



EUROPEAN LIVESTOCK BREEDS ARK AND RESCUE NET
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Minutes ELBARN Area Workshop Mediterranean and South West Europe

Participants:

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Area:

The Mediterranean Area consists for the ELBARN project of the following countries from West to East:

Portugal / Spain / Italy / Malta / Greece / Cyprus

General Discussion:

The participants believe that it will be much more difficult to find institutions to become evaluated for ELBARN in the Mediterranean area than in other regions of the continent. The "South" is not so organised and e.g. Ark Farms are quite not known. We need to have more information about the characteristics of a Rescue Center. We have also to have more details about Quarantine procedures. However, interest in ELBARN is great. Such a network could be very helpful to support the live conservation of rare breeds in the area. But it has to be considered that it will be a tremendous work to rescue all breeds of the area, Spain alone counts more than 200 breeds.....

In the Mediterranean Area R.A.R.E. is one of the only NGOs while in the other Nations (Spain, Portugal, Malta and Cyprus) there are only Institutional Contacts. Greece has two NGOs: Aegilops (plants) and Amalthia (animals).

Area Co-ordinator:

The ELBARN area partner for the Mediterranean, R.A.R.E., has not yet defined an area co-ordinator. It is still not clear, if R.A.R.E. may hire an employee from its legal status, as Daniele Bigi explains. Juanvi Delgado declares readiness to take over this duty and to co-ordinate the area with one of his assistant from Cordoba, Spain.

If RARE will be the AC and the AW will be in Italy, the experience of Andrea Rosati as Secretariat of the EAAP can be useful for the organization of the AW.

Date and location:

To profit from "more advanced areas" the Area Workshop Mediterranean shall take place after the ones from North West Europe and Central - North East Europe.

A suitable date in May 2009 would be fine (it shall be the loveliest month in Cordoba!). The location should be either Cordoba, Spain, or in the surroundings of the Malpensa airport in North Italy, e.g at the strand of Lago Maggiore.