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AgroBiodiversity in the Carpathians - efforts and needs



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What is SAVE Foundation

(SAVE: Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe)

- **SAVE is an European I-NGO**
(International Non-Governmental Organization)
- **SAVE was established in 1993** as an NGO-Network for the conservation of endangered breeds of domestic animals and cultivated plants
- **SAVE is based in Konstanz/Germany**
- **SAVE is wide anchored:** The Board of Directors consists of 15 directors out of 12 countries
- **SAVE's monitoring** across borders is done by "Monitoring Institute for Rare Breeds and Seeds"

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NGO Network

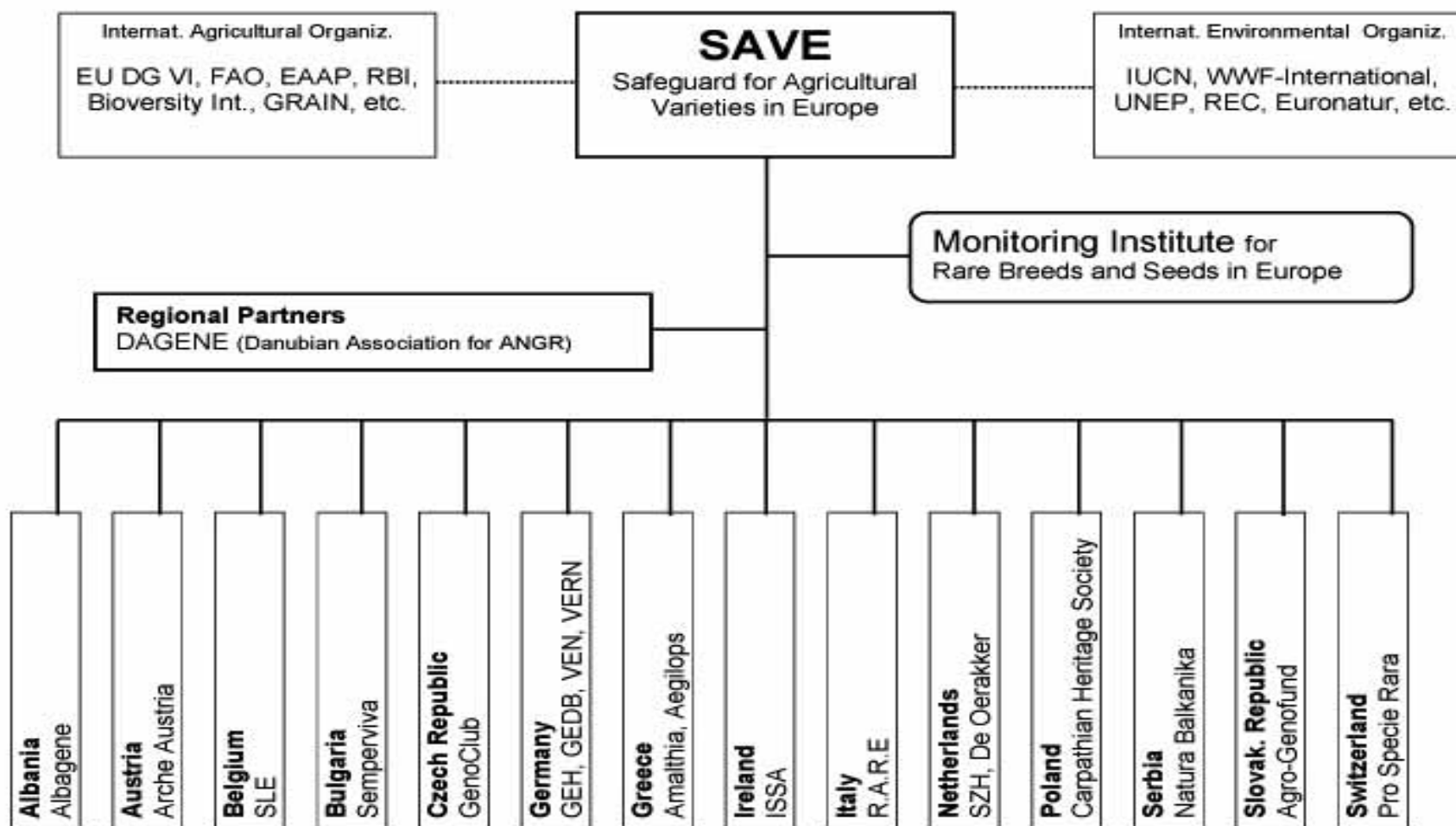
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SAVE Foundation as European Network Organization: Diagram of cooperation

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What is SAVE doing?

- **Mapping** the former diversity (country by country, region by region)
- **Watching** the endangered breeds continuously (early warning mechanism)
- **Rescuing and conserving**, if there is a need for action (emergency response)
- **Networking and Coordinating** for a long term conservation by knowledge exchange and raising awareness



Why is SAVE active in the Carpathians?

- As in other mountain ranges a great diversity of plants and livestock breeds have developed and adapted to the specific conditions of different mountain areas (climate, exposition, topography,...)
- In remote valleys agriculture on performance is not easy. Some of the old breeds have survived and traditional agro-ecosystems still are active.
- These Traditional Agro-Ecosystems are not only of genetic and cultural interest, but are a chance for a different rural development with live quality!

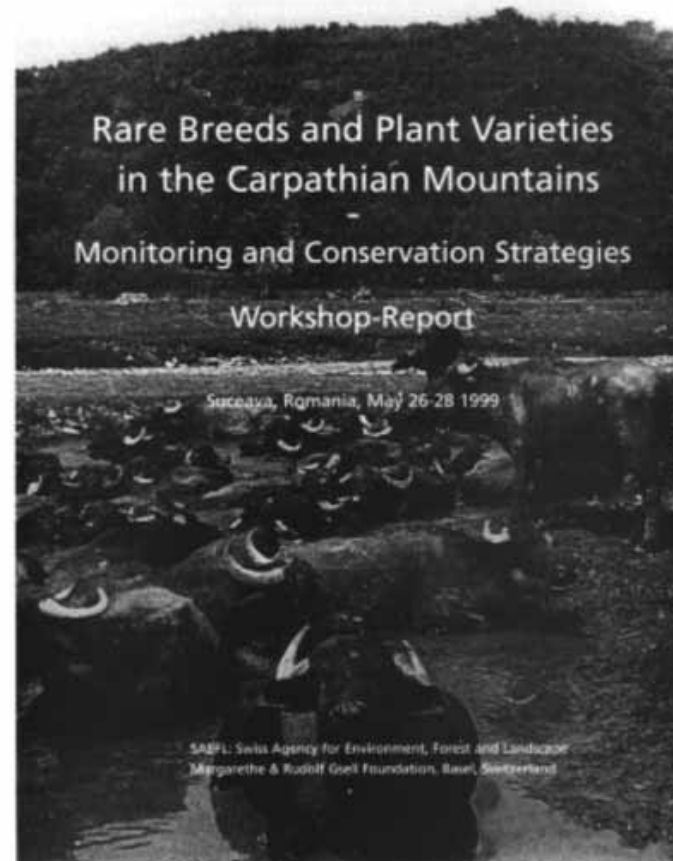
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in collaboration with
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<http://www.monitoring-inst.de>

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Mapping and Watching:

- Country by country
- Workshop at Suceava 99
- Contacts
- Databases
- Directories

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Rescue of Podgorska red cattle



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Breed co-ordination and exchange of breeding animals of Valachian sheep



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Purebred Carpathian Buffaloes



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Not only livestock breeds - cultivated plants as well



- Establishment of nurseries for rare fruits and wild fruits in Moravia, Poland and Transcarpathia
- Creation of a unique synonym-register to facilitate cross-border cooperation



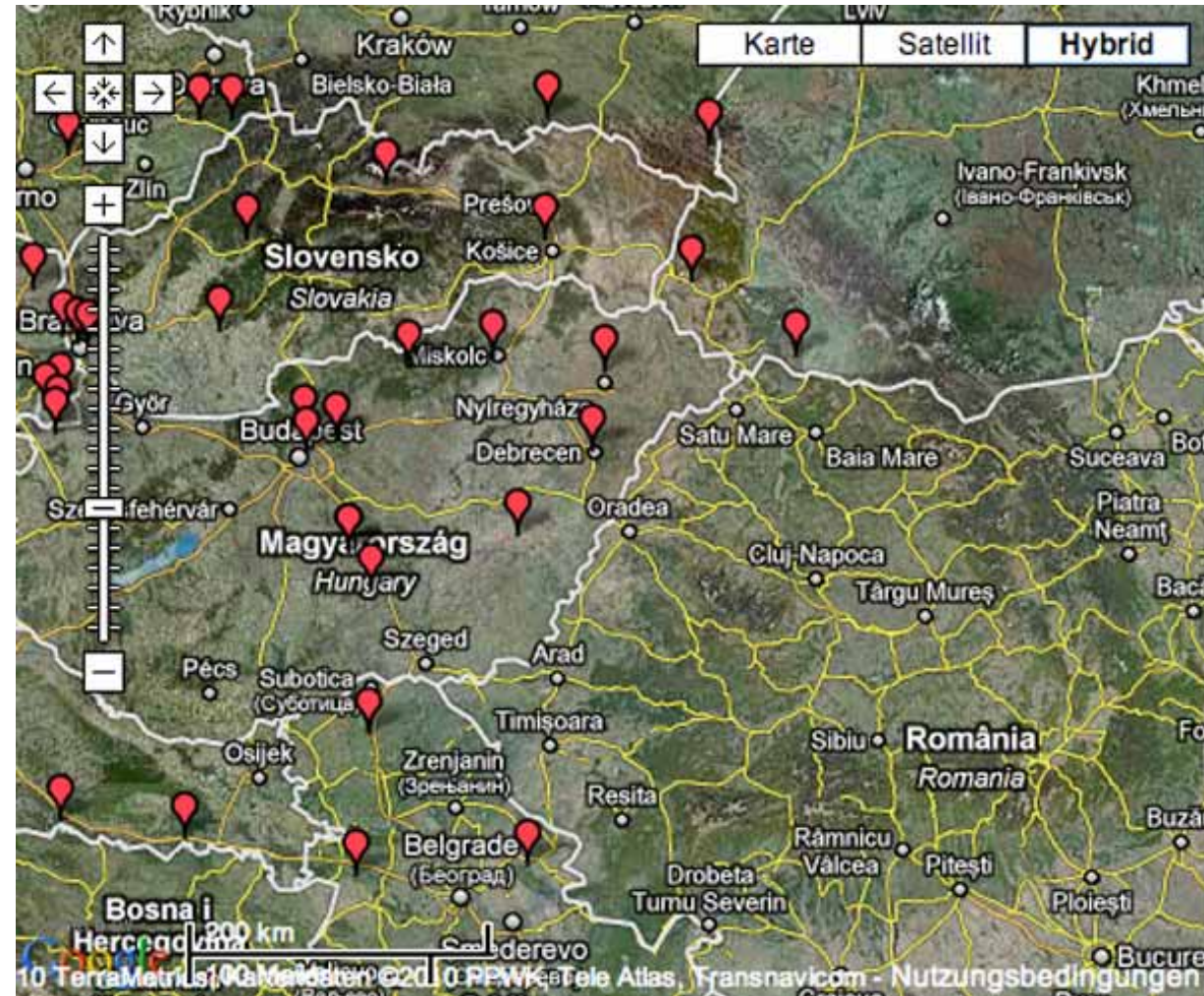
Establishment and Networking of Ark Stations

- Ark Stations are public accessible institutions showing rare breeds and/or endangered cultivated plants as Ark-farms, livestock parks, open-air museums and other institutions
- They play an important role by keeping core breeding groups of endangered livestock breeds and raising awareness for conservation. Some of them offer even special education facilities.
- The European Ark Network (www.arca-net.info) counts today 470 stations in 40 countries.

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Ark Stations in the Carpathians



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Need for action: Reinforcing the work in Romania

- Mapping and monitoring the situation
- Raising awareness in the public
- Networking the stakeholders
- Drafting conservation projects within rural development programmes
- Establishing breeding centres and Ark Stations as focal points for breeds
- Promote product marketing



Labelling for product promotion

- For a successful conservation of rare breeds the marketing of products has to be promoted
- The promotion may profit from the fact that most of the rare breeds deliver quality food.
- For the marketing of products of autochthonous breeds in general a new label is needed. SAVE is preparing such a label.
- The new label shall promote and protect small scale, extensive production from local breeds, using traditional processes in manufacturing and respecting animal welfare (as the organic label was before shifting to mass production with industrial breeds)

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Will the Dorna cattle survive?



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What about purebred buffaloes?



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Are there still Mocanitsa cattle?



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Have the Stocli pigs really gone?



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**We are ready for cooperations!
Thanks for your attention!**

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executive vice chairman SAVE

