

Farming the historic landscape

Towards a better integration of cultural heritage in a sustainable future
Common Agricultural Policy



Nonpaper by the Reflectiongroup EU and Cultural
Heritage
march 2017



CAP, Landscape & Heritage

- Landscape and agriculture are two sides of the same coin
- Landscape and heritage are interconnected
- Long-term relationship between agriculture and landscape
 - Landscape diversity
 - Field boundaries
- Modern farming ↔ heritage and landscape
 - Landscape diversity
 - Field boundaries
- Landscape is different from protected nature area's such as Natura 2000



Observation:

Field boundaries are the most important letters in the story of our landscape

(prof. Dr. Mathijs Schouten, landscape ecology (Wageningen) & founding father of bog conservation in Ireland)





Observation:

Our farmed landscapes should be recognised as an important public good, a powerful source to promote successful rural development and an invaluable asset supporting regeneration, growth and economic recovery

(Europe's Living Landscapes: Cultural heritage as a force for rural development, EAC, Europa Nostra, EAA, ECOVAST, EUROGITÉS en R.E.D., juni 2000)



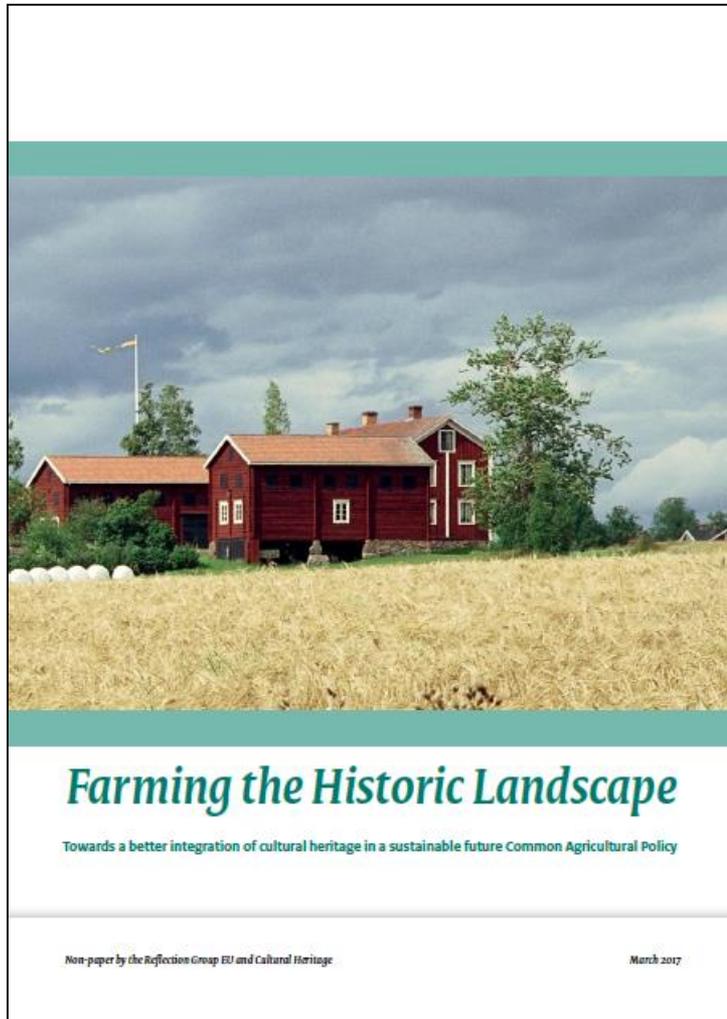
Europe's living landscapes:
Cultural heritage as a force for rural development





**Farming the historic landscape
– Towards a better integration
of cultural heritage in a
sustainable future CAP** (*Non-
paper by the Reflection Group EU
and Cultural Heritage, march 2017*)

[https://english.cultureelerfgoed.nl/
publications/publications/2017/01/
01/farming-the-historic-landscape](https://english.cultureelerfgoed.nl/publications/publications/2017/01/01/farming-the-historic-landscape)



Recommendations

- **Incorporation of the ELC definition of landscape into the CAP**
- **Remunerating farmers for preserving and managing the landscape.**
- **The role of farmers as the main managers of our landscape should be acknowledged.**
- **A Europe-wide exchange of best practices in the field of integrated approaches to agriculture and cultural heritage and in the optimal utilization of programmes such as the CAP should be stimulated.**
- **Cooperation and dialogue should be encouraged within and between the EU Commission, national and regional governments and agencies to formulate and achieve common goals and ways to facilitate the delivery of environmental public goods, including the preservation of Europe's natural and cultural heritage (cf Cork 2.0 Declaration 2016).**
- **Further dialogue between the EU Commission, national governments, agencies and the main stakeholders and a dialogue between the agricultural and the heritage sector**





Thank you!

Flora van Regteren Altena

Senior policy advisor, Department for Arts
and Heritage

Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

The Netherlands

f.altena@minocw.nl