



Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability 4th Meeting

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18 February 2016

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08:30 - 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome & introduction – *Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI H.5*

09:10 - 10:10 Session I “Rural Networking in 2016”

Presentation by DG AGRI & discussion in groups

10:10 – 10:30 Session II “Supporting Operational Groups”

EIP-AGRI implementation in RDPs: first elements from the 94 RDPs supporting OGs through Measure 16 – *Presentations by DG AGRI & EIP-AGRI Service Point*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 Session II “Supporting Operational Groups” (continued) – *Discussion in groups*

Support for Operational Groups – *DG AGRI & MAs from Austria, Spain, Sweden, England*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00 Session III “EIP-AGRI Focus Groups”

State of play – *EIP-AGRI Service Point & DG AGRI*

Making best use of Focus Groups’ outcomes – *Presentations by Portugal, Hungary & Spain / Presentation by Mark Redman, coordinating expert FG HNV Farming*

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:40 Making best use of Focus Groups’ outcomes – *Discussion in groups*

16:40 – 17:00 Wrap up / next steps

17:00 Closing



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EIP-AGRI Focus Group **Sustainable High Nature Value (HNV) farming**

How to improve the **social and economic sustainability** of High Nature Value (HNV) farming without losing the HNV characteristics?



5 farmers
5 advisers / consultants
8 NGO representatives
7 researchers



European Forum on
Nature Conservation
and Pastoralism

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20 Focus Group
members
(15 Member States)

1 Co-ordinating Expert
1 Guest Expert
Task Manager

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High Nature Value farming
throughout EU-27 and
its financial support
under the CAP

Final Report, March 2014

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High Nature Value Farming
in Europe

35 European countries –
experiences and perspectives

Rainer Oppermann, Guy Beaufoy, Gwyn Jones (Eds.)

verlag regionalkultur

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Follow-up #1

“AGRICULTURE, NATURE AND INNOVATION”

4-5 June 2015

Hotel New Montana, Sinaia, Romania

*Over 1 million ha of HNV grasslands in Romania managed with agri-environment payments in 2007-2013 - but what's the **next step** with preserving these valuable wildlife habitats and landscapes?*

Are there new approaches and ideas for improving the social and economic viability of HNV farming in Romania?



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Four specific objectives of the meeting:

1. **Explore** the question of how can HNV farming in Romania be more profitable, without losing the valuable biodiversity?
2. **Share** the results / conclusions of the *EIP-AGRI Focus Group on improving the sustainability of HNV farming*
3. **Introduce** the specific opportunities presented by Measure 16 of the 2014-2020 Romania RDP (notably M16.1)
4. **Brainstorm** and develop project ideas for potential EIP-AGRI Operational Groups addressing the needs of HNV farming in Romania

Cutting-edge presentations and interactive discussions.....

FG 7
HNV
Farming

Presented
by FG 7
member



Ministerul Agriculturii și Dezvoltării Rurale
Direcția Generală Dezvoltare Rurală
Autoritatea de Management pentru PNDR

Măsuri de încurajare a practicilor agricole benefice pentru mediu finanțate prin FEADR în România

PNDR 2014-2020 vs PNDR 2007-2013

Sinaia,
4-5 iunie 2015

FG 9
Permanent
Grassland



Utilizarea pajiștilor pentru profit și biodiversitate

Lavinia Todorova




Ministerul Agriculturii și Dezvoltării Rurale

Inovare în agricultura benefică mediului: lecții din alte state membre ale UE

Sergiu Didicescu (EIP-AGRI Service Point)
& Mark Redman (RNDR US)

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Sistemele fermelor mici de agricultură: Care sunt beneficiile acestora?



Agricultură, Natură și Inovare
Răzvan Popa, Fundația ADEPT Transilvania
4-5 iunie 2015 - Sinaia

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Fundația Orange



Lanturi Scurte de Aprovizionare: inovare sociala

Raluca Barbu –USR RNDR
Sinaia, 4-5 iunie 2015

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M16
Cooperare

Sinaia, 4 iunie 2015



Outcomes of the Romanian NRN meeting

- **63 participants** – approx. 40% farmers, 30% NGOs, 20% academics, 10% institutional
- **Key issues clarified** relating to Operational Groups e.g. small farmers and researchers
- **31 “questions” generated** and sent to Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development
- Potential identified for a number of **HNV-related Operational Groups**
- Increased interest in **HNV-related research** (e.g. nutrient flows on HNV farms)
- **NRN Thematic publication** (July 2015) – *Agro-pastoral Landscapes & Biodiversity*



Follow-up #2

- 2nd Focus Group meeting in Cluj-Napoca, Romania (21-22 October 2014)
- Idea emerged from an **independent member** of the Focus Group for a H2020 Thematic Network on HNV Farming
- Proposal submitted in June 2015 under **ISIB-02-2015** “Closing the research and innovation divide: the crucial role of innovation support services and knowledge exchange”



Thematic Network Title:

High Nature Value Farming: Learning, Innovation and Knowledge (HNV-Link)

- 13 partners (11 Member States) – of which **6 partners** have a **direct link** to the Focus Group
- Budget of EUR 2.2 million for 36 months
- Network aims to *“to tackle the complex issue of innovation in HNV farming”* by creating a *“dynamic chain of agricultural innovations for HNV areas, through an innovative knowledge transfer community”*
- **Very well-constructed proposal** – makes extensive reference to the HNV Focus Group, but **goes well beyond** the scope of the FG in terms of consortium partners and theoretical / practical content.....scored 14/15

Four main actions in HNV-Link:

1. **Link 10 zones where HNV farming systems are prevalent** and where appropriate innovations have been made -> “Learning Areas”
2. **Identify the agro-ecological, socio-economic and institutional characteristics** of each “Learning Area”
3. **Carry out an inventory of grassroots innovations** in each “Learning Area” – technical, product / market-based, social / institutional and regulatory innovation
4. **Consolidate and disseminate knowledge of innovation** (and associated processes) between “Learning Areas” and more widely

For more information contact the HNV-LINK communication person (and Focus Group member) – Irina Herzon (herzon@mappi.helsinki.fi)

Evaluator's comment:

“The consortium is strong in terms of relevant knowledge, skills and experience of HNV farming based on prior projects, and connections to established networks. It includes a range of different and complementary multi-actor partners representing science and civil society.”

This also reflects the strength of the Focus Group approach within the EIP-AGRI network → as a **node**, a **junction**, a **fusion point** connecting and engaging existing networks and pools of expertise / alternative perspective in **creative and inspiring dialogue**



Thank-you for your attention

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