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# Support for Agri-environment Policies and Programming in Serbia

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## Basic facts

Title: Support for Agri-environment Policies and Programming in Serbia

Duration: 2009-2010

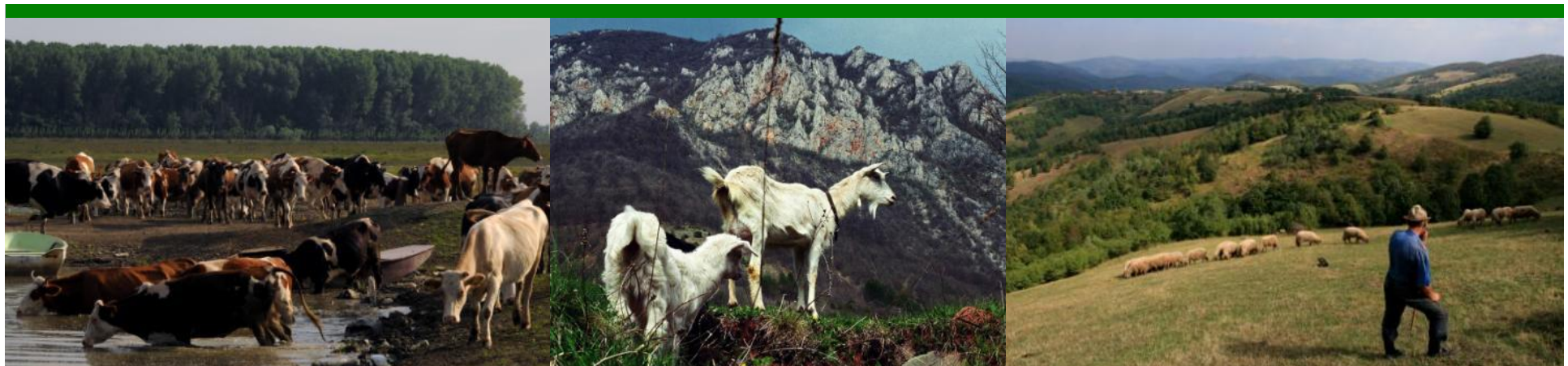
Donor: the Dutch government (BBI-Matra programme)

Partners: the project is implemented by Avalon as the lead agency in cooperation with IEEP, IUCN SEE and Natura Balkanika



## Goals

The overall goal of the project is to assist Serbia with the on-going orientation towards EU membership and the development of the capacity and organizational structures necessary for agri-environment policy-making and programming



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## Goals (ctd.)

Agri-environment support payments are an obligatory measure for all EU Member States to implement as part of the EU Common Agricultural Policy and are intended to encourage farmers to adopt more environmentally-friendly and sustainable farming practices.

This includes the conservation of valuable habitats and endangered species associated with “high nature Value (HNV) farmland” – a concept which is highly relevant to biodiversity conservation in Serbia, both inside and outside of protected areas.



## Objectives

Support development of two pilot agri-environment schemes for contrasting areas where the continuation of traditional agricultural practices is important for the conservation of biodiversity associated with high nature value (HNV) farming systems and farmland.

To develop a National Agri-environment Programme (NAEP) with the objective of encouraging greater biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resource management on farmed land throughout Serbia.

To facilitate a closer working relationship between the agricultural and nature conservation sectors in Serbia (MoA, MoE, SEPA, Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia, NGOs, Scientific Institutions).



## Pilot sites

Stara planina



Banat

On-going implementation of "communication strategy"

AWG Meeting (kick-off)

AWG Meeting for review + discussion of progress

AWG Technical Workshop on Pilot Projects

AWG Meeting for review + planning for 2010

Training for AWG    Finalise Training "Manual"

**Stara Planina pilot project study**

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| <i>Situation analysis, identification of agri-environment priorities + setting objectives</i> | <i>Development of measures/schemes for HNV farmland conservation</i> | <i>M&amp;E Indicators</i> | <i>Finalise proposals</i> |
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**Banat pilot project study**

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Progress Report + Phase 3 Work Plan

1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting



## Training on Agri-Environment Policy Design and Implementation

The training was hosted by the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia, Belgrade

The objective of a 2 day training course was to:

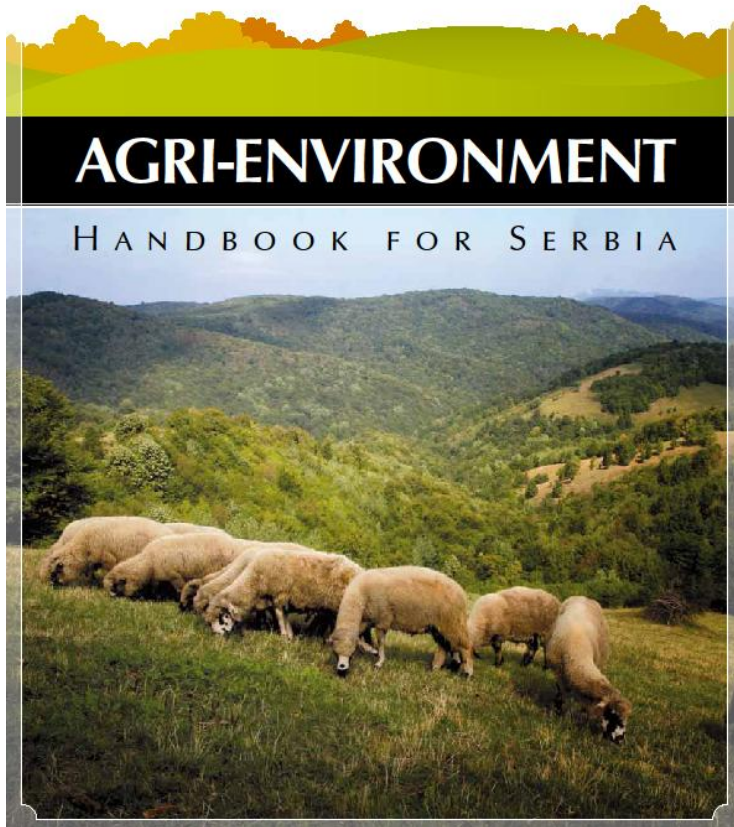
1. familiarize the Agri-environment Expert Group with the key EU concepts of a) high nature value (HNV) farming and b) agri-environment support payments;
2. begin sharing experience and information about the relevance of these concepts to Serbia;
3. initiate the first steps towards applying these concepts within the framework of this project, including two pilot areas and the development of a national agri-environment programme.





## Main project outputs

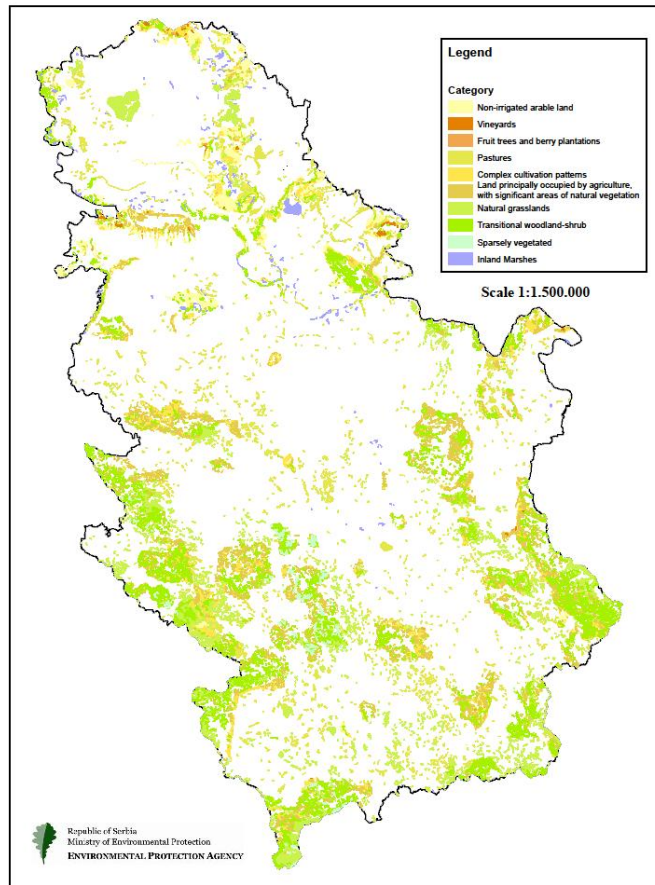
- ▶ Pilot studies and draft AE scheme / typology of HNV farming systems of Serbia
- ▶ HNV mapping
- ▶ Information and communication materials
- ▶ Agri-environment handbook for Serbia
- ▶ Final conference – presentation of project results



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High Nature Value (HNV) farmland in Serbia  
Indicative map of the possible distribution





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