

General feedback/thoughts

- Linking commons to more intensive systems in terms of PES delivery (off-setting)
- Putting these issues into the debate through ENRD (and Vyara..) – refer to wider policy context (community viability, wildfire limitation & other climate issues, water, Natura etc.). Make clear what ‘from grass roots’ means in practice.... ‘Co-production’ – working with other (possible) stakeholders
- Bringing commons issues/Natura together in a coherent way
- Addressing the invisibility of the commons, not least in policy development, through united effort, but without focussing on the CAP alone

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- Document and communicate the knowledge we shared with each other, to the authorities and to the wider public – get more systematic data and present it, also do things locally with children, locals etc.
- The policy narrative is orientated to individual approach, whereas collective is not just what we have, but has positive aspects – need to explore this further esp in countries which don't have it. Need an honest sharing of experience.
- Low return to farmer's labour – creating a demographic time bomb – making the *grazing* system pay somehow

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- Raising the value of the cultural landscape and the key role of the grazier in its maintenance – it's the framework for all the other ES
- How to bring coherence in policy (between ministries) – graziers have reasons to drive it. Getting to understand what each other wants (govt., graziers, others...?)
- Need to recognise the diseconomies of scale of small farmers (and possibly the larger challenges of meeting schemes/reg demands)

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- Wider possibilities of the technical assistance measure in this field
- Promote grazing as the cheapest way of combatting wildfires
- Organic rules and common land – extra difficulties despite land being ‘organic’
- ‘Traditional know-how ‘vs.’ science’..... But now need also to bring together e.g. journalists, educators, marketing people – whoever is best for the job

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- Issues of rights attached to holdings in areas with non-farming incomers, lack of awareness, different attitudes
- Increase in issues to deal with, paperwork, regs, but payments etc remain static and farmers are losing control of their business and future
- Farmers' time not paid for so always a struggle to participate
- Public recreation – growing issue, where is the trickle down to the farmer, but an opportunity too

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- All very well to talk about public goods, but this means goods whose delivery seems not to be appreciated – very bad for farmer morale. Not just money issue, but value.

Things which grabbed your interest

- England and Wales, approaches to dormancy
- Countries which have collective approaches to agri-env and wider RD measures – how do Governments support the collective approach, and help overcome the transaction costs (France...)
- French approach to collective marketing of products from commons
- Use of technical assistance in Wales

Possible next steps

- This group? Meeting in France. Some way of starting to engage with policy makers in Brussels (after manifesto is well advanced)
- Spreadsheet of the data, to share
- A book? Maybe in 2017 after Spanish one is completed
- A person to work just on this?
- Creating a grazier-led vision for commons, regionally, nationally but also at a Eur level possibly – a manifesto or something for pastoralism/commons
- Sharing good examples of commons-targeted schemes, methods of raising capacity in governance, administrative approaches, examples of approaches to specific Regs which ARE approved... And the pitfalls to avoid also.

Possible next steps

- Tie in to reference group on common land in Europe
- Tie in to next ICCA European meeting on commons in general
- Speaking with a common voice? (what are the common issues?) Be there before the Regs are written and schemes designed