



Networking Meeting on Common Grazings

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- Impacts, leverage, points, recommendations, meaningful initiatives and tools for awareness and action.

Agriculture/farming trends in Europe

- Intensification/abandoning (simultaneously)
- Biodiversity and natural resources depletion: abandoning of pastoral practices (EEA latest reports)
- Traditional/small farming progressively displaced by an intensive industrial export-oriented model (period 2003-2010:

3 millions sf disappeared, 80% less 5has.

30.000 + 50has.)

CAP

* CAP single farmer oriented

Silent agriculture restructuring

CAP predicament

- Increase productivity/reduce pressure on natural resource/climate change/
- Protected areas (Natura 2000/HNVS)
- Territorial balance
- Rural development/
- Innovation, bottom up approach/participation

What do common grazings in Europe offer in the XXI century?

- reservoirs of biodiversity
- key providers of public goods
- High quality food/food security
- Reservoirs of governance and collective knowledge
- Can help to comply with several EU policies and strategies (large number of Natura 2000 and High Nature Value Areas are common grazings)

.....but.....



Mmmm...

What does the CAP do for us?
hey?

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Ehhhh...

!?!???...





Common grazings

- Not visible to policy makers/public perception
- Too diverse to be standardised/they upset CAP principles
- Underrepresented in Farmer Unions and so in administrative instances/negotiations. Spain: **Platform for Extensive Grazing and Pastoralism**
- No lobby pressure



Proposals

- Two main objectives:
- - visibility at EU level as group
- Alliances & Collective lobby actions to influence policies with common strategies/arguments. Eg: lobby actions Regarding Pillar 1:eg young farmer schemes tailored for common graziers : Information/proposals interchange Pillar 2 Eg: organic schemes/common graziers. Weakest governance systems benefiting from stronger.
- Identify 1 /2 common priority/ies to work at EU level now and for the next CAP review.

People centred, less centralized CAP, EU policies
Active/ associated/allied commoners leading
policy process of “administrative convenience”
into reality....?
Are “new governance” the magic words...?

