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“Shepherding Weeks”
Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland

On 27 September 2017, 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.

“Shepherding Weeks” is a remarkable project for the upkeep of a rural and woodland landscape. The commitment of citizens enables pastoral areas to be maintained, which is fundamental for the region’s ecological and agricultural future. This commitment is also essential to the preservation of traditional rural buildings, which contribute to the quality of the landscape.

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General