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## **OMIKRON SA Activities in the frame of the BorderGraze Project**

Development of cross-border High Nature Value protocols for identification, classification and environmental evaluation of grazing lands in NATURA 2000 areas.

Thematic grazing maps for the cross-border NATURA 2000 areas

Development of practical guidelines on High Nature Value grazing, meat farmers and producers' association building and cross-border commercialization strategies

Development of an analytic cross-border business methodology for the exploitation of the High Nature Value products' market potential.

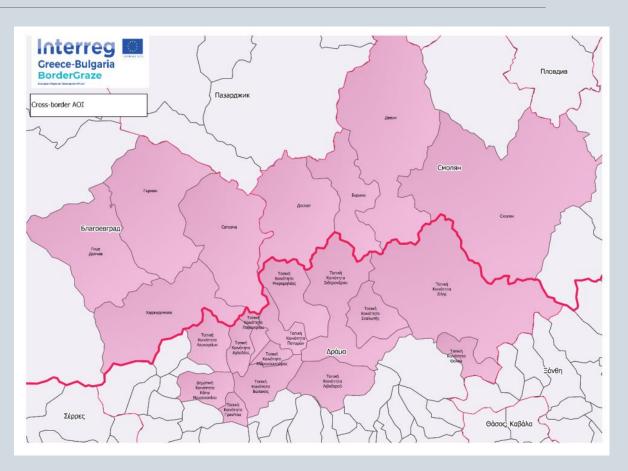
Development and dissemination of cross-border digital marketplace for direct selling and distribution of High Nature Value meat products





## **Study area of the BorderGraze Project**

Country	Municipality (GR)/District (BG)	Communities (GR)/Municipalities (BG)
		Lefkogeia, Kato Nevrokopi, Achladea,
GR	Nevrokopi	Granitis, Pagoneri, Mikrokleisoura,
		Potamon, Mikromilea, Volakas
GR	Drama	Sidironeri, Livadero, Skaloti
GR	Paranesti	Sili. Tholos
BG	Blagoevgrad	Satovcha, Garmen, Gotche Delchev, Hadzhidimovo
BG	Smolyan	Dospat, Borino, Devin, Smolyan

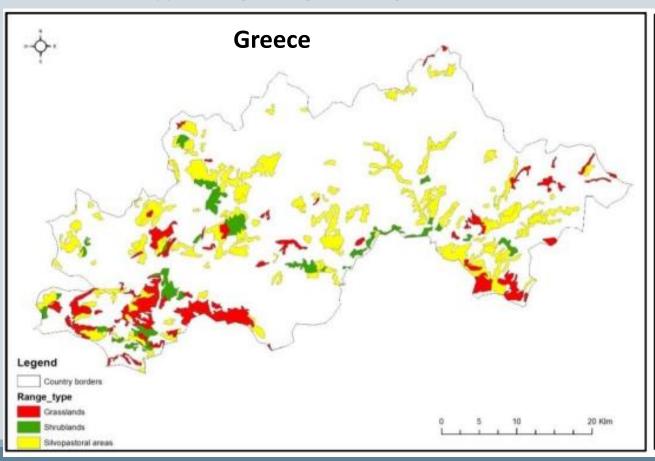


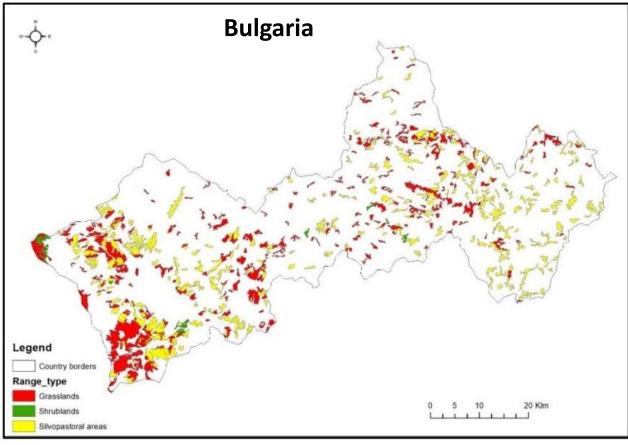




# Identification and mapping of grazing lands

3 types of grazing lands: grasslands, shrublands, and silvopastoral areas



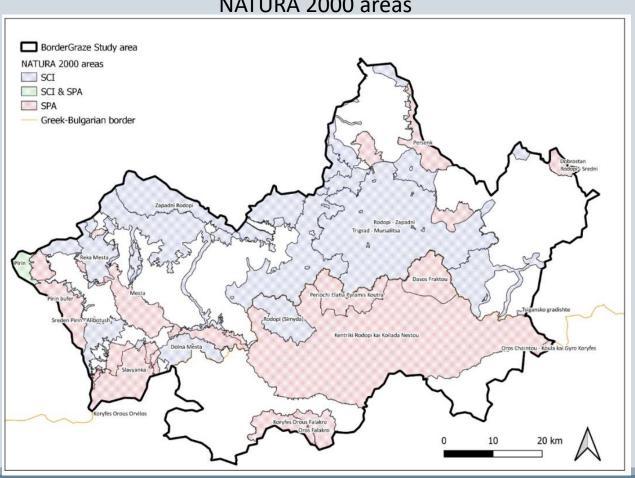




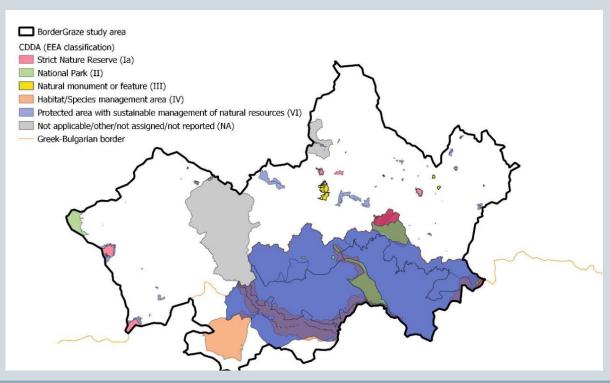


## Identification and mapping of protected areas

#### NATURA 2000 areas



### Nationally designated protected areas





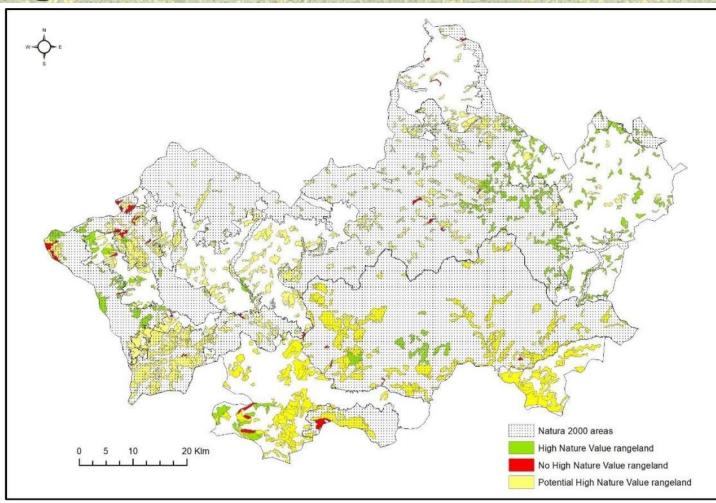


# Identification and mapping of HNV areas

High Nature Value areas

« Those areas in Europe where [...]
agriculture supports or is
associated with either a high species and
habitat diversity [...] "
(Andersen et al, 2004)

OMIKRON methodology combines biodiversity, site quality and grazing pressure indicators to identify HNV grazing lands

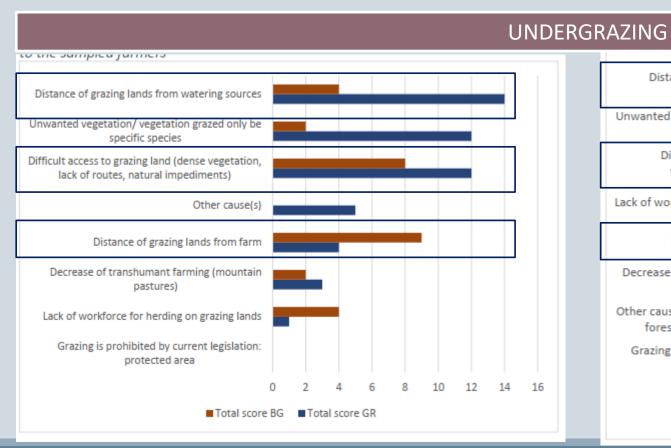






## Surveys to farmers and farmers' cooperatives : problems linked with grazing lands

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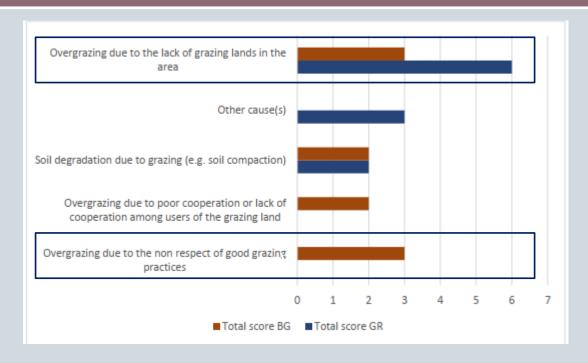




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#### **OVERGRAZING**







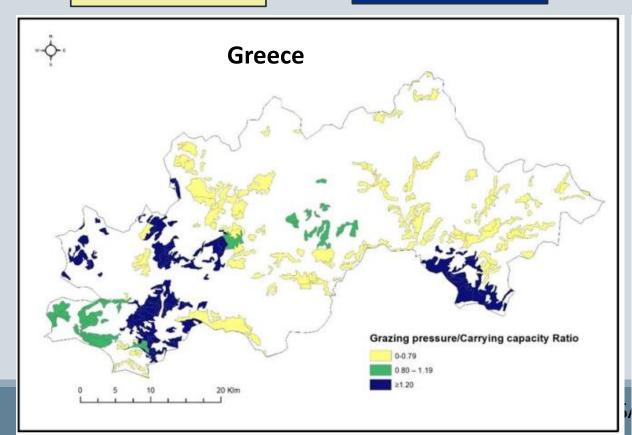
# Identification and mapping of threats

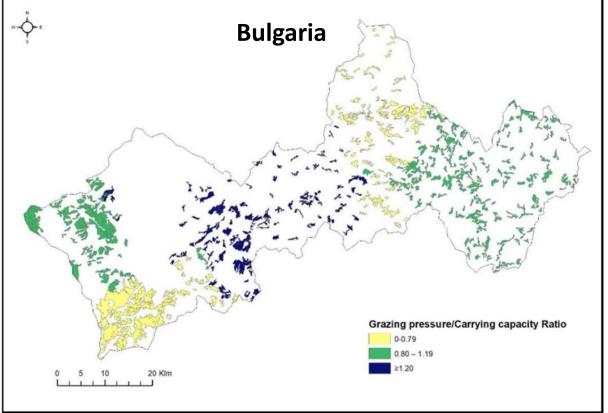
Use of national databases and grazing lands cartography to identify threats on grazing lands:

**UNDERGRAZING** 

OVERGRAZING

But also: shrub encroachment, erosion risk....







- ·Based on scientific expertise
- Designed according to the specific threats identified on grazing lands and conservation/restauration goals
- Spatially defined, for every grazing land unit
- First estimation of costs and feasibility, to be further discussed with local stake-holders

- Grazing management plan (including the adaptation of stocking rate according to grazing capacity)
- Works to avoid water runoff and soil erosion
- Fencing
- Herbaceous plant seeding
- Shrub thinning
- Mechanic shrub destruction
- Prescribed burning
- Introduction of goats and replacing grazing animals with goats
- Establishment and spatial distribution of watering points





# Monitoring of grazing land condition

Based on scientific expertise

- Specific indicators of grazing lands condition
- Detailed monitoring protocol and evaluation timeframe for each indicator
- Possibility to simplify the monitoring of some indicators through the use of remotesensing techniques



Source: Vrachnakis et al, 2007





## The proposed business solution

Commercialisation and promotion of meat products originating from

Livestock holdings located in areas NATURA 2000 of the Greek – Bulgarian cross-border area

Animals grazing on semi-natural high nature value (HNV) grazing lands under proper grazing management

- → Conservation and/or improvement of the environmental status of grazing land located in protected areas
- → Empowerment of livestock producers with certified practices, through clustering and networking
- Commercialization of HNV meat products through digital marketplace as differentiated meat products of high added value





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For Individual producers

- Efficient feeding: minimizing costs through sustainable use of grazing lands
- Differentiated price of high added-value meat products

Agricultural cooperatives

 Maintain or increase an active community of meat producers in mountainous or other less-favoured regions

Meat manufacturers

- Differentiated products in the current market
- Entrance to new markets

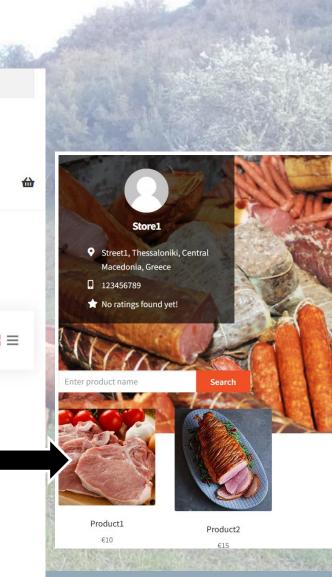
Management bodies of protected areas

 Protection of the environment and the biodiversity in HNV, protected or environmentally sensitive areas





## The digital Market place



Default sorting

