High Nature Value Farming in South-Eastern Europe Networking

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Why a new network?

There is very little exchange between countries on the actions aimed at developing national policies and actions for maintaining HNV farming, so each is operating in isolation.

Countries can learn from each other and this would be facilitated through a regional network. Examples of appropriate administrative structures and actions, of capacity building and NGO engagement, can be shared in the network.
Objectives of the SEE HNV network

The SEE network on High Nature Value farming aims to:

- Create a common understanding and valorisation of the HNV F within the SEE
- Share experiences and best practices and find answers to the common problems
- Provide a forum where NGOs and the relevant Government departments can engage in dialogue and mutual capacity development.
Specific questions to be addressed:

- What types of HNV farming exist in the partner countries, what is their approximate extent and location?
- What are the environmental and socio-economic values of these farming systems?
- What socio-economic and other challenges are faced by farmers and farming communities?
- How can the implementation of EU policies best address these challenges, to ensure an economically and ecologically sustainable future for HNV farming, as intended by the EU?
- How can monitoring systems be established in order to monitor trends in HNV farming systems and the impact of rural development policies, as required in the EU?
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Aims of the meeting:

(1) Provide a forum for networking and experience exchange among participants in the meeting;

(2) Present and discuss current status of HNVF identification and policy support in the SEE countries;

(3) Identify common interest and develop joint activities for HNVF in 2011 and beyond.
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Also discuss the draft structure of:

- A dedicated website with information on each country concerning progress with HNV farming identification, data and methods used, problems and solutions; pilot areas and local projects for maintaining HNV farming, with “show-case” examples of HNV farming at local level
- A SEE HNVF brochure
Let’s do it together!