



Landcare in Germany

- benefits for man and nature in cultural landscapes

Revitalizing production landscapes in Europe:
travel and dialogue for people and biodiversity
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Cultural landscapes – dependet on agricultural use



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Landcare Associations in Germany

- Societies, founded by **farmers, environmentalists** and **representatives of local municipalities**; usually not-for-profit organisations serving the public interest; independent units
- **first characteristic: parity**
Boards: equal numbers of environmentalists, farmers and local politicians
- **second characteristic: voluntary participation**
→ on request, they offer advice to municipal administrations, to farmers and other private landowners



Goals of Landcare Associations

Three main goals:

- to preserve our **cultural landscape and natural habitats**
- to encourage **landscape management in conjunction with farmers** and offer them a reliable **second income from agri-environment schemes**
- to support **rural development** and **regional products**



How are these goals achieved?

- LCAs act as **advisers and mediators** on private and community land
- LCAs **plan** measures to improve the ecological value of man-made landscapes
- LCAs **open up financial resources** (e.g. European or federal funds) and co-ordinate the implementation



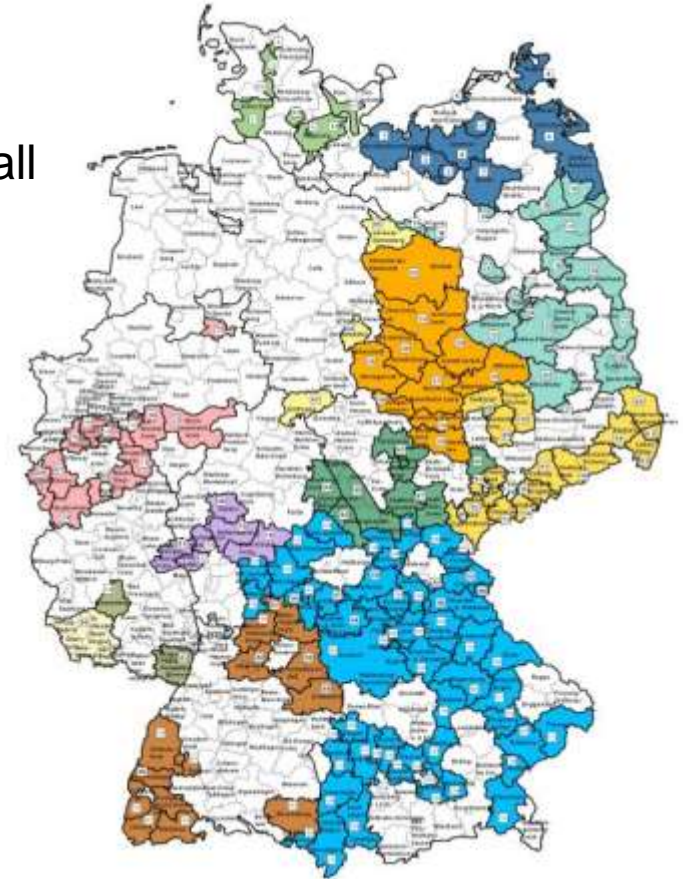
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founded in 1993 is the umbrella organisation for all regional Landcare Associations (LCAs) or similar organisations in Germany.

➔ 155 LCAs at the moment

- we provide support and policy guidance to the network of LCAs
- we regularly inform and influence decision-makers at all levels



Cultural landscapes and tourism

- Mosaic-rich landscapes attract tourists; they can only be preserved by a sustainable use
- Local products give identity and unique characteristics to a region and also preserve biodiversity/resources
- Tourists rise income of local people and generate jobs
- Awareness raising, environmental education
- Less conflicts with stakeholder groups
- Tourism reflects the importance of cultural landscapes to its people and administrations
- Local politicians and administrations support cultural landscapes

Examples– Landcare



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Examples– Local products



Juice from
local orchards



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Extensive grazing
and marketing of
local cheese

Examples – Awareness raising



Case study of the LCA Central Black Forest

Case study -
Landscape conservation in the Black Forest, Germany



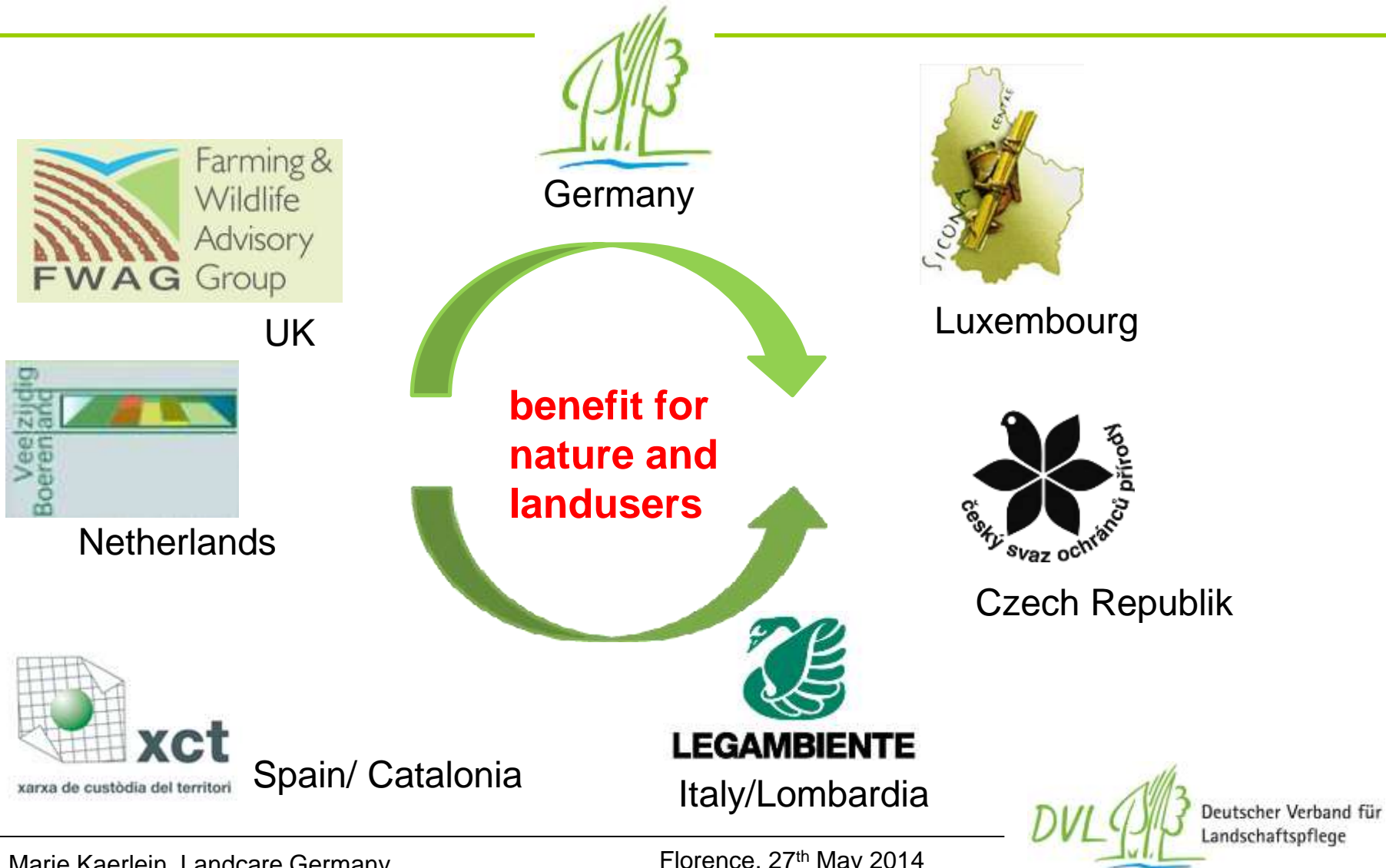
Main Body:

1. Regional background of the Black Forest



(Pic. 1: Cultural landscape in the Black Forest)

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Thank you very much!



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