

High Nature Value farmlands - recognising the European importance of Western Stara Planina

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Monday, April 14	
Introduction of the meeting: Chair – WWFDCP	
930	Brief introduction of the meeting, its aims, organisers & funders - chair
940	How the High Nature Value concept fits into international agreements – WWF DCP BG
1000	Introduction of European level work for development of the HNV farmland concept, Examples for HNV systems from EU region - EFNCP
1030	HNVF types in Western Stara Planina region – WWF DCP – Koen De Rijck
1100	<i>Coffee break</i>
1130	HCV forests – identifying, management and monitoring – WWF DCP BG
1200	Discussion: Applicability of the HNVFs concept in the Western Stara Planina region and relation with the HCVF concept
1230	<i>Lunch</i>
Field trips	
1330	Introduction of the field trips - organizers
1400	Field trips in Western Stara Planina: introduction of typical for the region of Western Stara Planina farm practices, related to HNVF use and conservation
1900	<i>Dinner</i>
Friday, October 19	
930	Summary of day 1 and introduction to day 2
Socio-economic realities and HNVFs	
1000	Status of the livestock farming on the territory of Western Stara Planina – Grigoriy Dimov, head of Regional Agricultural Advisory Service - Montana
1030	Current state, threats and trends of pastures in territory of Western Stara Planina – Stoyan Stoyanov, biodiversity expert – Botany Institute
1100	Non-wood and forest products, forestry pastures – data for use on Western Stara Planina territory, relation with the farmers – Tzenko Tzenov, State Forestry Agency expert
1130	<i>Coffee break</i>
1200	Discussion: Western Stara Planina - “Example for semi-natural pastures and small-scale mosaic grounds” – what is their future?
Financial opportunities and initiatives, related to HNVFs	
1230	Opportunities for funding of farmlands with High Nature Value – expert MoAFS
1300	Sanitary-hygiene requirements in the area of milk and milk/meat products production – do they prevent or support the HNV farms development in the Western Stara Planina – Emil Samir, RAAS
1330	<i>Lunch</i>
1430	Discussion: How CAP measures will influence HNVFs in Western Stara Planina region
Local systems with High Nature Value in wider context	
1500	Feedback: How the HNVFs in Western Stara Planina fit into the EC understanding of HNVF. How will their status be monitored? EFNCP
1530	Final discussion and list of recommendations from the workshop participants
1630	Closing of the meeting