



HNV farming in the Western Balkans

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Brochure



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What is the aim of the brochure

*Awareness raising both within and outside the
Western Balkans region*

*on the values and status of High Nature Value
farming and farming systems*



Target group

- *National policy makers – MoA and MoE*
- *Public administration dealing with agri and env – extension service, faculties, institutes*
- *International organizations – World Bank, UNDP, etc*
- *EU administration - delegations*
- *NGOs*



Structure

What is HNV farming ?

- *Definition*
- *Key characteristics*
- *Main types in the Western Balkans region*

All this illustrated with photos, maps and other data from the countries



Why is it important

- *Biodiversity values – Natura 2000, IPAs, IBAs, PBAs, etc*
- *Traditions- cultural values – examples*
- *Food and other products – economic values*
- *Employment – farm structures – social values*
- *Other environmental services – water quality, carbon sink, etc.*



Where is it?

- *Mountains < – > Lowlands*
- *Agriculture < – > Forestry < – > Grasslands*
- *Examples of regions and systems*



How is it protected and/or supported?

- *International and EU commitments and laws*
- *National legislation and support policies and programmes*
- *Both Biodiversity and Agriculture*
- *Good examples from countries*



What is the future ahead?

- *What needs to be done to ensure they continue?*
- *What scenarios are there?*
 - (1) If nothing is done*
 - (2) if we wait for EU memberships*
 - (3) if national support starts now*



Special issues to be covered:

- *Common grazing*
- *Forest grazing*
- *Transhumance*
- *Abandonment*
- *Rare breeds*

