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**Landscape Stewardship: Integrating a broad suite of landscape values
into rural development policies**

Questions for discussion

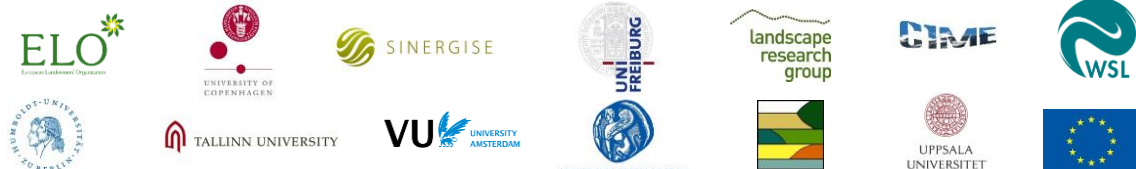
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- 1) While rural development policies have been widely adopted across the EU, there are challenges associated with integrating the values espoused by a range of land manager groups. What types of values do you believe should be supported by agri-environmental schemes and how could financial resources be efficiently allocated across those values?

- 2) Land managers we interviewed expressed concerns about the governance of agri-environmental schemes. How do you believe governance aspects could be improved to ensure successful, long-term delivery of agri-environmental schemes in the EU beyond 2020?

- 3) Landscape is the result of the interactions between nature and humans; hence, its health is crucial for the well-being of its inhabitants. For that reason, the protection of the functions of landscape should be led by the people living in it, because: who could be more interested in the accurate management of the territory and more motivated in fighting its threats than the direct beneficiaries of a healthy landscape? But, how do we encourage and help them in this task?



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