

La Vera – REGIONAL MEETINGS REPORT – RM3

This report summarizes the main meetings between HNV-Link and Extremadura Regional Government (the public body holding environmental and agricultural policies in the L.A. of La Vera)

1) Workshop on health regulation for small dairy factories, 24th March 2018

This workshop, hosted in collaboration with other organisations targeted specifically people starting their own small dairy initiatives.

Aim:

List the opportunities and possibilities displayed by health regulations, using as a guide two European publications: the [European Guide for Good Hygiene practices in the production of artisanal cheese and dairy products](#) and Interpretación de las normas higiénico sanitarias en pequeñas queserías y propuestas de medidas de flexibilidad [Interpretación de las normas higiénico sanitarias en pequeñas queserías y propuestas de medidas de flexibilidad](#).

Participants: 15 people, among farmers, entrepreneurs and people interested.

Remedios Carrasco, an HNV-Link consultant for the L.A. of La Vera, lectured the workshop.

Results:

Training for a selected group of people willing to start an artisanal dairy business

Facilitation of small productions linked to local HNV farming systems.

More info :in [HNV-Link / Pastando LA Vera webpage](#)

2) Meeting with Servicio de Sanidad Animal de la Junta de Extremadura, (Animal Health Service , Regional Government of Extremadura), 27th February 2018)

Participants: 2 members of HNV-Link team with the Head of the Animal Health Service and a service's vet.

Aim:

Share the actual situation of Animal Health in La Vera, specifically the big problem with BTB.

Transmit to the authorities our concerns about this situation and try to agree some softening measures that could help farmers through the sanitation process.

Arrange new contacts.

Results:

Commitment from authorities to make easier the sanitation process and take into account the specificity of extensive livestock farming

Commitment from authorities about keep in contact with extensive farmers and their representatives about the development of BTB campaigns.

Agreement to study and address specific mobility needs for transhumant farms

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3) Meeting with Director General de Medio Ambiente and Jefe de Servicio de Conservación, (General Director of Environment and Head of Nature Conservation, Regional Government of Extremadura) 12th March 2018

Participants: 2 members of HNV-Link team with General Director of Environment and Head of Nature Conservation

Aim:

Recognise the role of extensive livestock farming in the mountains of La Vera

Establish a basis for cooperation between pastoralists and nature conservation

Deliver the Innovations compiled by HNV-Link to the environment and agricultural authorities

Ensure future support for the after HNV-Link

Results:

Support for developing a pilot project of land planning in Garganta La Olla

Commitment from authorities to maintain a close contact with pastoralism needs in La Vera Mountains

Scheduling new meetings on the subject

Development of better RDP measures and payments, specifically a payment for pastoralism in Natura 2000 sites

Coordination with MOSAICO and other initiatives sharing neighbour territories

More info: [HNV-Link /Pastando La Vera webpage](#)

4) Delivering a letter to the President of the Regional Government at the Goat Kid party 12th March 2018

Helped by HNV-Link team, a group of farmers from La Vera hand a letter to the President explaining their problems and demanding solutions.

At this event, a member of HNV-Link team presented the project and its main outcomes

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5) Meeting with the head of the Food Safety Service (DG Public Health), accompanying a group of farmers, 18th April 2019

Participants:

Regional Government: General Director of Public Health, Subdirector of Food safety, 2 people from HNV-Link, 2 people from Mosaic project (led by University of Extremadura), 1 representative of farmers, 1 representative of cheesemakers

Aim:

Promote flexibility and good practices in the implementation of food hygiene regulations for artisanal dairy initiatives.



Results:

Commitment from the authorities to implement both guides for easing food hygiene rules affecting small artisanal dairy business.

Agreement to improve training on small sustainable dairy productions

Improve collaboration between regional government, HNV-Link and Mosaico to improve extensive livestock farming and its relationship with nature conservation and forest fire prevention.

More info: [HNV-Link / Pastando LA Vera webpage](#)

6) Meeting with the head of the Extremadura 2030 Sustainable development strategy, 8th December 2019

Participants: 5 members of HNV-Link team and Santos Jorna, Director of Extremadura 2030

Aim:

Prepare a full presentation of HNV-Link outcomes to the Regional Government of Extremadura

Request collaboration from Regional Government for HNV-Link after project

Ask the head of Extremadura 2030 for a facilitation role to access all departments related to HNV-Link topics

Establish a wider collaboration framework with environmental authorities

Promote new and updated CAP measures in both Pillar 1 and 2 to improve its effects on pastoralism through Natura 2000 and pay per results schemes.

Results:

Collaboratively promoting a Regional Strategic Plan for Extensive Livestock Farming and Pastoralism in Extremadura, using the Pacte Pastoral as an example of good practice

Start developing a new legal framework for extensive livestock in Extremadura

Start a collaboration line for new European projects for HNV Systems in Extremadura

Incorporating pastoralism and mountain farming to Extremadura 2030 strategy

Collaborate in future projects

Schedule a new meeting for January-March 2019

7) Meeting with DGs of the Regional Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, 18th March 2019

Participants: 11 representatives of the Regional Ministry, covering 6 different departments (Servicios), 5 representatives of HNV-Link.

Aim: This was the final meeting with the regional authorities and the aim was to present the HNV-Link proposals for innovative actions to save HNV livestock farming in the Learning Area of La Vera, and to discuss the details with a range of relevant government departments. The proposals were previously published on the project website here:



<http://hnvlink.entretantos.org/las-propuestas-de-pastando-la-vera-una-bateria-de-acciones-para-mejorar-la-ganaderia-extensiva-en-la-comarca/>

Results: The level of participation was good, with 6 departments of the Regional Ministry and in many cases more than one representative of the department was present. There was a good discussion and in general the HNV-Link proposals were well received. Unfortunately, the Minister was not able to attend the meeting.



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