

FEEDBACK

- Our understanding of the main types of farmland:
 - 1) Semi-natural grasslands (Type 1 HNV). Mostly (all?) owned by Municipalities, individual or communal grazing.
 - 2) Traditional mosaics of vineyards and arable crops with hedges etc. Type 2 HNV.
 - 3) Intensive arable land – Type 3?
- The Protected Area covers only habitats next to river, not surrounding HNV farmland.
- But are we clear about the biodiversity functions of this farmland in its 3 types?
- And do we know tendencies of these landuses and key issues for the future?
- Can some broad objectives be proposed?

Semi-natural grasslands

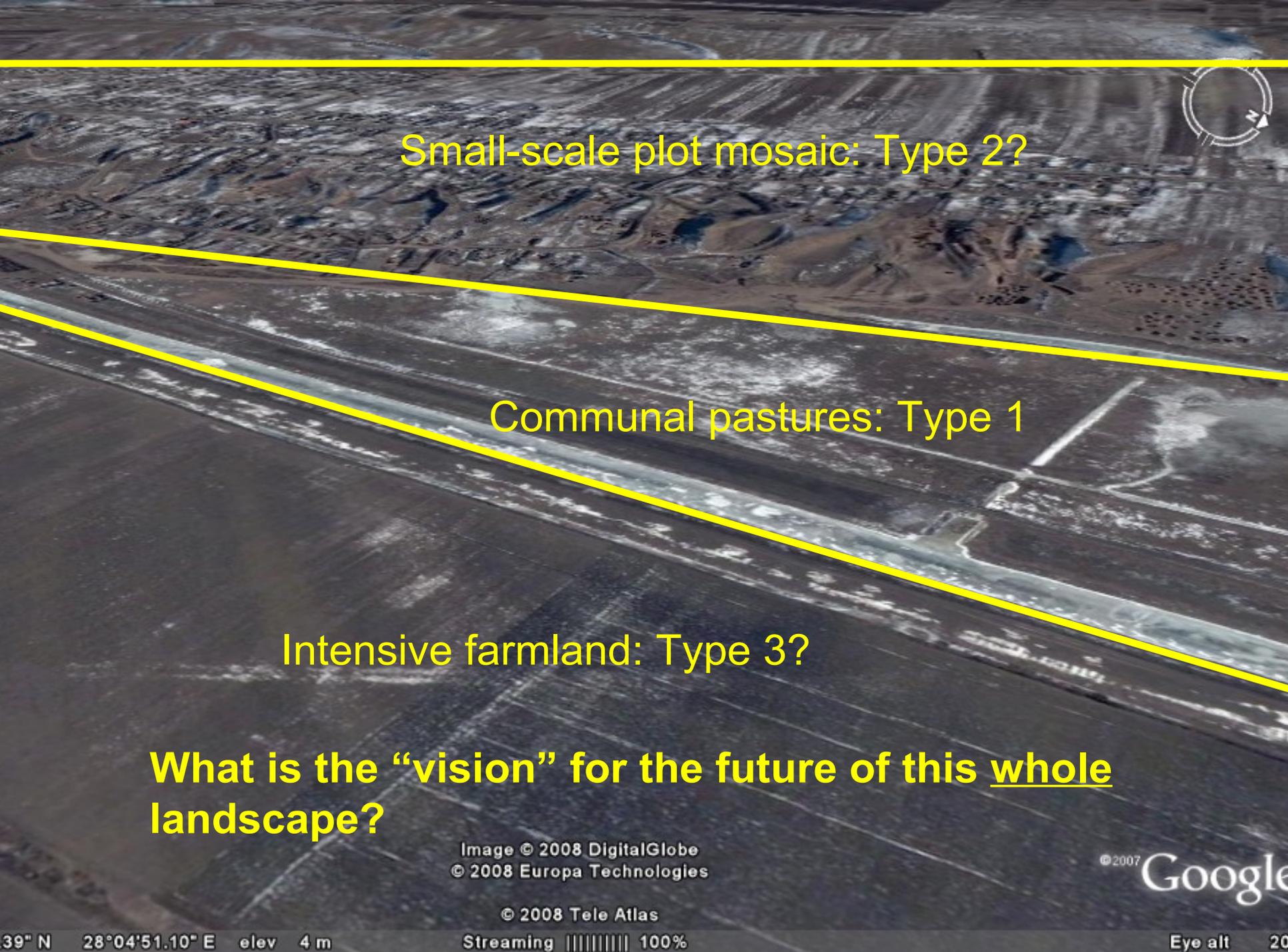
- Value for biodiversity seems clear.
- But is current grazing pressure appropriate? Is there too much grazing pressure on these grasslands? Are more grasslands needed?
- Do reliable data exist on current use of grasslands, especially on livestock densities?
- Will smallest producers disappear in the near future?
- Will medium-sized producers keep going and maintain communal grasslands?
- Will there be a tendency to use cultivated forage from intensive land instead of grasslands?
- What objectives should be considered for the grasslands?

Intensive arable land

- **Is it important for species conservation?**
- **Is it expanding, becoming more intensive? Or the opposite?**
- **Are there simple positive measures that can be taken to address issues?**
- **Does cross-compliance protect remaining landscape features?**
- **Can it be used to require minimum amount of this “ecological infrastructure”, including adding where necessary?**
- **Is there a role for incentives through agri-environment (or is HNV a higher priority)?**

Traditional low-intensity mosaics

- How does it contribute to biodiversity in conjunction with the Type 1? Is its function fully understood and recognised?
- Is its importance recognised in EU context, where it is so much richer in biodiversity than “normal” farmland in central and northern regions? (cf Spain)
- What will happen to it? Conversion to intensive arable use? Gradual intensification and erosion of biodiversity function? Abandonment?
- Are there simple positive measures that can be taken to maintain these landuses and their biodiversity benefits?
- Role for incentives through agri-environment?
- Objectives for the future?

An aerial satellite image of a landscape, likely a coastal or riverine area, showing a mosaic of different land uses. Three yellow lines are drawn across the image to delineate different zones. The top zone is a mosaic of small, irregular plots. The middle zone consists of larger, more regular rectangular plots. The bottom zone is a dense, dark, and highly structured grid of plots. A compass rose is visible in the top right corner.

Small-scale plot mosaic: Type 2?

Communal pastures: Type 1

Intensive farmland: Type 3?

What is the “vision” for the future of this whole landscape?

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And what is the “vision” for sustaining biodiversity and farmers’ livelihoods?



Thank you for an excellent seminar!

