

# SAVE FOUNDATION

Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe  
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with a project office in St.Gallen, Switzerland



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Working range: **EUROPE**

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## SAVE FOUNDATION

The European SAVE Foundation (Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe) is an international NGO. It was founded in 1993 as a European umbrella organisation. SAVE supports the conservation of biodiversity in agriculture. SAVE is involved in in-situ and on-farm conservation of endangered livestock breeds and cultivated plants. SAVE cooperates closely with animal breeders and animal keepers, promotes cross-border exchange of information and, if necessary, buys and transfers animals. SAVE is linked to numerous national organisations and co-ordinates supranational activities. The SAVE Board of Directors consists of 16 members from 13 different countries.

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### Working relationship with

- Bioersity International, Maccaresse-Rome
- ERFP, Thessaloniki (Europ. Region Focal Point)
- FAO, Rome, Animal Genetic Resources Group
- Rare Breeds International, Thessaloniki
- UNEP, Regional Office for Europe, Vienna

## **SAVE Foundation: the NGO's Role**

**Non-governmental organisations (NGOs), such as SAVE Foundation, dispose of numerous means not available for governmental organisations. They are therefore a supplementation to governmental conservation programmes.**

The activities of NGOs in general are considerable, because work and success is in their own interest. SAVE Foundation has a direct contact to breeders and animal keepers in Europe. Thus, breeders can be mobilised fast for conservation projects and in emergency cases, the breeding population can be increased and a decentralisation of breeding (reduction of the risk of management mistakes, diseases) can be achieved. When decentralisation is at the same time used to have several sires licensed, breeding has a broader genetic basis. Decentralised placements of animals offers furthermore the preconditions for the creation of "security doubles" – a possibility that governmental bodies often lack.

SAVE Foundation cooperates supranationally with the basis (breeders, local NGOs), thanks to its extensive network of contacts and cooperation. To date, SAVE Foundation has participated in eleven international coordination projects.

Data recording is orientated by the definition of the risk status according to FAO. SAVE Foundation investigates data and compares them with official sources (governmental, FAO, etc.). Often, another picture of the risk degree than the officially recorded one emerges after detailed recording. SAVE Foundation carries out, if possible, search tours in certain regions, type identification and description of breeds and other on-site tasks.

### **SAVE Foundation: Advantages of an NGO**

- High level of dedication as own interests are taken care of
- Short decision pathway, direct contacts to breeders and animal keepers in several countries
- Fast mobilisation of resources in emergency cases
- Direct consulting, contacts, exchange of information
- Extensive network across national borders
- Unbureaucratic proceeding, flexible course of action is possible

### State and NGOs

SAVE Foundation supplements governmental bodies and research institutions. Research tasks or DNA analysis cannot be done by an NGO. Numerous supranational tasks can, however, be tackled in an unbureaucratic way.

State / Research	SAVE Foundation / NGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removing legal restrictions on breeders</li> <li>• Financial assistance for breeders (-&gt; Convention on biological Diversity)</li> <li>• Breeding programs, statistics</li> <li>• label protection, D.O.C.</li> <li>• Basic research (scientific documentation)</li> <li>• Cryoconservation, DNA-analyses</li> <li>• Recommendations ( for breeders, strategy proposals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searching/rediscovering of missing breeds (Basic-monitoring)</li> <li>• Monitoring on breeds and their endangerment status</li> <li>• Livestock brokerage</li> <li>• Assistance to breeding and breeders</li> <li>• Public work and Fundraising</li> <li>• Presentation on cultural heritage</li> <li>• Support for product marketing</li> </ul>

## **SAVE Foundation: Conservation of traditional agroecosystems**

### **Collaboration with nature protection**

Agricultural Biodiversity not only provides food and income in rural areas but also performs services such as maintenance of soil fertility and biota, and soil and water conservation, all of which are essential to the survival of both humans and wildlife. In areas that are sensitive to human activity, intensive modern farming methods often cause damage to natural habitats. Traditional and extensive agriculture is, therefore, an important factor in wildlife conservation. The older breeds and varieties of domestic animals and plants can live in harmony with their natural surroundings as they are especially adapted, often over centuries, to meet the needs of farmers whilst preserving the natural environment.

More and more agricultural areas are removed from regular cultivation for farm management reasons and to protect nature and landscape. These areas cannot be simply left to themselves but must be tended to preserve their special richness of species and biological value. Extensive grazing plays an increasing role in conservation, additional to mechanical mowing. In contrast to modern breeds, traditional breeds are small and light and, as a result, cause minimal erosion. Since most of them are good feed converters, they can be kept on extremely poor grazing land. Live-stock breeds that have been bred in the appropriate regions and have adapted to the topography of the landscape, can climb well in mountainous regions or tolerate knee-deep water in bogs.

SAVE has worked over many years in a variety of projects. Some examples:

- Raising Turopolje pigs to keep open the floodplains in the Lonjsko Polje nature park in Croatia.
- Karakachan horses for transportation services in the Pirin National Park, Bulgaria.
- Prespa dwarf cattle in the Prespa Park, Albania and Greece
- Siska pigs in the Bojana-Buna nature park, Albania and Montenegro

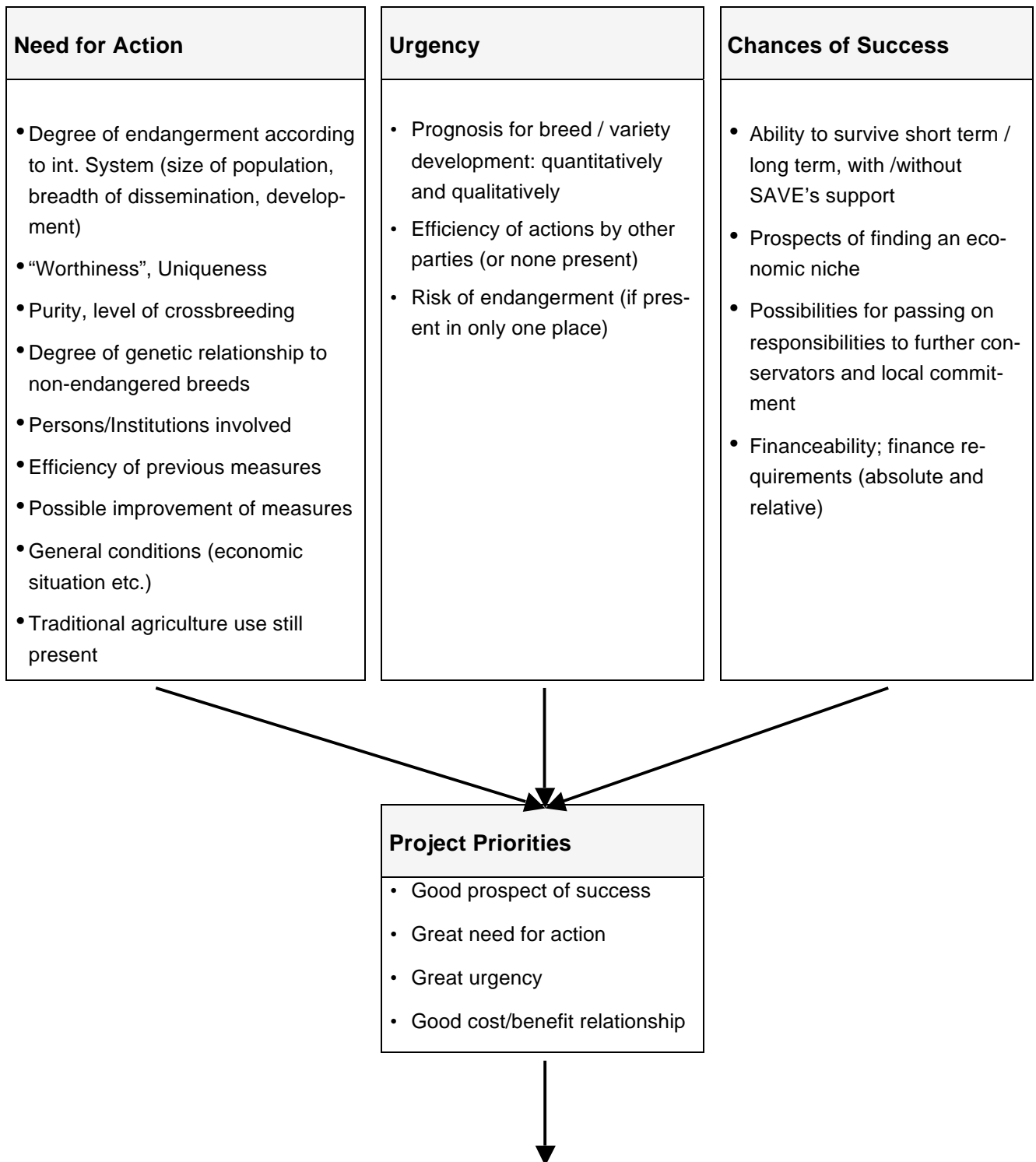
## **SAVE Foundation: Speciality**

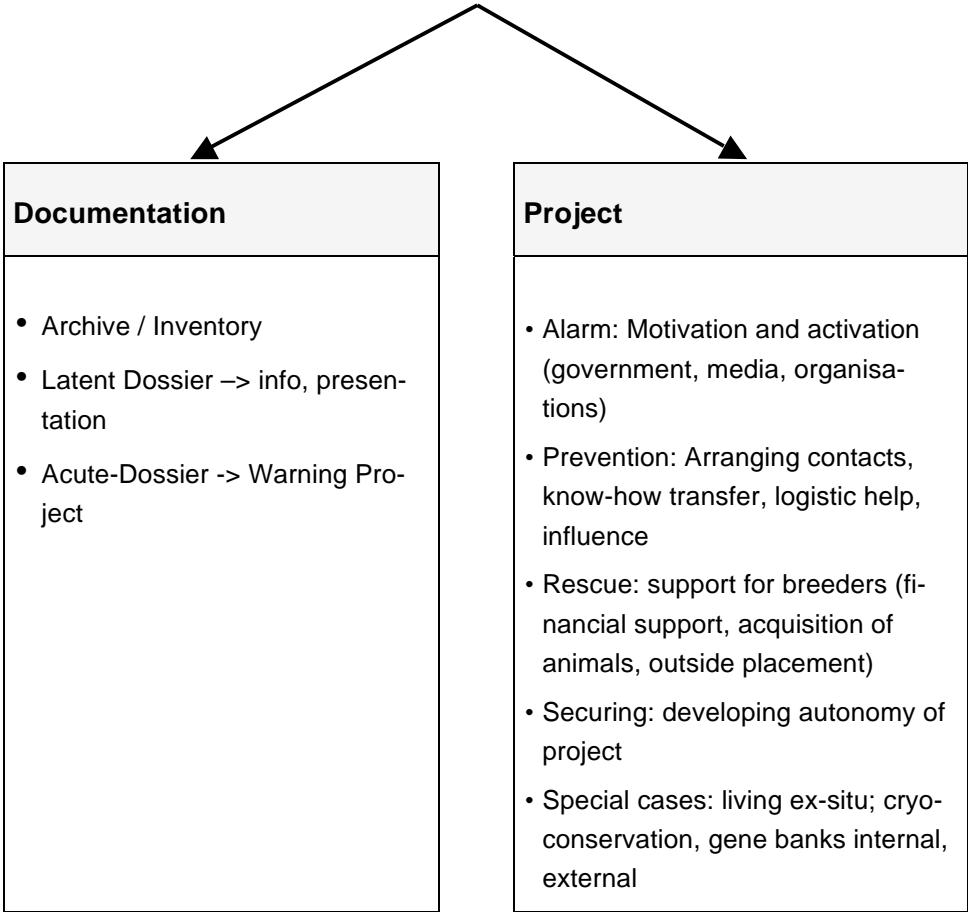
### **The rediscovering of forgotten or missing breeds**

- With ethnographical and ethnozoological clarification SAVE is tracking down forgotten or missing breeds
- With specific search at former (or neighbouring) locations from valley to valley and from stable to stable
- Successful work is being done in the Alps, the Balkans and in the Carpathians

## SAVE Foundation: Project Management

Activities of the SAVE Foundation depend on the necessity to call for action, its urgency, the prospects of success and the priority of a project. At the same, involvement also depends on financial means.





## SAVE Foundation: Raising awareness

### SAVE eNews

The "SAVE eNews" is an electronic information service which is issued cost-free four times a year. It provides regular news on the topic of conservation of threatened animal breeds, cultivated plant varieties, agrobiodiversity and networking. The SAVE eNews is available in English and in German. For a subscription to this newsletter just an e-mail to SAVE is necessary with the address and e-mail address of the subscriber.

=> The SAVE eNews are stored in an archive: [www.save-foundation.net/english/news.htm](http://www.save-foundation.net/english/news.htm)

### European Agro-Biodiversity Day (EAD)

PR event about the importance of Agro-Biodiversity. Various activities of the national organisations in the SAVE Network in their own countries. The EAD is held always at St-Michaels Day, 29<sup>th</sup> September. The EAD is also increasingly used by other organisations.



## SAVE Foundation: International Networks

### European Livestock Breeds Ark and Rescue Net (ELBARN)

ELBARN is a pan-European concept for in-situ conservation of animal genetic resources. It aims to change the status quo by creating a network of existing Ark Farms, by encouraging the development of new ones so that every European country has at least one 'Ark and Rescue Centre' and also by enhancing the system with the missing element: capacity to rescue animals that are both Rare Breeds and face slaughter or other immediate dangers (epidemics).

ELBARN is co-financed by the EU-Commission in the frame of GenRes 870/2004



=> Link to the project description:

[www.save-foundation.net/pdf/ELBARN.pdf](http://www.save-foundation.net/pdf/ELBARN.pdf)

ELBARN Website: [www.elbarn.net](http://www.elbarn.net)



### Balkan-Network for Agrobiodiversity

Set-up of a network of conservation initiatives and measures with mutual assistance and support in practical conservation work, project concepts etc., promoted by regular meetings, workshops, e-mail conferences and other forms of exchange.

=> Link to the Network website: [www.agrobiodiversity.net/balkan](http://www.agrobiodiversity.net/balkan)

=> Balkan Focus: [www.save-foundation.net/Publications/SAVE\\_Focus\\_05\\_Balkan.pdf](http://www.save-foundation.net/Publications/SAVE_Focus_05_Balkan.pdf)

### Arca-Net – the European Ark Network

Arca-Net is a database-supported internet portal to Ark Farms, Farm Parks, Open Air Museums etc found in Europe and open to the public. People interested in the subject can use the extensive search function to find out what can be visited. Arca-Net is available in four languages: English, French, German and Italian. It contains at the moment 330 institutions in 36 countries from Iceland to Malta North-South and from the Azores to Ukraine West-East. A google-map to zoom the institutions is integrated in the ELBARN website ([www.elbarn.net](http://www.elbarn.net), column Ark-Network).

=> Link to the Arca-Net: [www.arca-net.info](http://www.arca-net.info)

### Fruit-Net

for neglected and forgotten fruits and berries: Online-Inventory of the still existing varieties and the active conservation organisations in Europe.

=> Link to the Fruit-Net: [www.fruit-net.info](http://www.fruit-net.info)



## SAVE Foundation: Rescue Projects

**SAVE is active for the *in-situ* / living conservation of endangered breeds and varieties in their region of origin. Only when conservation in a certain area cannot be secured, animals or plants are transferred to another one. If possible, SAVE Foundation always carries out those operations in co-operation with on-site organisations. In cases where there is no local organisation, SAVE Foundation initiates those projects.**

### **Activities:**

- 1993 Turopolje pig, Croatia (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 1994 Podgorska red cattle, Poland (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 1998 Girgentana goat, Italy and Germany (establishment of new breeding groups)
- 2001 Karakachan-sheep and horses, Bulgaria (conservation and building a nucleus breed)
- 2004 Valachian sheep, Czech Republic (lead back of bloodlines from abroad)
- 2005 Svrlijig hens, Serbia (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 2005 Karakachan sheep, Serbia (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 2005 Busha cattle, Montenegro (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 2005 Kalofer goats, Bulgaria (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 2006 Water buffaloes, FYR Macedonia (bull management)
- 2006 Prespa cattle, Albania and Greece (bull management)
- 2006 Ulokeratiki goats, Greece (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 2006 Rodopi cattle, Greece (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 2007 Siska pigs in Albania (conservation of a nucleus breed)
- 2008 Axios horses in Greece (monitoring study Amaltheia)
- 2009 Water buffaloes (Carpathian type) in Transcarpathia, Ukraine

### **Example: Podgorska Red Cattle**

Polish Red Cattle is the only autochthonous breed of cattle in Poland. In Hanczowa, Poland, a last purebred herd of the Podgorska type was conserved on a former governmental farm, financially supported by the government. After the political change, conservation breeding was stopped. The tenant, now operating privately, had to continuously reduce the herd because of financial difficulties. In 1994, SAVE Foundation could buy purebred breeding animals, which were selected according to their genetic origin. The animal keeper was obliged to pure-breed them, recording in a herd book was established, and the technical-scientific on-site support was secured thanks to the support of the Zootechnical Institute Balice. Thus, SAVE could conserve the Podgorska Red Cattle in form of a living population (the state just wanted to cryoconserve the population). In 2000, breeding responsibility (under improved economic conditions) was handed back to the Polish state.



*Podgorska Red Cattle is characterised by its high genetic variability.*

## SAVE Foundation: Co-ordination projects across borders

**SAVE Foundation co-operates across national borders with breeding organisations, sets up co-ordination programmes and organises international meetings and conferences for breeders and experts.**

### Activities:

Pig: - Mangalitsa pig (HU, RO, RS, AT, CH, DE)

Goats: - Girgentana goats (IT, DE)

Sheep: - Bovska sheep / Krainer Steinschaf (SI, AT, DE, IT)

- Brown mountain sheep / Besch da Pader / Val Ultimo (AT, CH, DE, IT)

- Carinthian sheep / Brillenschaf / Villnösser / Seeländer (AT, DE, IT, SI)

- Rouge de Roussillon sheep (FR, DE)

- Sumavka sheep / Waldschaf / Ciktasheep (CZ, AT, DE, HU)

- Valachian sheep (SK, CZ, DE)

Cattle: - Busha cattle (AL, BA, BG, HR, ME, MK, RS)

- Pustertal cattle (IT, AT, DE)

- Red Cattle (PL, CZ, AT, DE)

Buffalo: - Domestic Water buffalo (AL, AT, GR, HU, MK, RO, RS, UA)

Horse: - Hutsul horse (UA, RO, PL, CZ, HU, AT)

SAVE Foundation regularly records the population in the individual countries and makes the data available for anyone interested in the “**SAVE Focus**”. The Save-Focus can be downloaded from the SAVE website at URL [www.save-foundation.net/Publications/SaveFocus\\_2005.pdf](http://www.save-foundation.net/Publications/SaveFocus_2005.pdf)

A SAVE Focus **Special Edition Balkan** was published in 2005 for transboundary occurring breeds and breed groups of the Balkans. It contains data for:

Sheep: - Pramenka sheep types

- Tsigaj sheep types

Cattle: - Busha/Brachyceros cattle types

- Grey Steppe cattle types

Buffalo: - Domestic Water buffalo

Download at: [www.save-foundation.net/Publications/SAVE\\_Focus\\_05\\_Balkan.pdf](http://www.save-foundation.net/Publications/SAVE_Focus_05_Balkan.pdf)

The Balkan Focus will be replaced soon by a online version “Breed Atlas Balkan”

Link: [www.agrobiodiversity.net/balkan](http://www.agrobiodiversity.net/balkan) (column: Members)

### **Example: Co-ordination Project Mangalitsa Pig**

Three variants of the pig breed Mangalitsa are known today: blond, red and swallow-bellied. In the population in the different countries (H, R, SCG, A, CH, D), rare and very rare lines occur – the international exchange of breeding animals has therefore to be specifically coordinated and carried out.

SAVE Foundation has initiated annual meetings of Mangalitsa breeders from different countries. Thus, exchange of experience could be improved, animal keeping and breeding problems could be discussed and breeding could be standardised. A common standard of the breed was defined and enhanced exchange takes place. After several years of building up activities, SAVE Foundation could hand over the responsibility for the continuation of the successful Mangalitsa project to the individual breeding organisations.



*Mangalitsa are modest, robust and resistant against diseases*

## **SAVE Foundation: Monitoring and Data Recording**

**SAVE Foundation searches actively for remaining populations of missing breeds and varieties. SAVE records population numbers of small stocks of farm animals and rare cultivated plants in databases and evaluates them. The scientific part of the activities is carried out by the SAVE Staff Position, the "Monitoring Institute for Rare Breeds and Seeds in Europe".**

### **Activities up to now:**

- Monitoring in the Alps (FR, IT, CH, FL, DE, AT, SI)
- Agricultural Genetic Resources of the Alps (Update)
- Carpathians Monitoring and Workshop (PL, SK, HU, UA, RO)
- Plant and Livestock Monitoring in Italy
- Monitoring of livestock breeds in Greece
- Monitoring in the Balkans (AL, BA, BG, HR, ME, MK, RS)
- Historical inventory of Swiss cultivated plants

### **Activities running:**

- Establishment of a long-term monitoring in the Alps
- Monitoring of donkey breeds in Europe
- Monitoring in the Carpathian Mountains
- Establishment of a Rare Breed Atlas for Greece
- Establishment of a Rare Breed Atlas for the Balkans
- Historical register of useful plants (OldSeeds-Database)
- Multilingual Synonym Register of fruit variety names
- Alpine Knowledge (documentation and use of traditional knowledge)

### **Example: Monitoring in Italy**

Italy owns a rich diversity of livestock breeds and varieties of cultivated plants, there are, however, only very few efforts to conserve livestock breeds on-site and *in situ*. First random investigations in 1994/95 showed that numerous livestock breeds had decreasing stock numbers. During an intensive monitoring of the whole country, precise data could be obtained in 1999/2000. The data has been evaluated and published in 2002. This publication is unique as it does not only specify the risk status but also names representatives (persons and NGOs etc.) including private conservation initiatives. The publication is an important part of networking of representatives. Last but not least, the monitoring has given the start off for the foundation of the NGO "R.A.R.E." (Razze Autoctone a Rischio di Estinzione), which is now active nationwide.



*Vallesana goats, Italy*

## **SAVE Foundation: Statements**

**SAVE Foundation gives it's view on important questions of agro-biodiversity and represents the opinions of the basis. SAVE supports on-farm, in situ conservation in Europe and represents this issue as I-NGO in different committees.**

### **Activities:**

- 1992 Eurofund (SAVE's preparation organisation) pushes agro-biodiversity issue for Rio Conference
- 1994 Consultancy Austrian Foreign Ministry (Working group biological diversity of CEI)
- since 1994 EU, Brussels, Council Directives 1467/94 and 870/2004 (as I-NGO in experts' group)
- 1995 FAO, Rom: Guidelines for managing small populations of domestic animals
- 1998 Intergovernmental Technical Working Group AnGR (first session), FAO, Rome
- 1999 Commission Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (8th Session), FAO, Rome
- 2001 EU Commission: Protection of endangered breeds in case of epidemics
- 2002 UNEP, Lobbying/consulting on the Carpathian convention
- 2003 Efforts to support biodiversity in the Alp Convention
- 2004 Intergovernmental Technical Working Group AnGR (3rd Session), FAO, Rome
- since 2004 ECP/GR working group in Germany
- 2006 ERF Meeting, Tirana; possibilities of co-operation between GOs and NGOs
- 2007 Dossier "Agrobiodiversity and Nature Protection" for IUCN
- 2008 Statement "the role of NGOs in conservation of AnGR, EAAP, Vilnius
- 2008 Statement to EU Commissions "Green Paper on agricultural quality policy"
- 2009 UNESCO and Club of Rome: ICT for Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation

## SAVE Foundation: Publications

**SAVE Foundation publishes a free quarterly e-mail Newsletter, the SAVE eNews, and every second year the SAVE Focus. Furthermore books, brochures and documentation are published from SAVE Foundation or its scientific branch, the Monitoring Institute.**

### Publications:

#### SAVE eNews

The "SAVE eNews" is a free quarterly eMail-Newsletter of SAVE. The eNews contains news from agro-biodiversity with special consideration of the NGOs activities and interests. It is available in German and English.

(to order: [office@save-foundation.net](mailto:office@save-foundation.net))



#### SAVE Focus

Every second year, SAVE Foundation records stock data, breeding successes and call for action in the cross-border distributed endangered breeds. Furthermore, addresses of contact persons in the individual countries are listed. The SAVE Focus is published in English language.

Download: [www.save-foundation.net/Publications/SaveFocus\\_2005.pdf](http://www.save-foundation.net/Publications/SaveFocus_2005.pdf)



#### SAVE Focus, special edition Balkan

It is published since 2005 for transboundary occurring breeds and breed groups of the Balkans. It contains data for various types of Pramenka and Tsigaj sheep, Busha/Brachyceros and Grey Steppe cattle and Domestic Water buffalo in the Balkans area (incl. Greece).

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#### NGO-Zoom "Fruits"

The NGO-Zoom Fruit is a first catalogue (portrait) of European fruit variety conservationists, with special consideration of NGOs. The NGO-Zoom Fruit is now out of print, it can, however, been downloaded as pdf-file from the website.

Download: [www.save-foundation.net/Publications/NGO\\_Zoom.pdf](http://www.save-foundation.net/Publications/NGO_Zoom.pdf)



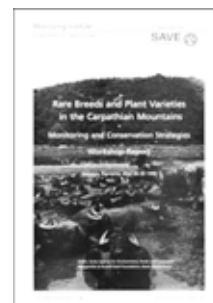
### Brochures Model-Region

"Agricultural Diversity at Lake Constance" and "Old Fruit Varieties at the western Lake Constance" are 2 SAVE Foundation brochures from the model-region Lake Constance.



Report of the Carpathian Workshop "**Rare Breeds and Plant Varieties in the Carpathian Mountains - Monitoring and Conservation Strategies**" in Suceava, Romania, May 26-28, 1999. (English).

ISBN: 3-907866-60-6



The study "**Agricultural Genetic Resources in Italy - Endangering, Initiatives for conservation, Need for action**" is available in Italian language (225 pages and 77 coloured illustrations). A German version of the full text is available on CD-ROM (with navigation tools).

ISBN: 3-907866-70-3



The synthesis of the study "**Agricultural Genetic Resources of the Alps**" is available as printed and illustrated summary in the four languages of the Alpine countries and in English. On the accompanying CD-ROM; the full text is given in German and English (approx. 520 pages, respectively).

ISBN:3-258-06669-8



The "**Historical Inventory of Swiss Cultivated Plants**" offers historically established information about varieties that were cultivated, traded or investigated in Switzerland between 1800 and 1960. The database in German and French is available on CD-ROM. (for WIN and Mac).



## **SAVE Foundation: Meetings**

**SAVE carries out meetings, workshops, conferences and annual meetings.**

### **Meetings:**

- 1993 SAVE Preparation Meeting, Imst AT
- 1994 SAVE Expert-Meeting Zagreb HR
- 1994 SAVE-DAGENE Conference, Budapest HU
- 1995 SAVE Expert-Meeting / co-ordination meeting Weihenstephan DE
- 1997 SAVE Annual Meeting, Utrecht NL
- 1998 SAVE Expert-Meeting/coordination meeting Gais CH
- 1998 SAVE Annual Meeting, Möschberg CH
- 1999 SAVE Expert-Meeting/ coordination meeting Amstetten AT
- 1999 SAVE Annual Meeting, Tulln AT
- 1999 SAVE Carpathian Workshop Suceava RO
- 2000 SAVE Annual Meeting, Konstanz DE
- 2001 SAVE Expert-Meeting/ Coordination meeting, Budapest HU
- 2001 SAVE-DAGENE Conference, Budapest HU
- 2003 SAVE Annual Meeting and Jubilee, Triesenberg FL
- 2004 SAVE Annual Meeting and Expert-Meeting, Bled SI
- 2004 SAVE Workshop "Rare Breeds of the Balkan", Dimitrovgrad/Serbia
- 2005 SAVE Workshop "Rare Livestock Breeds in Greece", Athens GR
- 2005 SAVE Annual Meeting and Conference, Nitra SK
- 2006 SAVE Workshop "Network of Rare Livestock Breeds in Greece", Agrinion GR
- 2006 SAVE Annual Meeting, Bad Sooden DE
- 2006 SAVE Balkan Workshop "Networking and Capacity building", Pernik BG
- 2007 SAVE Annual Meeting, Guastalla IT
- 2007 Internat. Conference "Use it or lose it – Conservation of livestock breeds in Europe", IT
- 2008 Internat. Workshop "European Livestock Breeds Ark- and Rescue Net", Kutna Hora, CZ
- 2008 SAVE Annual Meeting, Kozard HU
- 2008 Internat. Conference "Use of rare breeds and plants for genuine food in rural tourism", HU
- 2008 SAVE Workshop "Endangered Shorthorn cattle in the Balkans", Pogradec AL
- 2009 ELBARN Area Workshops in Ghent (BE), Roznov (CZ), Legnaro (IT), Blagoevgrad (BG)

## SAVE Foundation: Partners

**SAVE is an European network to protect endangered livestock breeds and cultivated plants. The SAVE network consists of the SAVE Foundation and its national organisations. SAVE cooperates with further partner-NGOs in Europe, and it is mainly active in southern and Eastern Europe. SAVE maintains an office in Konstanz, Germany and a scientific staff office (Monitoring Institute in St.Gallen, Switzerland).**

### Network-Organizations:

**Regionals:** DAGENE, Association for the Conservation of AnGR in the Danubian Region

#### **Nationals:**

Albania: AlbaGene

Austria: Arche Austria, ex VEGH, Verein zur Erhaltung gefährdeter Haustierrassen

Belgium: Steunpunt Levend Erfgoed - Fondation Patrimoine Vivant

Bulgaria: Semperviva Society

Czech Rep. Geno Club

Germany: GEDB, Gesellschaft zur Erhaltung der Dunklen Biene e.V.

GEH, Gesellschaft zur Erhaltung alter und gefährdeter Haustierrassen

VEN, Verein zur Erhaltung der Nutzpflanzenvielfalt

VERN, Verein zur Erhaltung & Rekultivierung von Nutzpflanzen in Brandenburg

Greece: AEGILOPS, Network for Biodiversity and Ecology in Agriculture

AMALTHIA, Greek society for conservation of rare breeds

Ireland: ISSA, Irish Seed Savers Association

Italy: Associazione R.A.R.E., (Razze Autoctone a Rischio di Estinzione)

Netherlands: SZH, Stichting Zeldzame Huisdierrassen

Stichting de Oerakker with Network Eternal Mash

Poland: Carpathian Heritage Society

Serbia: Natura Balkanika

Slovakia: Agro-Genofond

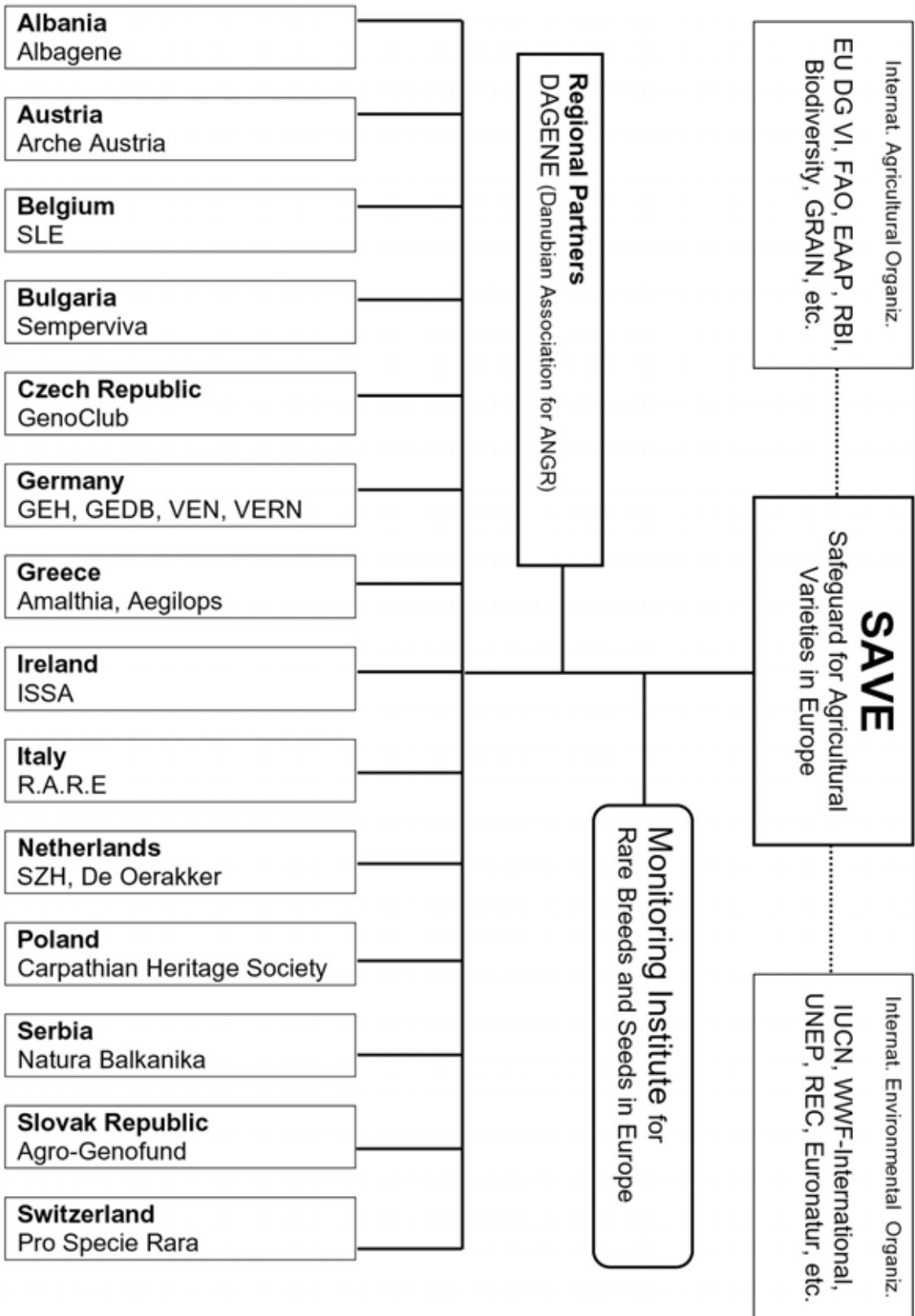
Switzerland: Stiftung ProSpecieRara

SAVE is member RBI and has working relationship with Bioversity International, Europ. Regional Focal Point for AnGR, FAO and UNEP (Regional Office for Europe). Co-ordinative co-operation and exchange of information with various other national NGOs has taken place for many years.

SAVE is also member of IUCN, the World Conservation Union

## SAVE Foundation as European Network Organization: Diagram of cooperation

(August 2009)



## SAVE Foundation: Committees

**SAVE Foundation was established in 1993 as European umbrella organisation in NL-Utrecht**

The foundation has non-profit and scientific objectives. SAVE Foundation supports national activities or contributes to their development. SAVE Foundation operates independently and is politically not bound in any direction. Financing is via the foundations' capital and allowances of third parties (sponsors' contributions, legacies, donations). Committees are the Board of Directors, the Council of Co-operation Partners, the Project Commission and the Advisory Board.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman (2007-2009):**

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#### Management Committee

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**Assessors:** additional 11 individuals from 9 different countries



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