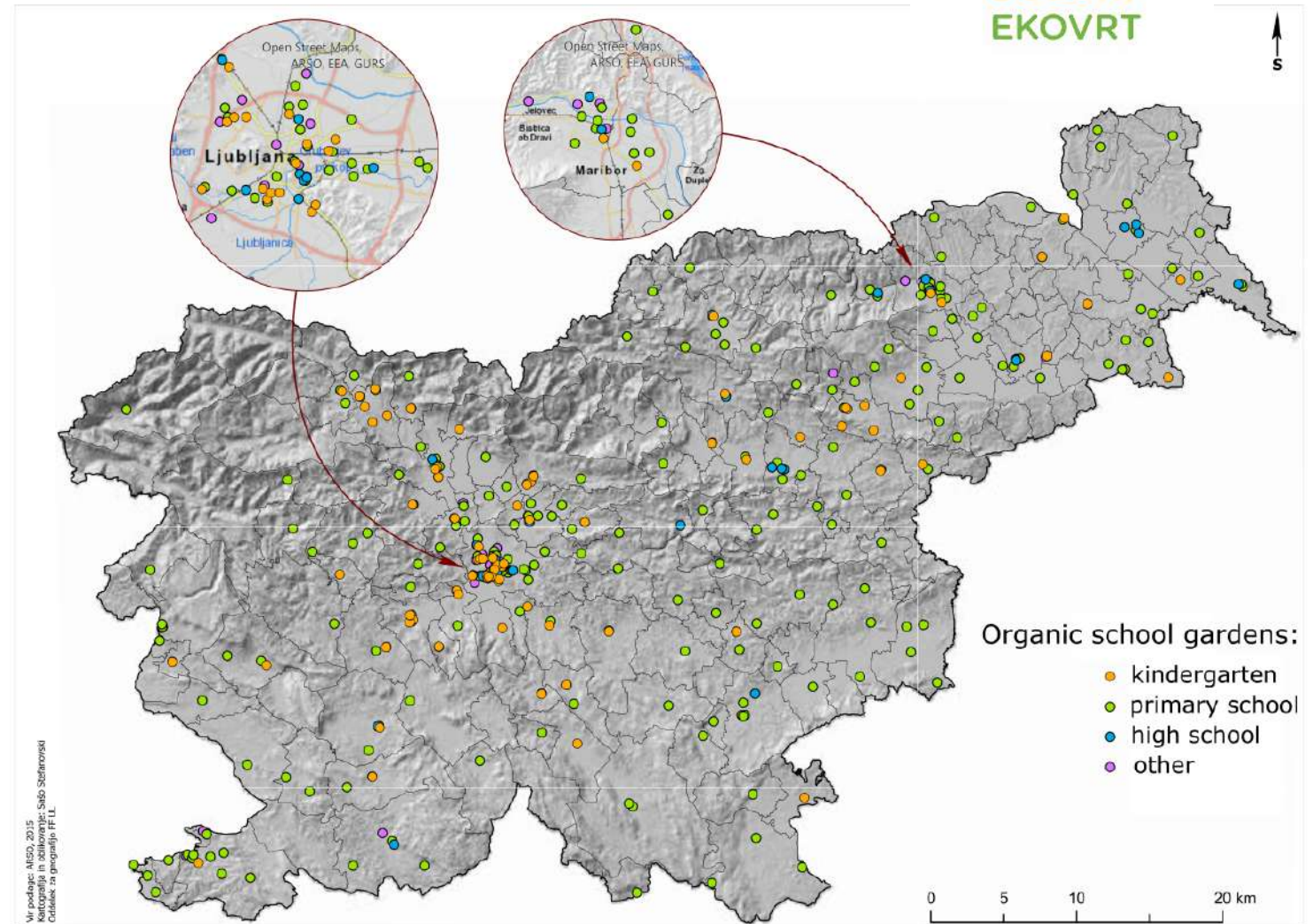
- EU instrument since 2009.
- reducing the number of overweight and obese children as well as balancing the European market with fruit and vegetable from the local producers.
- 86% of elementary schools in Slovenia.



Source: Archive of school Janče, 2019.

Protects consumers, but not producers!

Organic School Garden Program



Source: Archive of school Sežana, kindergarten Logatec, 2019.



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Thank you!

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