



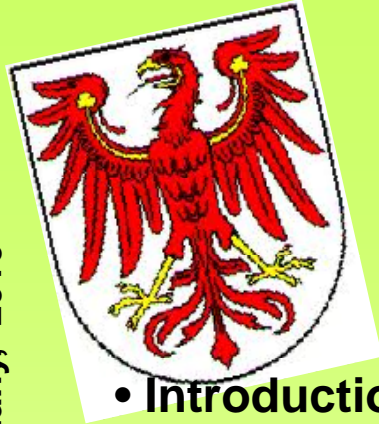
Agrobiodiversity – a Crucial Part of Biodiversity

Agrobiodiversität – ein entscheidender Teil der Biodiversität

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Program



• Friday, September 3th 2010

- **Introduction; *Einführung***
- **Current Projects and Future Activities of SAVE Foundation and the European SAVE Network; *Vorstellung von laufenden und geplanten Projekten der SAVE Foundation und des Netzwerkes***
- **Presentations of the situation in selected countries; *Referate zur Situation in ausgewählten Ländern***
- **Combined Meeting Project Commission & Council of Cooperation Partners; *Vorschläge und Empfehlungen zur Arbeit von SAVE und den Aktionsgruppen und Initiativen in den Mitgliedsländern***
- ***Closed session of the SAVE Board of Directors***
- ***Tasting of regional specialities; Verkostung regionaler Spezialitäten***
- ***Closed session of the SAVE Board of Directors***



Saturday, September 4th 2010



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8.30- 11.45 Excursion to the public variety garden of VERN at Greiffenberg & visit to estate Kerkow

Exkursion in den Schau- und Erhaltungsgarten Greiffenberg und Besuch des Gutes Kerkow



14.00

**4th European Seminar on Agrobiodiversity:
"AgroBiodiversity - a crucial part of Biodiversity"
with speakers from Serbia, Ireland, Bulgaria, Greece,
FYR Macedonia, Kosovo and Ukraine**

19.00

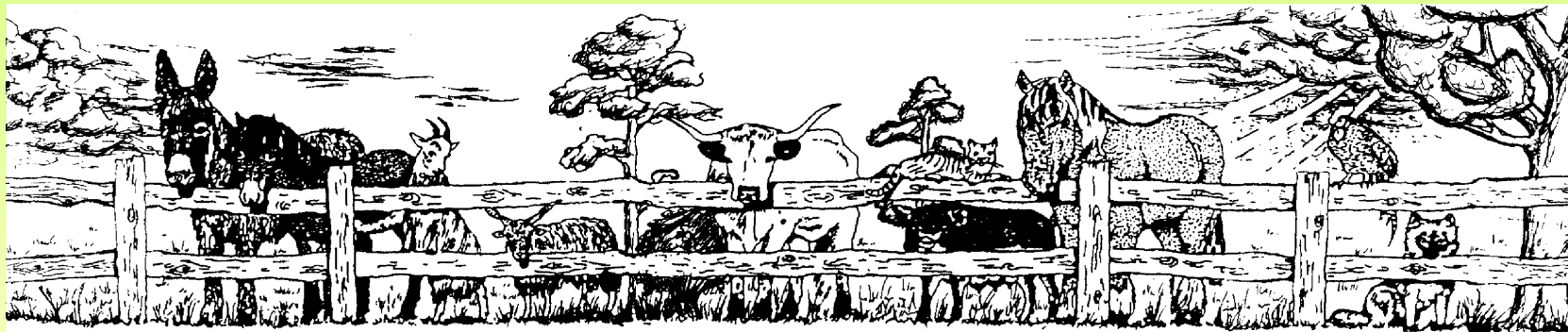
**Reception/ Empfang of the Nationalparkstiftung
Unteres Odertal**

Sunday, September 5th 2010



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8.30 – ca. 11.30 Excursion to Ark Farm Liebenthal



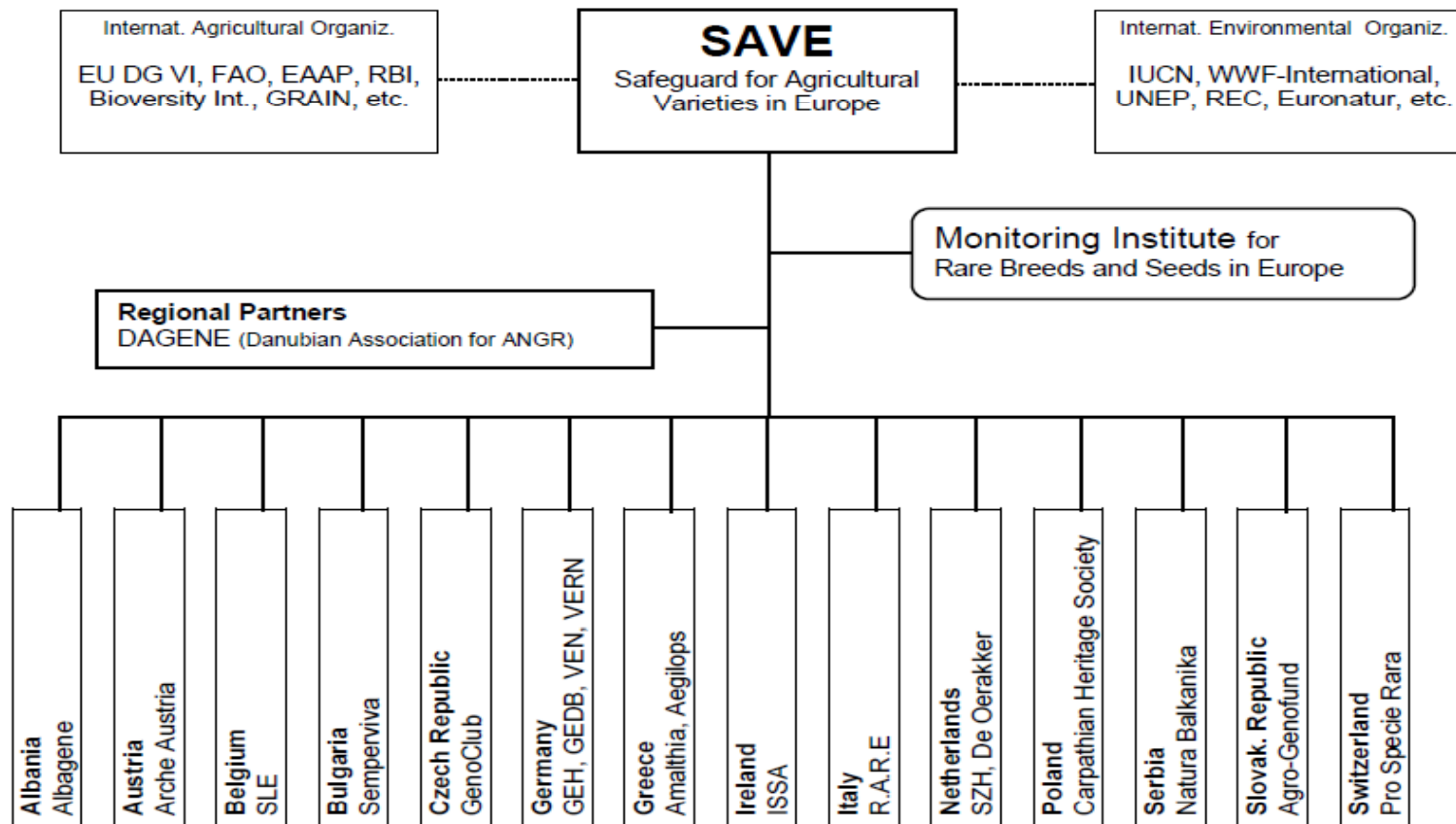
12.00 Farewell and transfer to the railway station

Actual Organisation chart of SAVE Foundation



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SAVE Foundation as European Network Organization: Diagram of cooperation
(September 2010)





Project Reports of SAVE Foundation and Monitoring Institute 2010

Report of the commission chairperson Waltraud Kugler



Running & Completed Projects since August 2009

ELBARN 3rd Year



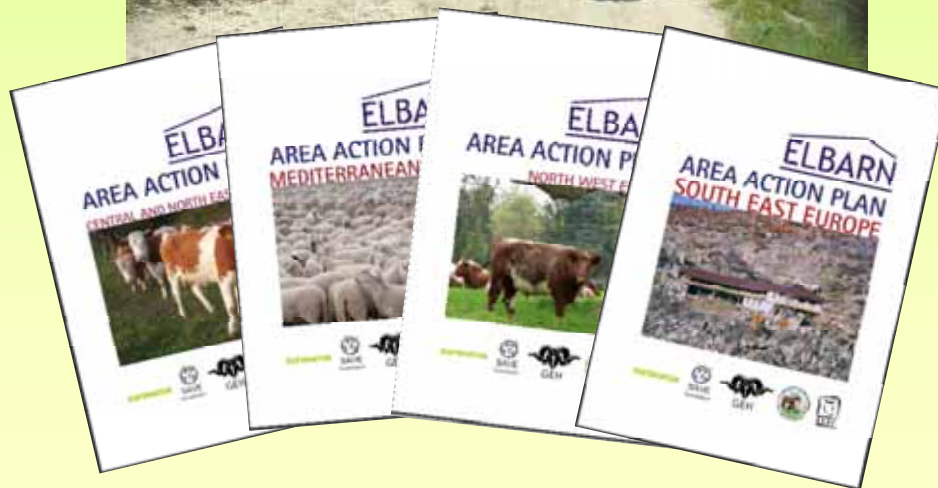
Milestones and Deliverables:

- Central Workshop – *successfully completed!*
- Guidelines – *published!*
- Questionnaire – *completed, report available!*
- 4 Area Workshops – *successfully completed!*
- Area Action Plans – *published!*
- Website & Database – *online!*
- Final Report & Publicity Material – *published!*

Area Action Plans



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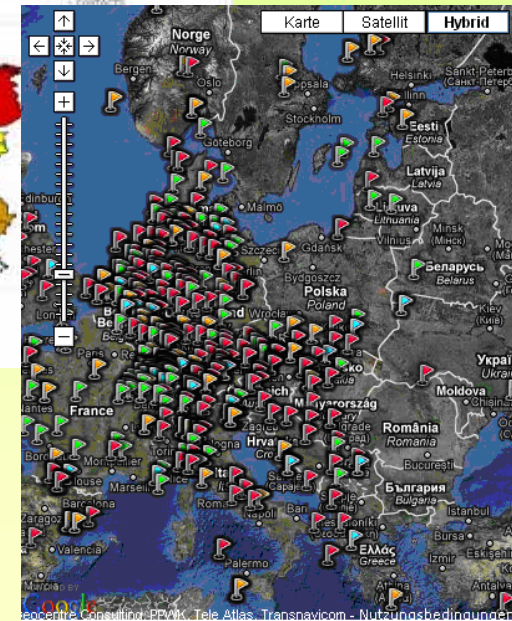
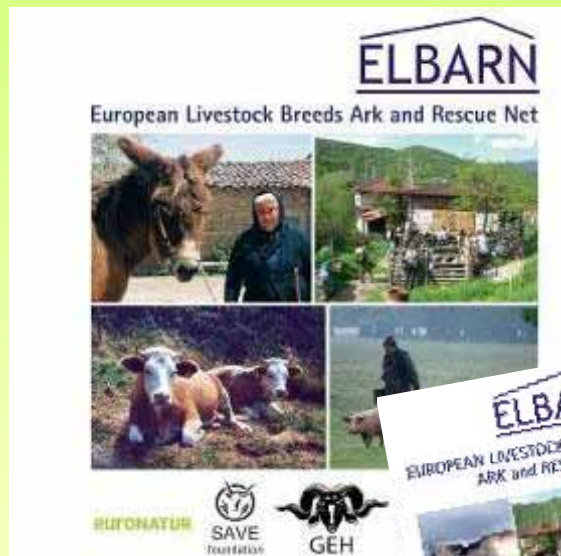


- 4 Action Plans have been published, with summaries in 18 languages
- They present a short overview of the area, a vision of the future of the area, plus steps to achieve these goals.
- The action plans are representative of the opinions of the workshop participants.

Final Publications & Website



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The Future of ELBARN



- There are already over **400 ELBARN Ark Centres in 40 countries**. Concrete steps for building up new centres or improving existing ones need to be taken.
- There are already **28 Rescue Centres in 8 countries** that have agreed to take part in ELBARN. Further tours are required to find more.
- There are already **461 completed breed descriptions** in the database. These descriptions also highlight the possible uses of the breeds. These need to be added to.

Implementing the Action Plans:

- ELBARN Task Forces as a basis for further work.
- ELBARN coordination office for task forces and other activities.
- Integration of action plans into other conservation projects.

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Task Force



The Area Workshops emphasised the need for a pan-European group who would communicate the national and area interests of stakeholders up to a governmental level.

To gain recognition for problems and needs on a national level and also act as a lobbying instrument to improve EU legislation affecting autochthonous breeds.

The ELBARN project partners decided to already create a small but effective Task Force to tackle some of the most pressing needs made up of ELBARN partner organisations and other people who have shown interest and commitment to the project.



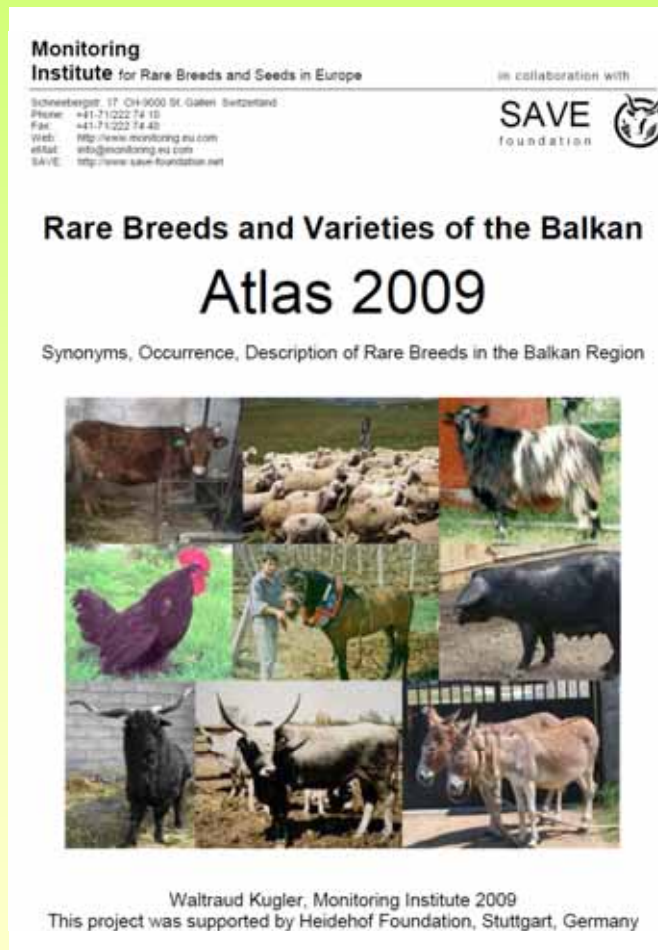
European Commission Questions:



- Which animal species and breeds need to be preserved?
 - *how to decide?*
- How to improve in situ conservation?
 - *improving networking, at which level?*
- How effective are the different types of action?
- What level of support is needed in terms of budget and human resources?

Balkan-Network

<http://www.agrobiodiversity.net/balkan>





Endangered pig breeds in the Bojana Buna Delta, Albania





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Conservation of Agrobiodiversity and Management of Ecosystems in Greece

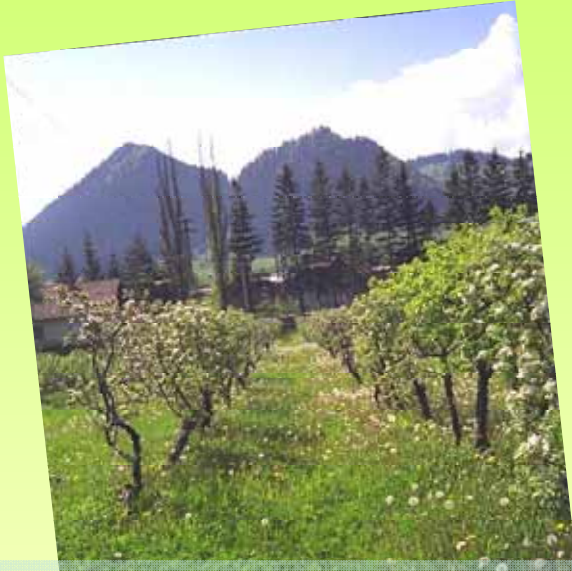
Workshop on small ruminants on June 12-13th 2010



- About 25 people from different breeding organisations
- Current status, aims and problems for conservation of small ruminants
- Herdbooks or Registers and pedigree breeding



Conservation of Agrobiodiversity in the Carpathians



- Search for lost breeds shall be intensified
- Ark network shall be established
- Collections of fruit specimen shall be continued
- Focus on rural development and remote areas

European Buffaloes

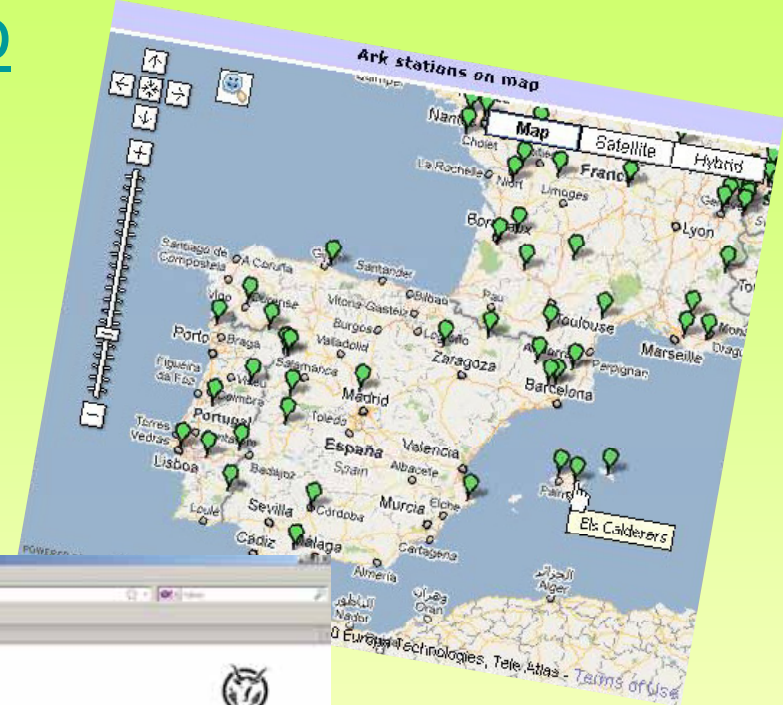


- Rescue Action in Transcarpathia
- Network of experts in preparation



Arca-Net

<http://www.arca-net.info>



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Web Network for “Breed Guardians”



- “Arca-Breeders”, “Breed Custodians” not fitting into Arca-Net
- Website that allows breeders to make a profile of themselves – breed, farm, products
- Ning (www.ning.com) is a simple webtool to create “social networks” with photo, video, links, blog, forum, shop, donate....
- Invitation only, SAVE can remove content and members if needed.
- What should the site be called?
- Suggested process:
 - Set up of site in a design that reflects the other SAVE websites
 - Invite known breeders to enter their details
 - Link to other SAVE websites
 - Assess and expand

European Trademark



Conditions & certification for Ark stations and products

The procedure with the trademark “Arca-Deli”



European Trademark Arca-Deli



A two step procedure with two labels:

1. Arca Deli as a trademark for Ark Stations, which fulfil the SAVE conditions for an Ark Station
2. A second label for high quality products of rare breeds and plants

A one step procedure with one label

A Trademark with quality criteria, which must be developed, certificated and inspected



Traditional Knowledge in the Alps





Risk Status of Rare Breeds

- Requirements:
 - Simple system that produces results comparable over time and can also be used by other people.
- In the first instance it should measure:
 - the conservation value of the breed – e.g. cultural importance
 - the pressure on the breed – e.g. support for breeders
 - the current state – population data
 - response to situation – what is being done?



Risk Status of Rare Breeds

- Survey based on various indicators such as:
 - General breed information
 - Population size
 - Males/Females (purebred)
 - Breeding groups
 - Age of breeders
 - Market for products etc
- Survey designed to give yes/no answers i.e. +/- values that can then be added up to give a numerical value.
- Repeating this process on a yearly/biannual basis should provide information about trends in the different breeds.
- This method is being tested. If it works, it will be used firstly to provide data about Alpine breeds as the next round of monitoring is due.



The SAVE Animal Loan System in practice – new ideas to assure the animals

- **Three levels of actor**
 - SAVE Foundation
 - Local organisation (NGO)
 - Farmers
- **Problems**
 - Farmer has the use, but not the ownership
 - often opposition from farmers
 - Local partner cannot control the situation
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New Projects



Project start will be soon

- Genetic Resources in Romania

(Monitoring, Networking, Conservation)



- Network for the Management of Feral Populations



Thank you very much for your attention and collaboration

Members of the Project Commission and the Council of
Cooperation Partners will meet for a closed session