The HNV Link project – an introduction

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High Nature Value farming – Learning, Innovation, Knowledge

- is a EU-funded Innovation Network to identify and share best practice
- is focussed on the needs of HNV farming systems
High Nature Value farming

• *is agriculture that supports, or is associated with, a high species and habitat diversity*
• HNV farmland is usually dominated by semi-natural pastures and meadows
• HNV livestock systems are those which are based mainly on feed resources from semi-natural vegetation
- 11 countries
- 13 partners
- 10 Learning Areas

Learning Areas

1) Dartmoor (UK)
2) Sítio de Monfurado (PT)
3) Dalmatian islands (HR)
4) Eastern Hills of Cluj (RO)
5) Western Stara Planina (BG)
6) Västra Götaland (SE)
7) The Burren (IE)
8) Thessalia (GR)
9) Causses et Cévennes (FR)
10) La Vera, Extremadura (ES)

Work Package Leaders

a) CIHEAM-IAMM (FR)
b) ASCA (FR)
c) UH (FI)
d) EFNCP (ES)

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UK - Dartmoor
The project

- Baseline assessment – description of the Learning Area and why is it a hot-bed of innovation – identifying the economic, social and cultural drivers
- Describe a selection of the innovations in the Learning Area and identify what else farmers need
- Sharing innovation between Learning Areas
- Disseminating innovation within the Member States and in the wider EU
The project

- Innovation under 4 themes
  - Techniques and technologies
  - Products and marketing
  - Social and institutional
  - Regulatory and support
Why Dartmoor?

- Farming systems – that provides HNV farming & public benefits.
- A cohesive socio-economic culture - 80% of farmers connected to commoning.
- Almost 30 years of experience of agri-environment schemes.
- History/culture of innovation.
- Opportunity for a wider application in the future.
On Dartmoor the case studies will include:

- The Dartmoor (Moorland) Vision
- Dartmoor Farming Futures
- The Dartmoor Commoners’ Council – example of self-governance on common land
- Dartmoor Hill farm Project
- Various meat marketing initiatives

- And identify what else is needed
Welcome to Dartmoor