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High Nature Value farmlands

- recognising the European importance of the Roussenski Lom Nature Park

Roussenski Lom Nature Park, October 18-19, 2007

A seminar organised by
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Venue: Town Hall, Tsar Kaloyan Village
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Thursday, October 18

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 – Guy Beaufoy, EFNCP
- 1030 Examples for HNV systems from EU region - Guy Beaufoy, EFNCP

- 1100 *Coffee break*
- 1130 HNVP types in NP Roussenski Lom region – WWF DCP – Koen De Rijck
- 1200 Discussion: the relevance of HNVP concept in Roussenski Lom region

1230 Lunch

Field trips

- 1330 Introduction of the field trips - organizers
- 1400 Field trips in Roussenski Lom: introduction of typical for the region of NP Roussenski Lom farm practices, related to HNVP use and conservation. Three stock-breeding farms will be visited (one buffalo-breeding farm and two cattle-breeding farms).
- 1900 *Dinner*



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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 NP Roussenski Lom – Shukrie Kervan, head of Municipality Agency for Agriculture and Forestry – Tsar Kaloyan
- 1030 Current state, threats and trends of pastures in territory of the NP Roussenski Lom – biodiversity expert
- 1100 Status of the plant-growing farming on the territory of NP Roussenski Lom – Emiliya Hristova, head of Municipality Agency for Agriculture and Forestry – Ivanovo
- 1130 *Coffee break*
- 1200 Discussion: HNVFs in NP Roussenski Lom and intensive farm practices – trends of HNVFs use in conditions of intensive black – earth surrounding the NP Roussenski Lom

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 products production – expert
- 1330 *Lunch*
- 1430 Discussion: How the CAP measures influence HNVFs in the Roussenski Lom region

Local systems with High Nature Value in wider context

- 1500 Discussion: Has the understanding of HNVFs in Roussenski Lom been changed, as a result of the meeting? What could be done for HNVFs in the abandoned areas and in the intensive areas?
- 1530 Discussion on a list of proposals for the Rural Development Programme (PRD) or the relevant EU legislation
- 1630 End of the meeting