



WORKSHOP ON LIVESTOCK AND BIODIVERSITY IN EUROPE – NATURE AS SOLUTION IN GRAZING SYSTEMS ?

A workshop hosted by EEA in Copenhagen, Kongens Nytorv 6, 22 – 23 August 2022

***An event co-organised by the European Forum for Nature Conservation and Pastoralism (EFNCP),
University of Copenhagen and European Environment Agency (EEA)***

The workshop aims to provide input to EU-level discussions on restoring biodiversity in agro-ecosystems. Extensive and intensive livestock systems play an important role in that regard. How can different types of grazing systems be a solution for EU biodiversity goals and vice versa?

Participation is free, hotel and travel costs need to be covered by attendees themselves. Online participation is possible. In both cases please register via Charlotta.Colliander@eea.europa.eu

Day 1 – 22 August

Arrival during the morning, option for lunch at EEA (self-paid)

- 13.30 – 13.45 Introduction to event and tour de table
- 13.45 – 14.05 EU biodiversity strategy to 2030 – what are key objectives in relation to livestock systems (Carlos Romao, EEA, tbc.)
- 14.05 – 14.25 Results of work by EEA on conservation grazing in Europe (EEA, J-E Petersen)
- 14.25 – 14.45 The importance of grazing livestock for farmland biodiversity – dung and insect and bird communities. (Sarah Beynon, The Bug Farm, tbc.)
- 14.45 – 15.05 Key socio-economic and technical trends influencing extensive livestock systems in Europe (EFNCP, Gwyn Jones)
- 15.05 – 15.20 Coffee break
- 15.20 – 15.40 Opportunities for supporting biodiversity in livestock systems – a farmers' perspective (Niall Curley, COPA/COGECA, tbc)
- 15.40 – 16.00 Priorities for protecting biodiversity in livestock systems – an NGO perspective (Marilda Dhaskali, BirdLife)
- 16.00 – 16.20 How to design effective agri-env. schemes for supporting biodiversity in livestock systems (Erling Andersen, University of Copenhagen)

- 16.20 – 17.05 Three practical examples of grazing projects that combine biodiversity and economic activity (to represent conservation grazing approaches, extensive livestock systems in semi-natural areas and outdoor grazing of livestock in intensively farmed areas)
- a) Carlos Aguiar, LIFE Maronesa project – re-establishing extensive grazing in northern Portugal to support fire prevention and biodiversity restoration
 - b) n.n., grazier, Denmark – economic model and management of a livestock herd in northern Sjaelland for conservation grazing of protected areas in Denmark
 - c) Philippe Pointereau, Solagro – approach and standards for a conservation grazing label established with a French meat company
- 17.05 – 17.15 Short break for some fresh air
- 17.15 – 17.45 Review of key issues presented & aim for break-out discussions on day 2
- 17.45 – 18.00 Introduction to excursion site the next morning (Paul Maslen, Copenhagen city administration & Sven Norup, Naturstyrelsen Denmark)
- 19.00 – 21.00 Joint dinner (optional)

Day 2 – 23 August

- 09.00 – 09.15 Introduction to morning session
- 09.15 – 10.30 Work in breakout groups (each with a 5 min intro statement) :
- How do different livestock farming systems contribute to maintaining and strengthening biodiversity and what are the consequences for policy design and implementation?
- a) Extensive livestock systems relying on semi-natural grazing
Organiser: EFNCP Intro statement: LIFE Maronesa, tbc.
 - b) Conservation grazing systems in fragmented landscapes
Organiser: Univ. of Copenhagen Intro statement: A. Höll, AGROVI, tbc.
 - c) Livestock systems with outdoor grazing in intensively farmed areas
Organiser: EEA Intro statement: P. Pointereau, Solagro
- 10.30 – 10.50 Coffee break
- 10.50 – 11.45 Reporting back from breakout sessions and plenary discussion
- 11.45 – 15.30 Excursion to Amager / Kalvebod faelled (large-scale nature conservation area which is 60-70% grazed); excursion will include a sandwich lunch at Amager Nature Centre (tbc.).
- Participants can explore the nature area further after 15.30 and/or travel directly to the airport from there.