

# **HNV farmers, HNV farming systems and HNV farmland**

**– considerations about cultural landscapes and  
European identity – an European Book project –**

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# Considerations about cultural landscapes and European identity



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Think of cultural landscapes in different parts of Europe:

- The most characteristic elements of cultural landscapes in Europe are extensively used landscapes
- Cattle grazing, orchards, hedges and stonewalls, extensively used grassland and arable land, etc.

Extensively used landscapes across all parts of Europe are as different as other cultural issues are (e.g. churches, ancient houses, ...)

Extensively used landscapes are the most important habitats for endangered and seldom plant and animal species of agrarian landscapes

→ These extensively used landscapes form a central part of the European identity



# From cultural landscapes and European identity to High Nature Value (HNV) farming

**A big variety of different elements and types of extensively used landscapes:**

- **orchards, hedges and stonewalls, extensively used grassland and arable land, etc.**
- **Nearly all of these elements and types are important habitat for endangered and seldom plant and animal species of agrarian landscapes**
- **A new wording for all these issues was necessary and evolved:  
High Nature Value (HNV) farmland**



# The idea behind the book

1. The wording “HNV farm....” is relatively new: HNV farmland, HNV farmer, HNV farming, HNV farmland indicator etc.  
→ need for more common understanding as well as for public and political awareness
2. It has well established in some of the administration units of agriculture and nature conservation, but in the wider public it is relatively unknown
3. The meaning and definition of HNV farmland and HNV farmland is even not well known in the mentioned agriculture- and nature conservation institutions (administration, institutes, associations, NGO’s)
4. Anyway, it forms the central element of the multifunctionality of the European agriculture and of Europe’s natural and cultural identity

→ Idea to start an European book project





# The targets

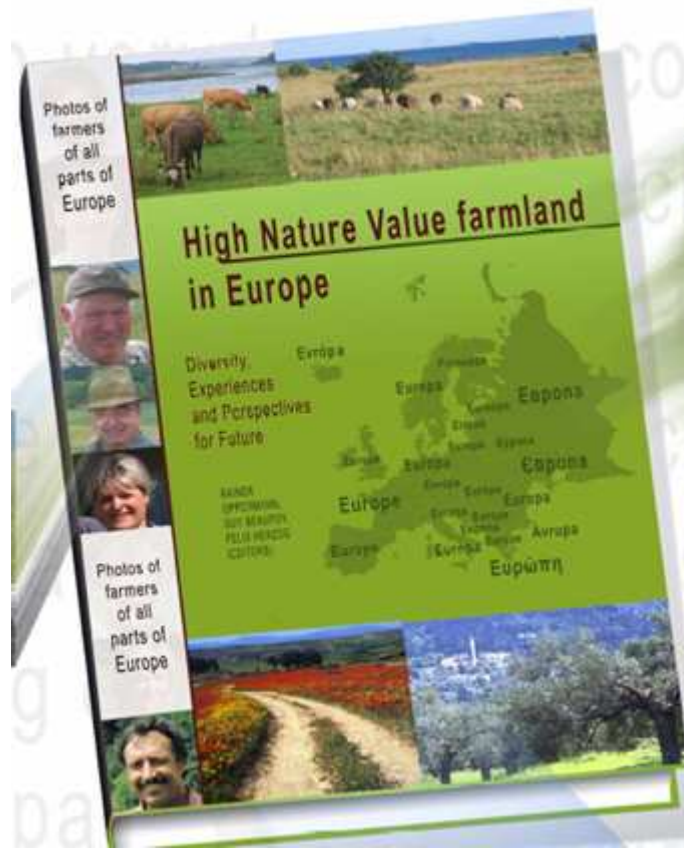
1. **Gathering and distributing of information on HNV farmland, HNV farming**
2. **Involving most of the European countries in this process:  
EU member states and Non-EU-countries**
3. **Achieving a stronger political support of the issue HNV farmland and  
HNV farming in the Common Agricultural policy (CAP)**
4. **Involving a lot of persons and institutions**
  - a) **for reasons of regional knowledge**
  - b) **for reasons of further distribution / dissemination of the idea HNV  
farmland**
  - c) **for having an European exchange on this theme**

According to this

→ **Idea to start an European book project**



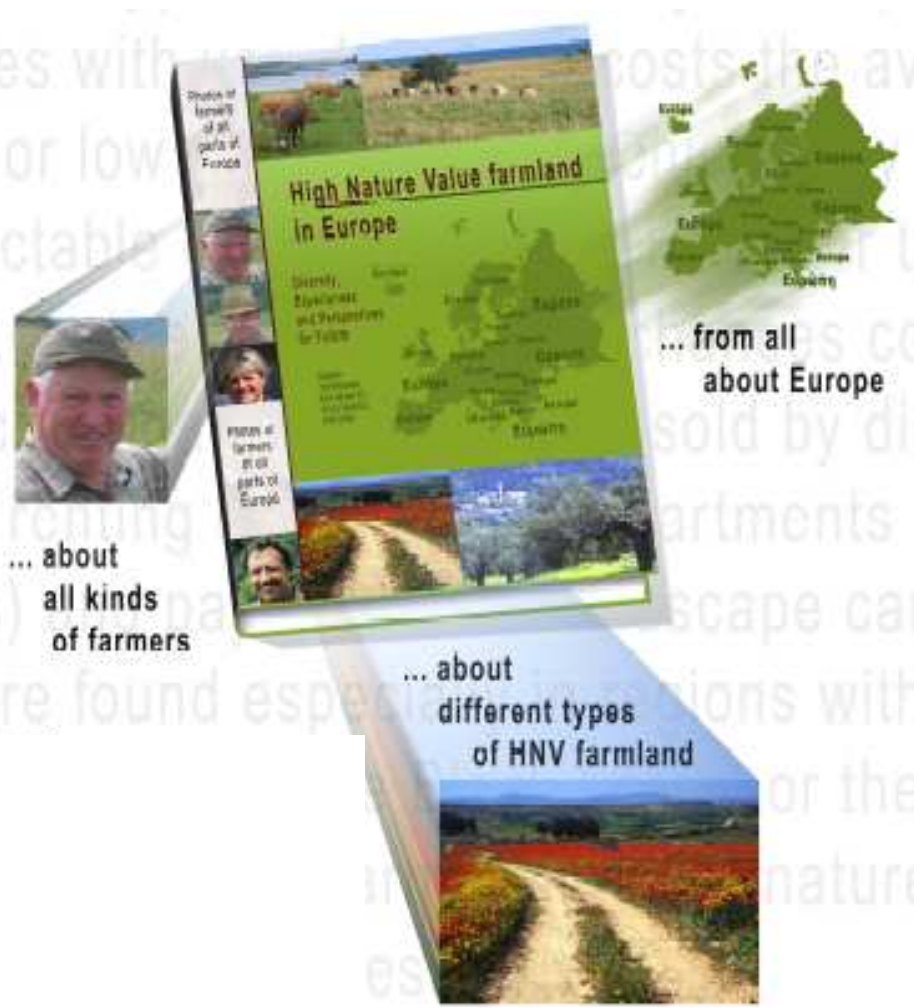
# Book HNV farmland



... from all  
about Europe



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## A Common Project of

### ➤ Agriculture and Nature Conservation



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### ➤ Administration, NGO's and Scientific institutes



# Book HNV farmland

## Planning for the book:

- **General chapters in English**
- **Country chapters bilingual  
(English and main language of the country)**
- **Finishing all chapters in autumn 2010**
- **Publication and presentation of the book in 2011**
- **Follow up conference in 2011**



# Book HNV farmland

## Initial Planning for the book: book main chapters

### Foreword

1. Introduction
  2. The relevance of HNV farmland for cultural landscapes
  3. Overview of the types of HNV farmland - Approaches for identification and characterisation of the HNV farmland from an European perspective
  4. HNV farmland in European countries (country chapters)
  5. Preserving HNV farmland and HNV farming systems
  6. Summary and outlook
  7. Bibliography
- Appendix / Addresses / further remarks

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250 p.

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content 400 pages



# Book HNV farmland

## Initial Planning for the book: general chapters I

### Foreword

1. Introduction  
An European approach: High Nature Value farmland and High Nature Value farming systems
2. The relevance of HNV farmland for cultural landscapes
  - 2.1 The role of agriculture in the development of the European cultural landscape and in conserving European biodiversity
  - 2.2. HNV farmland constituting the multifunctionality of cultural landscapes – public goods and ecosystem services delivered by HNV farmland
3. Overview of the types of HNV farmland - Approaches for identification and characterisation of the HNV farmland from an European perspective
  - 3.1. Predominantly semi-natural vegetation (Type 1)
  - 3.2. Mosaics of low-intensity farmland with semi-natural landscape elements (Type 2)
  - 3.3. Major populations of species of conservation interest (Type 3)
  - 3.4 Species rich arable land
  - 3.5 Orchards , Olive cultures & Co.
  - 3.6 EU state and diversity indicator of the rural landscape -+ HNV- farmland – general situation in Europe



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## Initial Planning for the book: general chapters II (behind the country chapters)

5. Preserving HNV farmland and HNV farming systems
    - 5.1. Farming and farming communities, socio-economic challenges
    - 5.2. Business development in HNV farming systems / Tourism and marketing?
    - 5.3 Actual measures in the Rural Development
    - 5.4 Monitoring approaches
    - 5.5. Policy needs
    - 5.6 Approaching the CAP-reform – Possibilities to ensure HNV farming and HNV farmland by the programming
  6. Summary and outlook
    - 6.1. HNV: central to the European cultural landscape and its conservation
    - 6.2. Need to act
  7. Bibliography
- Appendix / Addresses / further remarks





# Book HNV farmland

## Actual work and outlook:

**After this conference / workshop we will have some more**

- **Common understanding for the targets of the book**
- **Some additional guidelines for the authors of the country chapters and the general chapters**
- **We will be able to give detailed feedback to those who already work on chapters**
- **Some key factors concerning extent, languages, etc.**
- **We hope to fill up a few gaps left up to now with foreseen authors**
- **We might ask for ideas of financial support for the publication**



# Book HNV farmland

## Discussion session in two groups:

- **Who is the target audience for the book?**
  - **What are the gaps in information and understanding about HNV farming?**
  - **What key messages and content should the chapters include?**
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- **Group A) At national level**
  - **Group B) At EU level**



**Thank you for your attention!**

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