General feedback/thoughts

• Linking commons to more intensive systems in terms of PES delivery (off-setting)
• Putting these issues into the debate through ENRD (and Vyara..) – refer to wider policy context (community viability, wildfire limitation & other climate issues, water, Natura etc.). Make clear what ‘from grass roots’ means in practice.... ‘Co-production’ – working with other (possible) stakeholders
• Bringing commons issues/Natura together in a coherent way
• Addressing the invisibility of the commons, not least in policy development, through united effort, but without focussing on the CAP alone
General feedback/thoughts

- Document and communicate the knowledge we shared with each other, to the authorities and to the wider public – get more systematic data and present it, also do things locally with children, locals etc.

- The policy narrative is orientated to individual approach, whereas collective is not just what we have, but has positive aspects – need to explore this further esp in countries which don’t have it. Need an honest sharing of experience.

- Low return to farmer’s labour – creating a demographic time bomb – making the grazing system pay somehow.
General feedback/thoughts

• Raising the value of the cultural landscape and the key role of the grazier in its maintenance – it’s the framework for all the other ES

• How to bring coherence in policy (between ministries) – graziers have reasons to drive it. Getting to understand what each other wants (govt., graziers, others...?)

• Need to recognise the diseconomies of scale of small farmers (and possibly the larger challenges of meeting schemes/reg demands)
General feedback/thoughts

• Wider possibilities of the technical assistance measure in this field
• Promote grazing as the cheapest way of combatting wildfires
• Organic rules and common land – extra difficulties despite land being ‘organic’
• ‘Traditional know-how ‘vs.’ science’..... But now need also to bring together e.g. journalists, educators, marketing people – whoever is best for the job
General feedback/thoughts

• Issues of rights attached to holdings in areas with non-farming incomers, lack of awareness, different attitudes

• Increase in issues to deal with, paperwork, regs, but payments etc remain static and farmers are losing control of their business and future

• Farmers’ time not paid for so always a struggle to participate

• Public recreation – growing issue, where is the trickle down to the farmer, but an opportunity too
General feedback/thoughts

• All very well to talk about public goods, but this means goods whose delivery seems not to be appreciated – very bad for farmer morale. Not just money issue, but value.
Things which grabbed your interest

• England and Wales, approaches to dormancy
• Countries which have collective approaches to agri-env and wider RD measures – how do Governments support the collective approach, and help overcome the transaction costs (France...)
• French approach to collective marketing of products from commons
• Use of technical assistance in Wales
Possible next steps

• This group? Meeting in France. Some way of starting to engage with policy makers in Brussels (after manifesto is well advanced)

• Spreadsheet of the data, to share

• A book? Maybe in 2017 after Spanish one is completed

• A person to work just on this?

• Creating a grazier-led vision for commons, regionally, nationally but also at a Eur level possibly – a manifesto or something for pastoralism/commons

• Sharing good examples of commons-targeted schemes, methods of raising capacity in governance, administrative approaches, examples of approaches to specific Regs which ARE approved... And the pitfalls to avoid also.
Possible next steps

• Tie in to reference group on common land in Europe
• Tie in to next ICCA European meeting on commons in general
• Speaking with a common voice? (what are the common issues?) Be there before the Regs are written and schemes designed