Valorisation of locally produced dairy and meat products from native livestock breeds

Session 01 – Added value of local livestock breeds

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This presentation

- Valorisation strategies for local livestock breed why?
- Initiative of the European Parliament followed by EU DG AGRI commissioned Preparatory Actions
- Recommendations for valorisation initiatives
- Case study in the Netherlands on cattle breeds Lessons learned



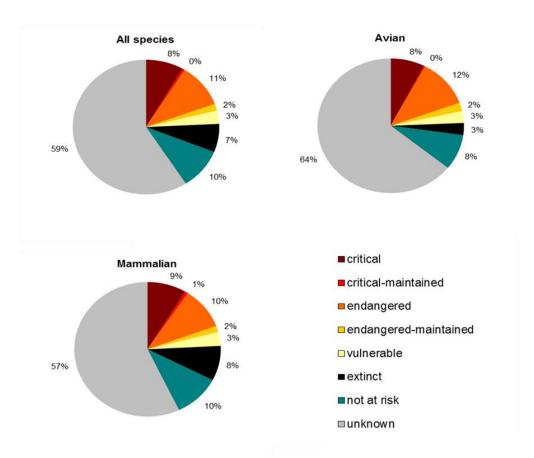






Why are local livestock breeds endangered?

- Many reasons
 - Lower productivity
 - Globalisation
 - Demographic factors
 - Lack of breeding programs
 - Lack of policies/regulations
 - "Market failure"
 - Etc.



FAO, 2018









Local livestock breeds often have different values and provide different services

Values of AnGR/local breeds

- Direct use value
- Economic value (production)
- Indirect use value
- Genetic value

Option value

- Cultural value
- Existence value
- Environmental value

The concept of <u>ecosystem services</u> (review by Bernues and Collado, 2018)

- 3 categories (CICES Classification): Provisioning, Regulating, Cultural services
- Plus Biodiversity as a separate category







Valorisation

- Profitability for the farmer or owner of the local breed?
- (self) Sustainability?



Preparatory actions on EU plant and animal genetic resources in agriculture



Following an initiative tabled by the European Parliament in 2013, the European Commission (DG Agriculture and Rural Development) contracted two "*Preparatory actions on EU plant and animal genetic resources in agriculture*". The first preparatory action was launched in July 2014 for a period of two years and the second in January 2016 for three years.

The aim of the **first preparatory action** is to deliver inputs on how to improve communication, knowledge exchange and networking among all the actors potentially interested in activities related to the conservation of genetic resources in agriculture. Finally, the preparatory action aims to find ways towards a sustainable and economically viable use of these resources.

The objectives of the **second study** are to better understand the stakes of European neglected genetic resources in agriculture and to tap onto their economic potential. It aims to provide inspiring examples of how to make the conservation of neglected breeds and varieties economically viable and encourage farmers and other stakeholders to engage in similar projects across the EU.

The geographic coverage of the studies is the 28 EU Member States.

The results of the first preparatory action are available on the European Commission **DG AGRI web site** and the reports of the second study will be made available on the same website by early 2019.

This project website has been created in order to raise awareness regarding these studies, as well as to provide opportunity for interested stakeholders to access relevant material and to interact with the study



Latest News

- » The final conference for the preparatory action will tak Nantes-France on the 06 ar September 2018.
- » June 9th, 2016: Final Confer Brussels – Presentations ar
- » May 24th, 2016: The study is published - Literature revies studies and workshops

Preparatory Action EU - PGR & AnGR - II

Central theme:

 Valorisation of products of underutilised crop varieties and endangered livestock breeds

Objectives:

To provide different categories of stakeholders with concrete examples for valorising the sustainable use of breeds/varieties in an economically viable way.



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- Assess project implementation
- Lessons learned







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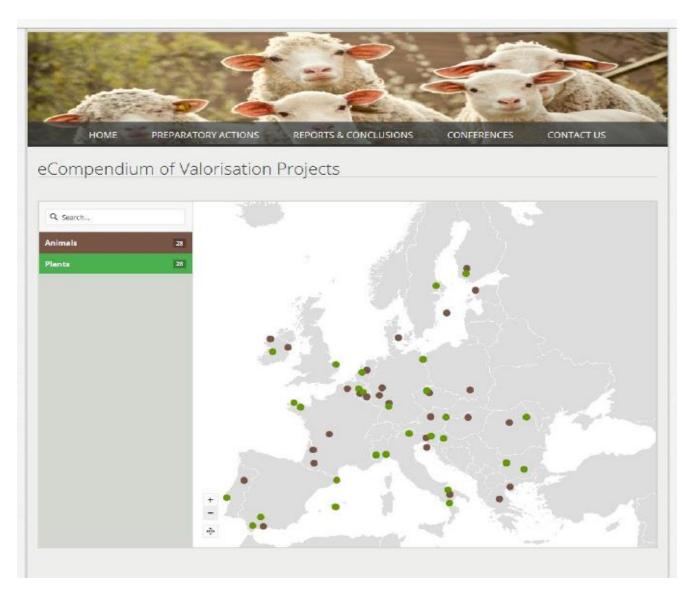


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- !! Checklist of topics to be considered / Diversity of situations will require tailor-made strategies
- 1. Idea! Identify the genetic resources and their key values
 - a. Main characteristics, features and values
 - b. Benchmark preliminary ideas with other successful initiatives
- 2. Define valorisation objectives, valorisation strategy and plan
 - a. Initiative by small group of actors
 - b. Agreement on aims
 - C. Search for alliances
- 3. Mobilise resources and set-up the organisation
 - a. Cash ánd in kind resources









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- 4. Set-up the organisation
 - a. Identify strong and active coordinator
 - b. Legal issues
- **5.** Define the identity and qualities of products/services: "Build the Story"
 - Qualities of products are not automatically understood by consumers
- 6. Organise the production and create supply chain
 - a. Diversity or uniformity of products
 - b. Number of products and volume
 - C. Assess market potential
 - d. Evaluate alternative supply chains









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- 7. Define marketing approach: How to differentiate products on the market?
 - a. Strengths and weaknesses of the product (and story)
 - b. Opportunities
 - c. Consumer target groups
- 8. Set-up synergies with other local actors, stakeholders, authorities ensure funding
 - a. Public bodies, regional authorities
 - b. NGOs and consumer organisations
 - C. Local communities
- 9. Evaluate the valorisation initiative: is it successful?
 - SWOT analysis analysis of the supply chain



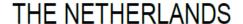








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Zeldzaam Lekker (Rare and Tasty)

Adding value to recognised products and services from rare domestic animal breeds in the Netherlands





The Dutch Rare Breeds Society (SZH) was founded in 1976. The foundation aims to maintain the variation among farm animals in the Netherlands and to prevent original breeds from extinction via valorisation.

SZH started the "Zeldzaam Lekker initiative" ("Rare and Tasty initiative") in 2012, in collaboration with breeders, entrepreneurs and breed societies.

A number of entrepreneurs succeeded to develop breed-specific products and/or services. In this fiche, the focus is on rare domestic cattle breeds. A number of success stories are highlighted to explain the concept of "Zeldzaam Lekker".













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Het eerste project dat de Stichting Lakenvelder Vlees in 2010 heeft opgepakt is het in de markt zetten van Lakenvelder Jong Rundvlees. Een seizoensprodukt wat in het voorjaar geleverd wordt aan met name de (top)horeca. Hierbij worden stiertjes van ruim een jaar ingezet die niet geschikt zijn voor de fokkerij en als kalf bij de koe in de wei gelopen hebben.

In 2014 is een saucijzenbroodie op de markt gekomen door Smilde Bakery bij alle verkooppunten van Bakerstreet en Delizgo (o.a. Shell). Vervolgens zijn er onder andere kroketten en hamburgers gekomen. Momenteel verzorgt Kaldenberg de

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Zo zijn wij niet alleen hoeders en beheerders zijn van het cultureel/boeren erfgoed maar ook van een stukje culinair erfgoed.

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Example: Erfgoed Bossem - Deep Red cattle

- Cattle breed is integral part of the concept of marketing different products and services
- Cow Safari in covered wagon
- Camping in luxurous tents and holiday houses
- Exploitation of Deep Red cattle breed is important element of EXPERIENCE
- Prize winner Tripadvisor











Example: Meat products - Dutch Belted cattle









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Meat products from Dutch Belted breed

Success factors?

- Coordination by leading persons in breed society of Dutch Belted cattle breed
- Through cooperation:
 - Finishing bull calves for quality meat before slaughter
 - Fixed prices within the network
 - Contracts with restaurants and also Shell
- Use of different communication channels to let people know about the breed and its products









Example: Groningen Whiteheaded ("Polder panda")

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akenvelder	2.000	stabiel	bedreigd	
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oodbont Fries vee	340	stabiel	bedreigd	
erbeterd Roodbont	679	stabiel	bedreigd	

- Difficult competing with Holstein in specialized dairy

Valorisation:

- > 25 Groningen Whiteheaded farmers selling breed-specific meat and dairy products directly to consumers
- Many farms are organic/low input Breed fits well in "natureinclusive" systems









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Success factors:

- Driven by enthusiasm of farmers/breeders for their farm, their breed and their products
- Strong connection to sustainability goals locally produced food
- Short supply chains, well organized, direct sales to consumers regional approach
- Connecting different labels that have (partly) similar goals (e.g. Slowfood, Organic, Zeldzaam Lekker)
- Communication and marketing approach to consumers and wider society
- Sharing best practices











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Bottlenecks:

- Several and different labels may also confuse consumers
- Quality of products is often variable
- Seasonality of products leads to discontinuity in supply
- Initiatives are not always supported/facilitated by legislation
- Profitability per working hour is low ("way of life")
- Individual producers often tend to "re-invent the wheel" again









Summary: valorisation strategies of local livestock breeds

- Valorisation strategies are key for breed survival in the long run. "Use it or lose it".
- Many different situations and options → tailor-made valorisation strategies needed
- PrepAct-II has generated inspiring examples of valorisation initiatives across Europe
- Follow-up needed to further share good valorisation practices.







