

## Background

The preservation and development of High Nature Value (HNV) farming and forestry systems is an objective of EU Rural Development Policy and the Member States have put measures in place to achieve this in their Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

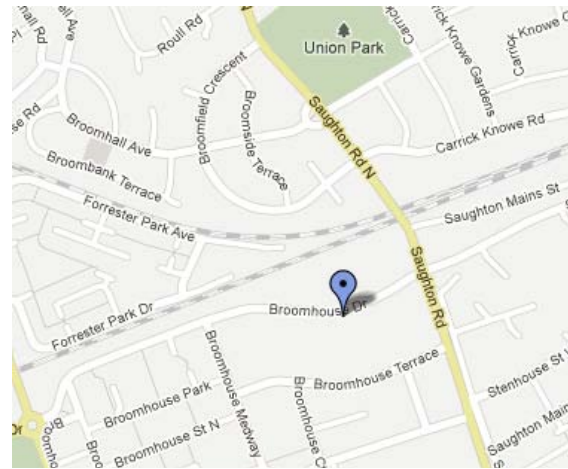
There are three HNV indicators in the Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (CMEF) that need to be considered:

- Baseline indicator 18: HNV farmland and forestry;
- Result indicator 6: HNV farming and forestry areas under successful land management; and
- Common impact indicator 5: maintenance of HNV farmland and forestry.

The CMEF approach to assessing HNV farming and forestry acknowledges the varied histories and experience of environmental monitoring across the EU and the variation in HNV farmland characteristics. It therefore does not prescribe a specific method for the assessment of either the extent or the condition of HNV farmland. Instead, programme authorities are asked to assess the extent and condition of HNV farmland within the RDP area. This is done using the best data available to them, their own choice of appropriate methods and subsidiary indicators and with the aid of the guidance and methodological support provided.

## How to reach the meeting venue?

Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh EH11 3XD



<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/Contacts/General-Enquiries/Locations/Saughton-House>

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### Local organizer / host

The Scottish Government,  
Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services

## Good Practice Workshop

# High Nature Value farmland and forestry

**Edinburgh, 20 February 2012**  
**9:30 am to 17:00 pm**

### Venue information:

Saughton House  
Broomhouse Drive  
Edinburgh EH11 3XD  
Tel. +44 (0) 131 244 8504

*Participation is limited to 35 persons and  
is therefore subject to confirmation.*

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## Thematic focus

The focus of this workshop is on High Nature Value (HNV) farmland and forestry and the common and specific features of these which should be considered in the assessment of rural development impacts. As programme authorities and evaluators employ a variety of approaches to measure and assess HNV the exchange on good practices is particularly important.

## Objective

After the mid-term evaluations in 2010 it is time to

- Learn about approaches that have been used for the HNV indicator in the context of the mid-term evaluations in 2010
- Identify good practices from the Member States
- Draw lessons for the future of the HNV indicator.

## Main target audience

Evaluators, Managing Authorities, HNV experts, European Commission.

## Method

Interactive discussions animated by thematic experts. Working language: English

## Outcome

The workshop documentation will be published on the [website](#) of the Evaluation Expert Network and feeds into the shaping of the future framework for monitoring and evaluation.

## Agenda morning

### 09.30 Introductory session

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| • Opening and Welcome       | K. Johnston<br>H. Wimmer<br>Z. Peppiette |
| • Introductory presentation | Z. Peppiette                             |

### 10.15 Coffee break

### 10.30 Exchange session

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| • Presentation of case studies on HNV farmland evaluation approaches | D. McCracken<br>G. Patterson<br>Scotland |
| • Discussion of findings   | T. Kikas<br>Estonia                      |
|  | E. Schwaiger,<br>Austria                 |

### 12.45 Lunch

## Agenda afternoon

### 14.00 Analytical session

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| • Developing further HNV  | H. Wimmer                 |
| • Group Work on evaluation approaches on horizontal and specific regional features of HNV | Z. Peppiette<br>J. Grieve |

### 15.30 Coffee break

### 15.45 Summary session

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| • Presentation of group work results | J. Grieve<br>+ rapporteurs |
| • Discussion in plenary              |                            |

### 16.15 Closing the workshop

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| • Closing the workshop | H. Wimmer,   |
| • Outlook to future    | Z. Peppiette |