



WORKSHOPS AND STUDY TOUR ON NATURE CONSERVATION AND LIVESTOCK GRAZING IN EUROPE

EFNCP, Bunde Wischen, Stiftung Naturschutz Schleswig-Holstein and AGROVI are pleased to invite you to workshops and a study tour to explore the link between livestock grazing and nature conservation.

This series of events aims to connect conservation practitioners, researchers and public professionals working on nature management and conservation, to review and work together on the knowledge base on how livestock grazing can support the preservation of biodiversity in Europe. In the context of the EU Biodiversity strategy 2030, these events will allow in-depth exchange and awareness raising on the importance of livestock grazing for preserving biodiversity in Europe.

The events are targeted at different audience groups and will focus on a number of aspects of nature conservation grazing. You can attend one event or all three.

Preliminary programmes and further information for all events can be found below.

Practical aspects of grazing and nature conservation – 13 & 14 August 2022 – Eggebek, Germany

This 1.5 day workshop will focus on on-site experiences of nature conservation grazing in Northern Germany and Denmark. It will include seminar sessions and excursions to grazing sites.

Study tour to explore management of nature areas in Denmark; 15 – 19 August 2022

The participants of this study tour will cycle through the Danish landscape while visiting conservation grazing sites in Denmark with local guides and experts. We will start at the German-Danish border and bike between 20 and 65km every day, facilitated by support vehicles, trains and ferries. Accommodation will mostly be in Danhostels, cabins or similar.

Workshop on livestock & biodiversity-nature as a solution in grazing systems 22 & 23 August 2022 – EEA; Copenhagen, DK

Focussing on EU-level discussions, this international workshop will explore the links between extensive grazing and the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, as well as current research initiatives. It is co-organised with the European Environment Agency and includes an excursion to a conservation grazing project in Copenhagen.

Practical aspects of grazing and nature conservation

13 & 14 August 2022

Eggebek, Germany

This 1.5 day workshop will focus on on-site experiences of nature conservation grazing in Northern Germany and Denmark. It will include seminar sessions and excursions to grazing sites. Most speakers will present German and Danish grazing experience but the main workshop language will be English.

Food and accommodation available at reasonable cost

Registration via hedwig@efncp.org

Preliminary agenda

13 August 2022 – Tagungshaus Eggebek

- 09.00 – 09.20 Introduction / Einführung (organisers, n.n.)
- 09.20 – 11.15 Setting the scene, European and national perspectives, talk & discussion
- Commonalities & differences - an overview of EU trends (EEA / EFNCP n.n.)
 - Grazing & conservation in Germany (Herbert Nickel, NABU BFA Weidelandschaften, tbc.)
 - A review of Danish projects and experiences (Andreas Höll, AGROVI, tbc.)
- 11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.00 Introduction to the excursion sites (Gerd Kämmer, Bunde Wischen)
- 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch
- 13.00 – 18.00 Excursion to grazing sites in Germany and Denmark
- 1) Stiftungsland Schäferhaus
 - 2) Winderatter See
- 19.00 Informal dinner at Tagungshaus Eggebek

14 August 2022 – Tagungshaus Eggebek

- 09.00 – 10.00 Review of lessons from excursions, 10 min report each plus discussion
- 10.00 – 10.20 Strategy and objectives of Stiftung Naturschutz Schleswig-Holstein (Veronika Breuer, Stiftung Naturschutz)
- 10.20 – 10.40 Strategy and objectives for nature conservation in Denmark (Naturstyrelsen, n.n.)
- 10.40 – 11.00 coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.15 Plenary discussion on the following topics (based on 5 min intro statements):
- What are critical factors for success of projects
 - What structured support would be useful in EU and national policies
 - Are there opportunities for cooperation across country borders?
- 12.15 – 12.45 Review of workshop / final statement by organisers (n.n.)
- 12.45 – 14.00 Final lunch (optional)

Study tour to explore management of nature areas in Denmark

15 - 19 August 2022

Starting in Flensburg and arriving in Copenhagen, the study group will visit conservation grazing sites in Denmark and have discussions with local experts and grazing practitioners. The participants will cycle through the Danish landscape with the support of transport vehicles for luggage. Some stretches will be done with trains or ferries to move between the Danish islands. Accommodations will mostly be in Hostels, cabins or similar. If needed, we will assist in renting bicycles.

Expected participation costs are ca 60 euros per day. Bursaries are available for persons with low incomes - in return for limited agreed contributions to study tour documentation. Please apply to: hedwig@efncp.org.

Registration via:
<https://my.forms.app/hedwigbartl/studytour-grazing>



Preliminary program

- 15 August 2022 – starting day; Eggebek (Germany) to Sønderborg (DK) (60km)
site visit: Bjergskov
- 16 August 2022 – Sønderborg to Faaborg (30km)
site visits: Bøjden Nature reserve; Svanninge Bakker
- 17 August 2022 – Faaborg to Nyborg (60km), including train ride
site visits t.b.d.
- 18 August 2022 – Nyborg to Hundested (40km), including train ride
site visits: Slettemosegård
- 19 August 2022 – Hundested to Hillerød (40km)
site visits: Melby overdrew

Workshop on livestock & biodiversity – nature as a solution in grazing systems 22 & 23 August 2022 European Environment Agency, Copenhagen, DK

The workshop aims to provide input to EU-level discussions on grazing & biodiversity: Extensive livestock systems in Europe – what do we know / what do we need to research? How can extensive grazing be a solution for EU biodiversity goals and vice versa?

There are no participation costs for this event, but attendees must cover transport and accommodation costs themselves.

Registration via:

Preliminary program

22. August 2022

13.30 – 13.50 Introduction to event and tour de table

13.50 – 14.15 **EU biodiversity strategy to 2030** – what are key objectives in relation to livestock systems (n.n., EEA)

14.15 – 14.40 **Results of work by EEA on High Nature Value farmland or conservation grazing in Europe** (EEA, Jan-Erik Petersen)

14.40 – 15.05 **Key socio-economic and technical trends influencing extensive livestock systems in Europe** (EFNCP, n.n.)

15.05 – 15.30 **Agri-env. schemes & grassland – a comparison of objectives and impact across EU countries** (Erling Andersen, University of Copenhagen)

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 16.05 **Livestock grazing and biodiversity** – a farmers' perspective

16.05 – 16.25 **Livestock grazing and biodiversity** – an NGO perspective (Marilda Dhaskali, BirdLIFE)

16.25 – 16.45 **Grazing livestock & general farmland biodiversity**

16.45 – 17.15 **Practical examples of grazing projects that support biodiversity and create economic activity**

17.15 – 17.45

17.45 – 18.00

19.00 – 21.00

23. August 2022

09.00 – 09.15

09.15 – 10.30

10.30 – 10.45

10.45 – 11.30

11.30 – 15.00

Plenary discussion of issues presented

Introduction to excursion site the next morning (Paul Maslen, municipality of Copenhagen)
Joint dinner (optional)

**Introduction to morning session
Work in breakout sessions**

– how to make nature a solution in the case of livestock grazing
– How can (EU) policy support extensive livestock systems (Dr. Guy Pe'er, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research at Univ. of Leipzig)
– What market opportunities exist for extensive livestock systems (Solagro, Philippe Pointereau, tbc)
– What role can technology and innovation play (AGROVI, Denmark)
– EEA-led theme, such as maximising biodiversity gains from extensive livestock systems?

Coffee break

Reporting back from breakout sessions and plenary discussion

Excursion to Amagerfaelled, incl. lunch

Participants can explore the nature area further after 15.00 and/or travel directly to the airport from there.