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On 14 October 2015, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project and recommended making it well-known to the general public for its exemplary value, and as a source of inspiration.

“The Bull by the horns”: Grazing in Nature and Landscape Management
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The project provides landscape management to guide the development of highly valuable natural areas across a number of regions. It includes a wide variety of partners (authorities, associations and citizens) and has forged co-operation networks. These steps have led owners of valuable sites to make agreements with grazing livestock owners and to management arrangements being established for 220 hectares of threatened traditional rural biotopes. Operations aimed at preventing overgrowth and subsequent degradation of landscapes, have also been conducted. The project demonstrates the importance of involving all stakeholders concerned, and notably local people, in the appropriate management of the landscape and in their commitment to carry on the aims of a project even after termination of its initial financing.

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