



Steunpunt Levend Erfgoed (SLE) or “Focal Point for Living Heritage”

- ☐ Belgian NGO for rare breeds of farm animals since 1993
- ☐ Recognized by the Government as a breeding organisation
 - for old breeds of sheep and goats (1998) - flock book
 - For poultry, turkeys and waterfowl (2011) - registration
- ☐ SLE manages two Provincial Living Heritage Parcs.
 - Provincial domain Puyenbroeck in Wachtebeke (Province of East Flanders - Belgium - 2004)
 - Heritage animal park Huizingen (Province Flemish Brabant - 2022)
- ☐ Advisor for heritage animal parc of Bokrijk (Province of Limburg)
- ☐ Annual Living heritage Expo (27th in 2025)
- ☐ Labelled 16 Living Heritage Farms
- ☐ SLE has about 1200 members



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Why affiliated with SAVE

- ☐ SLE was present at the meeting in Utrecht in 1997 when SAVE was officially established.
- ☐ Signed the Agreement of cooperation in 1998. Why ???
 - Some Belgian cattle breeds had disappeared from official statistics.
 - Idem for breeds of sheep (8) and goat (2).
 - Industrial poultry breeders moved towards more productive foreign breeds.
 - We looked for expertise and support
 - for alarming national and international bodies
 - for setting up flock books and breeding programs



SAVE and the future

- ☐ The battle is still going on
- ☐ Still more and more breeds become endangered
- ☐ Together we stand stronger
- ☐ Take action on European level
- ☐ Exchange information and knowledge
 - Among member countries
 - With countries having less expertise and support from their government
- ☐ Develop sustainable products en services based on old breeds and plants



What are we willing to contribute

SLE is prepared to

- Take part in the administrative work of the Network Office
- Contribute to the Newsletter
- Organize annual meeting
- Participate in international projects that SAVE would take on (cfr ELBARN)
- Pay reasonable share of functioning cost of Network Office