



Arca-Net – Guidelines

Conditions for gathering data on suitable establishments for the European Network Arca-Net

Basic conditions:

=> Establishments must have (OBLIGATORY conditions):

- Collection or permanent exhibition of rare livestock breeds or varieties of cultivated plant open to the public (also viewing by arrangement only).
- Pedigree breeding with participation in a breeding programme. Animals must be kept in such a way that the welfare of the animal is respected.

=> and also should (DESIRABLE conditions):

- Establishment recognised by the national organisation (e.g. GEH's Arche-Höfe, RBST's Approved Farm Parks) or a city-farm, open air museum, eco-museum, nature park centre (with membership of relevant professional association).
- The differing characteristics of the breeds and varieties should be documented (using information boards, labels or numbered to use in reference with a brochure).
- It is possible to also include interesting processing points which use traditional means to manufacture and market products from traditional breeds and varieties.

Plants:

- It must be a collection of, at least, regional importance
- Or an important cross-section of one species (e.g. Limonaio, Olivaio)

Animals:

- Breeding groups from at least three species from two size categories (see below)
- Or an important breeding station/stud of only one breed if this establishment has a significant part of the breed.
- Or an important cross-section of one species, e.g. Donkey farm with national breeds.

Processing point:

- Processing point open to the public (e.g. wool workshop, mill) which uses traditional and complete production methods and also declares the products accordingly

