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High Nature Value

Can the Market work for Nature

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High Nature Value - context

- Where are we and what has been done?

HNV is established as a concept, but...

...still lacking common definition and sophisticated monitoring tool!



What has been done I

- 2000 Commission Communication COM(2000)20
Indicators of the integration of Environmental concerns
into the CAP
 - Analytical framework
 - List of 35 agri-environmental indicators

Finding: Gap in terms of indicators and need of
statistical information

EU strategy for sustainable development endorsed by
the Göteborg European Council 2001



What has been done II

- IRENA (2003 – 2005)

Develop broad set of AE indicators, based on the COM(2000)20 communication (integration of environmental concerns into CAP, 35 detailed indicators including HNV)

Assess indicators and usefulness.

HNV farmland indicator: Potentially useful, but needs to be improved



What has been done II continued

- Besides the IRENA operation, joint project of EEA and JRC on HNV farmland

Increased understanding, but technical and organisational issues remained, e.g. mapping with flexibility, monitoring, scale on European level...



What has been done III

- Communication 2006 (COM(2006)508) –
Development of Agri-environmental
indicators

Suggests look for better indicators for
agricultural biodiversity, habitats and
landscapes

Gathering better statistical data



Community Strategic Guideline

To protect and enhance the EU's natural resources and landscapes in rural areas...: biodiversity and the preservation and development of high nature value farming and forestry systems and traditional agricultural landscapes...

The measures available under axis 2 should be used to integrate these environmental objectives and contribute to the implementation of the agricultural and forestry Natura 2000 network, to the Göteborg commitment to reverse biodiversity decline by 2010...



What is going on

- Study to provide Member States and the Commission with operational HNV indicator

The study aims at provide a qualitative and quantitative indicator

Study, expert group, evaluation network...



Possibilities

- Actions that can be taken (e.g. Biodiversity Action Plan to 2010 and beyond (COM(2006)216)

Possibilities mainly in the framework of the Rural Development Programmes (axes 2 and 3)

Natura 2000 and HNV are overlapping to some extent, but other features and areas have also to be identified

Correlations with LFA, but two separate matters