

Workshop

Extensively managed grasslands as natural carbon sinks – Practical implementation and requirements for CAP measures

11 – 13 June 2024 Slavonski Brod, Croatia

Day 1 (Tue, 11 June 2024) – Conference Day

8:30 Welcome & registration

- 9:00 Opening & welcome *Iris Beneš, BED*
 - INTRODUCTORY – Project presentation “Landcare Europe Captures Carbon - Supporting Natural Climate Protection in Agricultural Landscapes” & Landcare Europe e.V., *Corinna Friedrich, DVL*
 - Video message, *Maria Noichl MEP, 1st president of Landcare Europe e.V.*
 - *Grasslands as carbon sinks and its benefits for biodiversity & the water cycle, Darko Znaor, Executive Director, AVALON Foundation, The Netherlands*
 - Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) funding opportunities for grasslands, *Sonja Karoglan Todorović, president. Environmental Institute ECOLOGICA*

10:30 Coffee break (30 min)

- 11:00: Situation an management of grasslands in Croatia, *relevant Ministries tbc*
- Preserving traditional common management on Natura 2000 pastures of the wetlands «Gajna» [GAINA] *Iris Benes, BED*
- Stories from different types of grasslands – dry grassland restoration, LIFE project “Dinara back to LIFE”, *Tomislav Hudina & Luka Škunca, BIOM*

12:30 Lunch break (90 min)

- 14:00 Presentation of challenges and best-practice examples across Europe on the practical implementation of extensively managed grasslands from the perspective of farmers and Landcare(-like) organisations
- Management & values of common grasslands, *Concha Salguero, Spain*
- Development of results-based payments scheme for grasslands, *Dr. Traci Birge, University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute*
- Further topics: value chains from grasslands, regenerative agriculture, mob grazing (Farmers perspective)

15:45 Coffee break (30 min)

- 16:15 - 17:45
 - Introduction – Focus Paper on extensively managed grasslands
 - Roundtable discussion on success factors and necessary regulatory changes of the Common Agricultural Policy to foster grasslands as natural carbon sinks

18:00 End of conference

Optional: drive (20 min) to site «Gajna», Walk & Dinner

Day 2 (12 June 24): Excursion to Lonjsko Polje Nature park + farm visit (full day)

Day 3: (13. June 24): Internal meeting of EUKI project team members (half day)