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In contemporary Poland, the PDO-certified version of oscypek enjoys the legal protection. It is actively promoted by regional and local authorities across the Carpathians, through events such as the Festival of the Oscypek and Other Cheeses and OscypekFest as well as on the Oscypek Trail which marks out *bacówkas* where certified oscypek is produced. However, imitation cow's milk cheeses continue to dominate both the tourist market and the restoration business in resorts across the Carpathians (and beyond). This lecture will examine the apparent failure of certification to protect oscypek producers from imitations, arguing that a particular dynamic of practices and policies has created a 'grey' space in the market which is populated not simply by 'fake' oscypek, but a much wider ecology of cow's milk cheeses and their makers.

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