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The non-profit organization 'Steunpunt Levend Erfgoed'(SLE) is building a qualitative and sustainable network of Living Heritage Farms in Flanders

Old livestock breeds to look and touch - at the Bokrijk open-air museum in Genk, Limburg, Belgium
(https://www.sle.be/wat-doen-we/levend-erfgoedhoflabel/bokrijk-limburg)

SLE has been making efforts to preserve our living heritage for more than 25 years. These are the old breeds of domesticated animals that used to be kept on the farm or the farmyard. Many of these breeds have become rare, some already extinct. They include species "from pigeon to horse": pigeons, rabbits, bantams, dwarf and large fowl, turkeys, ducks, geese, dogs, sheep, goats, pigs, cattle and horses.

Many authorities, associations, organisations, companies and individuals are willing to work together to save those old breeds. To structure and anchor those efforts and actions and enable appropriate support, SLE developed and launched the 'Living Heritage Farm Label' (LEHL) at the end of 2018. This quality and guarantee label has the first objective of preserving the authentic rare breeds in a qualitative