The management of common pasture by local authorities

Example in High Pyrenees
Importance of local authorities

• 95% of 140 000 ha of common pasture belong to municipalities

• Common pastures, property of a single municipality are managed by municipalities (24 500 ha) or pastoral groups (37 500 ha)

• Common pastures, property of several municipalities (joint possession) are managed by unions of municipalities: the syndicale commissions (62 000 ha)
Why municipalities or union municipalities manage common pasture?

- Protect equity between the various uses
- Protect collective interests
- Maintain a role in agriculture development
- Maintain a link with farmers and their concerns
Thanks