

High Nature Value grasslands: securing the ecosystem services of European farming post 2013

7 - 9 September 2010, Sibiu

Tuesday 7 September	
From 12.00	Registration
13.00	Buffet lunch of local products
14.00	Official welcomes <i>Rector of Lucian Blaga University, Mayor of Sibiu</i>
Session 1 – Introduction to the conference and the case study area <i>Chair – Aleksei Lotman, Member of Estonian Parliament</i>	
14.20	Introduction to the conference theme and launch of EFNCP proposals for support to HNV farming <i>Guy Beaufoy, EFNCP</i>
14.40	The national importance of HNV farming to Romania's environment and people <i>Marton Kelemen, Counsellor to Minister of Environment, Romania</i>
15.00	Southeast Transylvania: the values and challenges of one of Europe's largest lowland HNV farmland Natura 2000 sites <i>Prof Erika Schneider-Binder, WWF Institute for Floodplain Ecology, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, and Prof Constantin Dragulescu, ULB Sibiu</i>
15.30	Discussion
16.00	Networking and coffee break
16.30	The Tarnava Mare rural development project – meeting EU objectives by linking local response to local needs <i>Cristi Gherghiceanu, ADEPT</i>
17.00	Discussion
17.30	Introduction to the field trip to Tarnava Mare Natura 2000 site <i>Nat Page, ADEPT</i>
17.45	Close of day's formal proceedings
19.30	Dinner
Wednesday 8 September	
Session 2 – Field trips to the Tarnava Mare HNV farmland area, illustrating the integration of Natura 2000, LIFE Nature, and EAFRD measures	
09.00	Depart (3 buses)
11.30	Coffee, then morning field visits
14.00	Light lunch at hill sheepfolds
15.30	Afternoon field visits
17.30	Local communities forum: farmers, local administrators conference discussion with participants.
18.30	Meal together in village <i>Speakers – John Akeroyd, Colin Tudge, local farmers' representatives</i>
20.00	Travel back (arrive approx. 22.30)



Thursday 9th September	
Session 3 – Ecosystem services of HNV grassland <i>Chair – Walter Vetterli, WWF</i>	
9.00	HNV grasslands – why they are important for European biodiversity <i>Peter Veen</i>
9.20	Ecosystem services of extensive livestock farming to be confirmed
9.40	The challenge of maintaining and expanding grazing in Mediterranean forest lands – fire prevention and other functions <i>Alvaro Picardo, Consejería de Medio Ambiente, Castilla y León</i>
10.00	Discussion
10.30	Networking and coffee break
Session 4 – EU policy context for supporting HNV farming <i>Chair – Walter Vetterli, WWF</i>	
11.00	Adapting EU policies to ensure the ecosystem services of HNV grasslands <i>Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Environment (video message)</i>
11.10	The EU's post-2010 biodiversity strategy, and the role of HNV grasslands within it. <i>Szilvia Bosze, DG Env Biodiversity Unit</i>
11.30	<i>DG Agri (to be confirmed)</i>
11.50	HNV grasslands and small-scale farming – how Romania provides public support <i>Mihail Dumitru, Minister of Agriculture, Romania</i>
12.10	Discussion
13.00	Lunch
Session 5 – The challenge of improving policies to support HNV farming <i>Chair – Prof Michael Dower</i>	
14.15	Chairman's introduction
14.30	Redistributing CAP support to favour HNV farming across Europe <i>Xavier Poux, EFNCP</i>
15.00	The role of local action in integrating and delivering EU biodiversity and rural development goals <i>Nat Page, ADEPT</i>
15.30	Discussion
16.00	Networking and coffee break
16.30	Proposals for the future CAP – local and pan-European support for HNV farming <i>Guy Beaufoy, EFNCP</i>
17.00	Discussion of conference recommendations
18.00	Closing remarks
19.30	Conference dinner

