Small Family Farms in Romania: how to valorise their Goods and Services?

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A vast majority of policy tools (first and second pillar of the CAP, Natura 2000) are not yet implemented in Romania, because of lack of possibility to comply with the requirements. This contribution discusses the pro and contra arguments for the introduction of a new tool: the small farm scheme. We investigate the functioning of a rural community located in a remote mountainous area, and discuss whether the current farming system produce not only agricultural goods, but at the same time many positive externalities like extreme rich biodiversity and social stability. We discuss then the coherence between this survival of traditional very extensive farming systems and the agricultural policy tools, which pose conditions rendering the access to European agricultural funds impossible for these types of farmers.