

Motions and Declarations

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Member party	Partitu di a Nazione Corsa (PNC)
Title (of the Motion/Declaration)	Support to extensive breeding in Corsica
<p>The Corsican agriculture is heavily dependent on the island's geographic characteristics and its soil. An important share of Corsica land located in the foothill and in the mountains is then not fully exploited due to the altitude (too high) and/or due to the slope and/or due to the rocky nature of the land.</p> <p>The majority of the Corsican territory has a slope above 15% and the soil is not deep enough. Consequently, it is mainly composed by natural elements (« maquis », oakwood...) or slightly less natural (grassland or chestnut forest) much more appropriated for breeding than for classic production.</p> <p>Most of the time, extensive breeding uses mainly those spaces and lands be for ovine, bovine, porcine or goat species.</p> <p>Whereas that those “lands” are space in mountains and in the foothill where a heterogenous vegetation, grazed by flocks all year long,</p> <p>Whereas the pastoral origin of the breeding in Corsica is unquestionable</p> <p>Whereas the breeding in Corsica has evolved differently in the plain, based on grass animal, but in the most difficult places (mountains and foothill), the breeding has kept its pastoral nature, increasing the value of the less productive spaces;</p> <p>Whereas that the way to calculate the CAP subsidies have been modified and that parallely the controls on the declared eligible land and does not include anymore</p>	

the grass pasture, which is an extremely restrictive definition in Corsica as ovine, porcine and goat species are directly concerned by the extensive breeding

Whereas that the surface-based calculation defines automatically the level of “ICHN” (“indemnité compensatoire de handicaps naturels” or “natural handicap-based compensation allowance”) subsidies distributed to the farmers; and that according to this calcul the majority of the lands composed by the “maquis” will be deducted while the farmers exploiting those lands are the most affected by the geographical handicap

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-reminds that the maintaining of a truly agricultural activity is a factor of development for territories, particularly in Corsica where it does help fighting against the desertification of the rural areas and reduces the forest fire risks

-supports a sustainable agriculture, such as the pastoral extensive breeding, as it exists in the Mediterranean area.

-demands that the definition of the local practices concerning the declaration of surfaces be maintained in the revision of forthcoming CAP

-demands that those lands (« maquis », oakwood, grassland or chestnut forest...) be recognised and eligible to the subsidies in the forthcoming CAP.