

Table S1. List of the grassland types identified in the surveyed pastures and mowed/grazed meadows in the study area; Annex I Habitat types refer to the 92/43/EEC 'Habitats' Directive and their interpretation follows the official European [58] and national sources [59,99]; altitude and aspect have been recorded in the field.

ID	Grassland type	Annex I Habitat	Altitude (av±sd)	Prevalent Aspect
1.Pot_Bra	<i>Potentillo rigoanae-Brachypodietum genuensis</i> Lucchese, Persia e Pignatti 1995	6210	1602±88	N
2.Poo_Fes	<i>Poo alpinae-Festucetum circummediterraneae</i> Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Frattaroli & Taffetani 1992	6210	1712±73	N, S
3.Fes_mic	grassland dominated by <i>Festuca rubra</i> subsp. <i>microphylla</i>	6210	1775±173	N, W
4.Luz_Nar	<i>Luzulo italicae-Nardetum strictae</i> Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Frattaroli & Taffetani 1992 <i>caricetosum kitabelianae</i> Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Taffetani, Frattaroli, Guitian et Zuccarello 1999	6230*	2371±2	S
5.Tar_Tri	<i>Taraxaco apenninii-Trifolietum thalii</i> Biondi, Allegrezza, Frattaroli, Taffetani 1992 <i>gnaphalietsum magellensis</i> Blasi, Di Pietro, Pelino 2005	6170	2383±3	indifferent
6.Poo_Nar	<i>Poo violaceae-Nardetum strictae</i> Pedrotti 1981 <i>festucetosum circummediterraneae</i> Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Taffetani, Frattaroli, Guitian et Zuccarello 1999	6230*	1776±7	W
7.Koe_Bro	<i>Koelerio splendens-Brometum erecti</i> Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Frattaroli, Taffetani 1992	6210	1567±121	W, S
8.Ses_Bro	<i>Seslerio nitidae-Brometum erecti</i> Bruno in Bruno et Covarelli 1968 variant with a <i>Stipa apenninicola</i>	6210	1441±219	S, W
9.Ast_Ses	<i>Astragalo sempervirentis-Seslerietum nitidae</i> Biondi & Ballelli 1995 variant with <i>Centaurea tenoreana</i>	6210	1381±69	S
10.Ses_ape	<i>Seslerietum apenniniae</i> Furnari 1961 corr. Furnari 1966	6170	1924±83	S, E
11.Asp_Bro	<i>Asperulo purpureae-Brometum erecti</i> Biondi et Ballelli 1981 ex Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza et Zuccarello 1995"	6210	1142±135	S, E
12.Ant_Bra	grassland dominated by <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> and <i>Brachypodium rupestre</i>	6210	1167±94	W, N
13.Pol_Bra	<i>Polygalo mediterraneae-Brachypodietum rupestris</i> Di Pietro, Conte et Iamomico 2014	6210	1027±248	N, E
14.Bri_Bro	<i>Brizo mediae-Brometum erecti</i> Bruno in Bruno et Covarelli 1968 corr. Biondi et Ballelli 1982	6210	1283±14	S, N
15.Alo_pra	Mowed/grazed meadows with <i>Alopecurus pratensis</i> and <i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	-	1277±59	E, S
16.Cyn_cri	Mowed/grazed meadows with <i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	-	1330±23	W, N
17.Alo_ren	Mowed/grazed meadows with <i>Alopecurus rendlei</i>	-	1256±3	indifferent

Table S2. Syntaxonomic scheme used to categorize the grassland types found in the surveyed pastures and mowed/grazed meadows in the study area. The classes are interpreted according to the Prodrome of Italian Vegetation [96 and subsequent updates, symbolized by *] and the European Vegetation Checklist [97, symbolized by °]. The types of grassland are listed in bold, with their corresponding ID codes on the right column.

*FESTUCO VALESIACAE-BROMETEA ERECTI Br.-Bl. et Tüxen ex Br.-Bl. 1949	
PHLEO AMBIGUII-BROMETALIA ERECTI Biondi, Allegrezza, Blasi et Galdenzi in Biondi, Allegrezza, Casavecchia, Galdenzi, Gasparri, Pesaresi, Vagge et Blasi 2014	
<i>Polygono mediterraneae</i> -Bromion erecti (Biondi, Allegrezza et Zuccarello 2005) Di Pietro in Di Pietro, Theurillat, Capelo, Fernández- González, Terzi, Carni et Mucina 2015	
<i>Polygono mediterraneae</i> -Brachypodietum rupestris Di Pietro, Conte et Iamonicco 2014	13. Pol_Bra
Phleo ambigui-Bromion erecti Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza et Zuccarello ex Biondi et Galdenzi 2012	
Phleo ambigui-Bromenion erecti Biondi, Allegrezza et Zuccarello ex Di Pietro 2011	
<i>Asperulo purpureae</i> -Brometum erecti Biondi et Ballelli 1981 ex Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza et Zuccarello 1995	11.Asp_Bro
<u>grassland dominated by Anthoxanthum odoratum and Brachypodium rupestre</u>	12.Ant_Bra
<i>Brachypodenion genuensis</i> Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza et Zuccarello ex Biondi et Galdenzi 2012	
<i>Brizo mediae</i> -Brometum erecti Bruno in Bruno et Covarelli 1968 corr. Biondi et Ballelli 1982	14.Bri_Bro
<i>Koelerio splendentis</i> -Brometum erecti Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Frattaroli, Taffetani 1992	7.Koe_Bro
<i>Astragalio sempervirentis</i> -Seslerietum nitidae Biondi & Ballelli 1995 variant with Centaurea tenoreana	9.Ast_Ses
<i>Seslerio nitidae</i> -Brometum erecti Bruno in Bruno et Covarelli 1968 variant with Stipa dasyclada subsp. <i>apenninicola</i>	8.Ses_Bro
<u>grassland dominated by Festuca rubra subsp. microphylla</u>	3.Fes_rub
<i>Poo alpinae</i> -Festucetum circummediterraneae Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Frattaroli et Taffetani 1992	2.Poo_Fes
<i>Potentillo rigoanae</i> -Brachypodietum genuensis Lucchese, Persia et Pignatti 1995	1.Pot_Bra
°ELYNO-SESLERIETEA Br.-Bl. 1948	
Seslerietalia tenuifoliae Horvat 1930	
<i>Seslerion apenniniae</i> Furnari in Bruno et Furnari 1966	
<i>Seslerienion apenniniae</i> Blasi, Di Pietro, Fortini et Catonica 2003	
<i>Seslerietum apenniniae</i> Furnari 1961 corr. Furnari 1966	10.Ses_ape
*NARDETEA STRICTAE Rivas Goday in Rivas Goday et Rivas-Martínez 1963	
NARDETALIA STRICTAE Oberdorfer ex Preising 1949	
<i>Ranunculo pollinis-nardion strictae</i> Bonin 1972	
<i>Poo violaceae</i> -Nardetum strictae Pedrotti 1981 festucetosum circummediterraneae Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Taffetani, Frattaroli, Guitian et Zuccarello 1999	6.Poo_Nar
<i>Luzulo italicae</i> -Nardetum strictae Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Frattaroli et Taffetani 1992 caricetosum <i>kitaibeliana</i> Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Taffetani, Frattaroli, Guitian et Zuccarello 1999	4.Luz_Nar
<i>Taraxaco apenninii</i> -Trifolietum <i>thalii</i> Biondi, Ballelli, Allegrezza, Frattaroli et Taffetani 1992 gnaphalietosum <i>magellensis</i> Blasi, Di Pietro et Pelino 2005	5.Tar_ape
°MOLINIO-ARRHENATHERETEA Tx. 1937	
ARRHENATHERETALIA ELATIORIS Tx. 1931	
<i>Cynosurion cristati</i> Tx. 1947	
<u>mowed/grazed meadows dominated by Alopecurus pratensis and Cynosurus cristatus</u>	15.Alo_pra
<u>mowed/grazed meadows dominated by Cynosurus cristatus</u>	16.Cyn_cri
TRIFOLIO-HORDEETALIA Horvatić 1963	
Molinio-Hordeion secalini Horvatić 1934 (syn.: Alopecurion utriculati Zeidler 1954)	
<u>mowed/grazed meadows dominated by Alopecurus rendlei</u>	17.Alo_ren

Table S3. Dominant species (average cover >10%; in bold species with average cover >15%; average cover ± standard deviation are reported) and Indicator Species Analysis results [association values > 0.5; in bold species with values of association values > 0.7; 'indicspecies' package for "R", version 1.7.12, Association function: IndVal.g, minimum statistic value (minstat): 0.5, permutations: 9999] for the 17 identified grassland types.

Grassland Type: 1.Pot_Bra			
Indicator species	stat	p.value	Dominant species
species with stat>0.5: 15 species with stat>0.7: 3			
<i>Dianthus hyssopifolius</i> L.	0.707	0.0016	**
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i> L.	0.707	0.0017	**
<i>Luzula multiflora</i> (Ehrh.) Lej. subsp. <i>multiflora</i>	0.707	0.0016	**
<i>Cynoglossum magellense</i> Ten.	0.654	0.0006	***
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i> L. subsp. <i>dubius</i> (Hoppe) Pawłowska	0.653	0.0040	**
<i>Silene roemeriana</i> Fritv. subsp. <i>staminea</i> (Bertol.) Nyman	0.653	0.0031	**
<i>Verbascum densiflorum</i> Bertol.	0.631	0.0045	**
<i>Genista sagittalis</i> L.	0.577	0.0087	**
<i>Carlina vulgaris</i> L.	0.547	0.0113	*
<i>Carex pairae</i> F.W. Schultz	0.530	0.0078	**
<i>Campanula glomerata</i> L.	0.522	0.0160	*
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	0.519	0.0128	*
<i>Stachys heraclea</i> All.	0.506	0.0181	*
<i>Valeriana stolonifera</i> Czern. subsp. <i>angustifolia</i> Soó	0.506	0.0164	*
<i>Brachypodium genueense</i> (DC.) Roem. & Schult.	0.501	0.0014	**
Grassland Type: 2.Poo_Fes			
Indicator species	stat	p.value	Dominant species
species with stat>0.5: 9 species with stat>0.7: 1			
<i>Armeria gracilis</i> Ten. subsp. <i>gracilis</i>	0.733	0.0001	***
<i>Galium parisense</i> L.	0.667	0.0037	**
<i>Carduus affinis</i> Guss. subsp. <i>affinis</i>	0.650	0.0014	**
<i>Plantago argentea</i> Chaix subsp. <i>argentea</i>	0.640	0.0009	***
<i>Carex caryophyllea</i> Latourr.	0.630	0.0013	**
<i>Galium anisophyllum</i> Vill.	0.627	0.0022	**
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i> (L.) Mill. subsp. <i>obscurum</i> (Čelak.) Holub	0.595	0.0026	**
<i>Noccaea brachypetala</i> (Jord.) F.K. Mey.	0.577	0.0034	**
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L. subsp. <i>semipurpureum</i> (Strobli) Pignatti	0.518	0.0051	**
Grassland Type: 3.Fes_mic			
Indicator species	stat	p.value	Dominant species
species with stat>0.5: 3 species with stat>0.7: 0			
<i>Armeria gracilis</i> Ten. subsp. <i>majellensis</i> (Boiss.) Arrigoni	0.636	0.0014	**
<i>Cynanchica aristata</i> (L.f.) P.Caputo & Del Guacchio subsp. <i>aristata</i>	0.552	0.0068	**
<i>Festuca centropenninica</i> (Markgr.-Dann.) Foggi, F.Conti & Pignatti	0.548	0.0059	**
Grassland Type: 4.Luz_Nar			
Indicator species	stat	p.value	Dominant species
species with stat>0.5: 13 species with stat>0.7: 6			
<i>Gentiana nivalis</i> L.	1.000	0.0001	***
<i>Erigeron epiroticus</i> (Vierh.) Halász	0.964	0.0001	***
<i>Luzula spicata</i> (L.) DC. subsp. <i>bulgarica</i> (Chrtk & Křísa)	0.949	0.0001	***
<i>Gamisans</i>			
<i>Pilosella hoppeana</i> (Schult.) F.W.Schultz & Sch.Bip. subsp. <i>macrantha</i> (Ten.) S.Bräut. & Greuter	0.849	0.0001	***
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L. subsp. <i>nivale</i> Ces.	0.791	0.0001	***
<i>Nardus stricta</i> L.	0.711	0.0005	***
<i>Ranunculus pollinensis</i> (N.Terracc.) Chiov.	0.684	0.0001	***
<i>Cerastium arvense</i> L. subsp. <i>strictum</i> (W.D.J.Koch) Gremli	0.650	0.0010	***
<i>Potentilla crantzii</i> (Crantz) Beck ex Fritsch subsp. <i>crantzii</i>	0.637	0.0043	**
<i>Campanula micrantha</i> Bertol.	0.594	0.0021	**
<i>Botrychium lunaria</i> (L.) Sw.	0.553	0.0118	*
<i>Ranunculus apenninus</i> (Chiov.) Pignatti	0.527	0.0368	*
<i>Poa alpina</i> L. subsp. <i>alpina</i>	0.517	0.0011	**
Grassland Type: 5.Tar_Tri			
Indicator species	stat	p.value	Dominant species

species with stat>0.5: 8 species with stat>0.7: 5			
<i>Taraxacum glaciale</i> É. Huet & A. Huet ex Hand.-Mazz.	0.931	0.0001	***
<i>Trifolium thalii</i> Vill.	0.862	0.0001	***
<i>Plantago atrata</i> Hoppe subsp. <i>fuscescens</i> (Jord.) Pilg.	0.816	0.0009	***
<i>Scorzonerooides montana</i> (Lam.) Holub subsp. <i>breviscapa</i> (DC.) Greuter (20±17.3)			
<i>Taraxacum apenninum</i> (Ten.) DC.	0.816	0.0006	***
<i>Plantago atrata</i> Hoppe subsp. <i>atrrata</i>	0.673	0.0007	***
<i>Phleum rhaeticum</i> (Humphries) Rauschert	0.659	0.0035	**
<i>Sabulina verna</i> (L.) Rchb. subsp. <i>verna</i>	0.629	0.0015	**
Grassland Type: 6.Poo_Nar			
<i>Indicator species</i>			
species with stat>0.5: 14 species with stat>0.7: 9	stat	p.value	<i>Dominant species</i>
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i> L.	1.000	0.0001	***
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i> L. subsp. <i>thapsus</i>	0.978	0.0001	***
<i>Omalotheca sylvatica</i> (L.) Sch.Bip. & F.W.Schultz	0.968	0.0001	***
<i>Ajuga tenorei</i> C.Presl	0.913	0.0001	***
<i>Achillea setacea</i> Waldst. & Kit.	0.880	0.0001	***
<i>Veronica officinalis</i> L.	0.745	0.0001	***
<i>Carduus defloratus</i> L. subsp. <i>carlinifolius</i> (Lam.) Ces.	0.707	0.0026	**
<i>Dianthus deltoides</i> L. subsp. <i>deltoides</i>	0.702	0.0001	***
<i>Bellardiochloa variegata</i> (Lam.) Kerguélen	0.702	0.0006	***
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i> L. subsp. <i>capillaris</i>	0.614	0.0010	***
<i>Rumex nebroides</i> Campd.	0.601	0.0018	**
<i>Helleborus viridis</i> L. subsp. <i>bocconei</i> (Ten.) Peruzzi	0.577	0.0086	**
<i>Sagina alexandrae</i> Iamonico	0.577	0.0081	**
<i>Stachys germanica</i> L.	0.516	0.0197	*
Grassland Type: 7.Koe_Bro			
<i>Indicator species</i>			
species with stat>0.5: 3 species with stat>0.7: 0	stat	p.value	<i>Dominant species</i>
<i>Koeleria splendens</i> C.Presl	0.648	1e-04	***
<i>Petrosedum rupestre</i> (L.) P.V.Heath	0.638	9e-04	***
<i>Petrorhagia saxifraga</i> (L.) Link	0.545	1e-04	***
Grassland Type: 8.Ses_Bro			
<i>Indicator species</i>			
species with stat>0.5: 16 species with stat>0.7: 4	stat	p.value	<i>Dominant species</i>
<i>Plantago subulata</i> L.	0.745	0.0004	***
<i>Paronychia kapela</i> (Hacq.) A. Kern.	0.731	0.0005	***
<i>Teucrium montanum</i> L.	0.716	0.0001	***
<i>Cytisus spinescens</i> Sieber ex Spreng.	0.713	0.0001	***
<i>Helianthemum apenninum</i> (L.) Mill. subsp. <i>apenninum</i>	0.671	0.0010	***
<i>Globularia cordifolia</i> L. subsp. <i>bellidifolia</i> (Nyman) Wettst.	0.600	0.0008	***
<i>Stipa dasyvaginata</i> Martinovský subsp. <i>apenninicola</i> Martinovský & Moraldo	0.584	0.0020	**
<i>Centaurea ceratophylla</i> Ten. subsp. <i>ceratophylla</i>	0.546	0.0164	*
<i>Allium sphaerocephalon</i> L.	0.540	0.0145	*
<i>Pimpinella tragium</i> Vill.	0.539	0.0040	**
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> L. subsp. <i>polyphylla</i> (DC.) Nyman	0.535	0.0142	*
<i>Cynanchica pyrenaica</i> (L.) P.Caputo & Del Guacchio subsp. <i>neglecta</i> (Guss.) P.Caputo & Del Guacchio	0.535	0.0142	*
<i>Astragalus danicus</i> Retz.	0.535	0.0302	*
<i>Oxytropis neglecta</i> J.Gay ex Ten.	0.535	0.0380	*
<i>Petrosedum montanum</i> (Songeon & E.P.Perrier) Grulich	0.535	0.0300	*
<i>Sabulina glauca</i> (Dvořáková) Dillenb. & Kadereit	0.535	0.0156	*
Grassland Type: 9.Ast_Ses			
<i>Indicator species</i>			
species with stat>0.5: 11 species with stat>0.7: 4	stat	p.value	<i>Dominant species</i>
<i>Centaurea tenoreana</i> Willk.	0.900	0.0001	***
<i>Astragalus monspessulanus</i> L. subsp. <i>monspessulanus</i>	0.894	0.0001	***
<i>Lomelosia crenata</i> (Cirillo) Greuter & Burdet subsp. <i>pseudisetensis</i> (Lacaia) Greuter & Burdet	0.712	0.0010	***
<i>Ononis spinosa</i> L.	0.706	0.0005	***
<i>Sesleria nitida</i> Ten.	0.690	0.0002	***

<i>Coronilla minima</i> L. subsp. <i>minima</i>	0.653	0.0009	***	
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i> (L.) L.	0.626	0.0019	**	
<i>Onobrychis alba</i> (Waldst. & Kit.) Desv.	0.575	0.0069	**	
<i>Vicia onobrychoides</i> L.	0.537	0.0070	**	
<i>Dianthus virginicus</i> L.	0.535	0.0032	**	
<i>Astragalus sempervirens</i> Lam.	0.506	0.0145	*	
Grassland Type: 10.Ses_ape				
<i>Indicator species</i>				
species with stat>0.5: 20	stat	p.value		<i>Dominant species</i>
species with stat>0.7: 12				
<i>Juniperus communis</i> L. var. <i>saxatilis</i> Pall.	1.000	0.0001	***	<i>Sesleria juncifolia</i> Wulfen ex Suffren subsp. <i>juncifolia</i> (45.7±27.4)
<i>Edraianthus graminifolius</i> (L.) A.DC. ex Meisn. subsp. <i>graminifolius</i>	0.941	0.0001	***	<i>Sesleria nitida</i> Ten. (14.7±20.1)
<i>Festuca laevigata</i> Gaudin	0.940	0.0001	***	<i>Bromopsis erecta</i> (Huds.) Fourr. s.l. (14.0±5.9)
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> (L.) Spreng.	0.913	0.0001	***	<i>Festuca laevigata</i> Gaudin (12.5±4.2)
<i>Carex humilis</i> Leyss.	0.913	0.0002	***	<i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i> (L.) Dum.Cours. subsp. <i>incanum</i> (Willk.) G.López (10.3±4.2)
<i>Pedicularis elegans</i> Ten.	0.886	0.0002	***	
<i>Anthyllis montana</i> L. subsp. <i>jacquini</i> (A.Kern.) Rohlena	0.827	0.0001	***	
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> L. subsp. <i>pulchella</i> (Vis.) Bornm.	0.816	0.0002	***	
<i>Trinia glauca</i> (L.) Dumort.	0.775	0.0002	***	
<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i> (L.) R.Br.	0.714	0.0003	***	
<i>Sesleria juncifolia</i> Wulfen ex Suffren subsp. <i>juncifolia</i>	0.712	0.0004	***	
<i>Cynanchica aristata</i> (L.f.) P.Caputo & Del Guacchio subsp. <i>scabra</i> (Nyman) P.Caputo & Del Guacchio	0.707	0.0025	**	
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i> (L.) Mill. subsp. <i>grandiflorum</i> (Scop.) Schinz & Thell.	0.677	0.0002	***	
<i>Bupleurum falcatum</i> L. subsp. <i>cernuum</i> (Nyman) Arcang.	0.671	0.0009	***	
<i>Thymus striatus</i> Vahl subsp. <i>aciculatus</i> (Waldst. & Kit.) Ronniger	0.645	0.0010	***	
<i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i> (L.) Dum.Cours. subsp. <i>incanum</i> (Willk.) G.López	0.636	0.0002	***	
<i>Gentiana dinarica</i> Beck	0.577	0.0076	**	
<i>Pulsatilla alpina</i> (L.) Delarbre subsp. <i>millefoliata</i> (Bertol.) D.M.Moser	0.577	0.0076	**	
<i>Carex kitaibeliana</i> Degen ex Bech.	0.574	0.0118	*	
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> L. subsp. <i>alpinus</i> (DC.) Rothm.	0.506	0.0182	*	
Grassland Type: 11.Asp_Bro				
<i>Indicator species</i>				<i>Dominant species</i>
species with stat>0.5: 9	stat	p.value		
species with stat>0.7: 0				
<i>Bupleurum baldense</i> Turra	0.596	0.0019	**	<i>Bromopsis erecta</i> (Huds.) Fourr. s.l. (31.2±15.3)
<i>Stachys germanica</i> subsp. <i>salviifolia</i> (Ten.) Gams	0.595	0.0048	**	<i>Festuca circummediterranea</i> Patzke (24.6±19.5)
<i>Phleum hirsutum</i> Honck. subsp. <i>ambiguum</i> (Ten.) Cif. & Giacom.	0.591	0.0001	***	
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i> L.	0.542	0.0092	**	
<i>Pilosella acutifolia</i> (Vill.) Arv.-Touv.	0.542	0.0087	**	
<i>Trifolium scabrum</i> L.	0.531	0.0024	**	
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> L. subsp. <i>balearicum</i> (Bourg. ex Nyman) Stace	0.527	0.0001	***	
<i>Thliphthisa purpurea</i> (L.) P.Caputo & Del Guacchio subsp. <i>purpurea</i>	0.521	0.0058	**	
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i> (Roth) G.Don subsp. <i>italicum</i>	0.510	0.0134	*	
Grassland Type: 12.Ant_Bra				
<i>Indicator species</i>				<i>Dominant species</i>
species with stat>0.5: 11	stat	p.value		
species with stat>0.7: 1				
<i>Centaurea ambigua</i> Guss. subsp. <i>ambigua</i>	0.750	0.0001	***	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> L. (31.7±11.5)
<i>Cota tinctoria</i> (L.) J.Gay subsp. <i>australis</i> (R.Fern.) Oberpr. & Greuter	0.645	0.0035	**	<i>Bromopsis erecta</i> (Huds.) Fourr. s.l. (27.9±22.3)
<i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i> L. subsp. <i>tenorei</i> (Lacaita) Pignatti	0.645	0.0036	**	<i>Festuca circummediterranea</i> Patzke (24.6±12.1)
<i>Galium lucidum</i> All. subsp. <i>lucidum</i>	0.609	0.0001	***	
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> L.	0.595	0.0001	***	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L. subsp. <i>veronense</i> (Schrank) Ces.	0.577	0.0045	**	
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i> L.	0.548	0.0023	**	
<i>Origanum vulgare</i> L.	0.535	0.0108	*	
<i>Odontites vernus</i> (Bellardi) Dumort. subsp. <i>serotinus</i> (Dumort.) Corb.	0.531	0.0151	*	
<i>Tordylium apulum</i> L.	0.500	0.0164	*	

<i>Trifolium incarnatum</i> L. subsp. <i>molinerii</i> (Balb. ex Hornem.) Ces.	0.500	0.0283	*	
Grassland Type: 13.Pol_Bra				
<i>Indicator species</i>				
species with stat>0.5: 4	stat	p.value		<i>Dominant species</i>
species with stat>0.7: 0				
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i> L. subsp. <i>eupatoria</i>	0.566	0.0025	**	<i>Bromopsis erecta</i> (Huds.) Fourr. s.l. (33.8±11.6)
<i>Lolium arundinaceum</i> (Schreb.) Darbysh.	0.550	0.0041	**	<i>Brachypodium rupestre</i> (Host) Roem. & Schult. (23.7±13.1)
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> L.	0.518	0.0008	***	
<i>Pilosella piloselloides</i> (Vill.) Soják subsp. <i>piloselloides</i>	0.508	0.0112	*	
Grassland Type: 14.Bri_Bro				
<i>Indicator species</i>				
species with stat>0.5: 22	stat	p.value		<i>Dominant species</i>
species with stat>0.7: 5				
<i>Equisetum arvense</i> L.	0.756	0.0002	***	<i>Bromopsis erecta</i> (Huds.) Fourr. s.l. (31.4±6.3)
<i>Briza media</i> L.	0.751	0.0001	***	<i>Brachypodium rupestre</i> (Host) Roem. & Schult. (27.1±7.0)
<i>Gentiana cruciata</i> L. subsp. <i>cruciata</i>	0.743	0.0003	***	<i>Briza media</i> L. (20.4±6.7)
<i>Prunella laciniata</i> (L.) L.	0.723	0.0001	***	<i>Lotus herbaceus</i> (Vill.) Jauzein (10.6±9.7)
<i>Carex flacca</i> Schreb. subsp. <i>flacca</i>	0.712	0.0001	***	
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> (Vail.) Lam. subsp. <i>vulgare</i>	0.686	0.0001	***	
<i>Lotus dorycnium</i> L. subsp. <i>herbaceus</i> (Vill.) Kramina & D.D. Sokoloff	0.672	0.0001	***	
<i>Cuscutha epithymum</i> subsp. <i>kotschy</i> (Des Moul.) Arcang.	0.655	0.0027	**	
<i>Linum viscosum</i> L.	0.655	0.0027	**	
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i> Risso ex W.D.J. Koch subsp. <i>mediterranea</i> Chodat	0.610	0.0001	***	
<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i> Willd. subsp. <i>neapolitana</i> (Boiss.) Dostál	0.609	0.0039	**	
<i>Trifolium ochroleucon</i> Huds.	0.609	0.0001	***	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> (L.) Huds.	0.589	0.0021	**	
<i>Linum capitatum</i> Kit. ex Schult. subsp. <i>serrulatum</i> (Bertol.) Hartwig	0.584	0.0043	**	
<i>Daucus carota</i> L. subsp. <i>carota</i>	0.583	0.0002	***	
<i>Scorzoneroides cichoriacea</i> (Ten.) Greuter	0.557	0.0001	***	
<i>Brachypodium rupestre</i> (Host) Roem. & Schult.	0.544	0.0001	***	
<i>Trifolium echinatum</i> M.Bieb.	0.535	0.0160	*	
<i>Tussilago farfara</i> L.	0.535	0.0411	*	
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i> L.	0.516	0.0115	*	
<i>Crepis biennis</i> L.	0.511	0.0170	*	
<i>Ophioglossum vulgatum</i> L.	0.502	0.0239	*	
Grassland Type: 15.Alo_pra				
<i>Indicator species</i>				
species with stat>0.5: 15	stat	p.value		<i>Dominant species</i>
species with stat>0.7: 4				
<i>Hordeum secalinum</i> Schreb.	0.832	0.0001	***	<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i> L. (29.2±15.8)
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i> L.	0.832	0.0001	***	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> L. (17.2±12.8)
<i>Ranunculus marsicus</i> Guss. & Ten.	0.734	0.0005	***	<i>Phleum nodosum</i> L. (11.0±7.2)
<i>Thalictrum simplex</i> L.	0.734	0.0002	***	
<i>Bistorta officinalis</i> Delarbre	0.687	0.0007	***	
<i>Lotus tenuis</i> Waldst. & Kit. ex Willd.	0.662	0.0002	***	
<i>Allium vineale</i> L.	0.645	0.0006	***	
<i>Narcissus poëticus</i> L.	0.641	0.0030	**	
<i>Vicia tenuifolia</i> Roth	0.620	0.0058	**	
<i>Rumex acetosa</i> L. subsp. <i>acetosa</i>	0.578	0.0029	**	
<i>Serratula tinctoria</i> L. subsp. <i>tinctoria</i>	0.555	0.0051	**	
<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i> Willd. subsp. <i>nigrescens</i>	0.546	0.0079	**	
<i>Phleum nodosum</i> L.	0.522	0.0031	**	
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i> L.	0.515	0.0002	***	
<i>Poa pratensis</i> L. subsp. <i>pratensis</i>	0.513	0.0072	**	
Grassland Type: 16.Cyn_cri				
<i>Indicator species</i>				
species with stat>0.5: 13	stat	p.value		<i>Dominant species</i>
species with stat>0.7: 1				
<i>Bellis perennis</i> L.	0.734	0.0001	***	<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i> L. (24.3±11.7)
<i>Carduus nutans</i> L. subsp. <i>perspinosus</i> (Fiori) Arènes	0.693	0.0017	**	<i>Trifolium repens</i> L. (12.0±14.1)
<i>Potentilla reptans</i> L.	0.662	0.0002	***	<i>Festuca rubra</i> L. subsp. <i>microphylla</i> St.-Yves (11.6±7.9)
<i>Chaerophyllym temulum</i> L.	0.655	0.0027	**	
<i>Plantago media</i> L. subsp. <i>media</i>	0.639	0.0005	***	
<i>Centaurea jacea</i> L. subsp. <i>jacea</i>	0.620	0.0006	***	
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i> L. subsp. <i>vulgaris</i>	0.603	0.0018	**	
<i>Plantago major</i> L.	0.570	0.0102	*	

<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i> L.	0.535	0.0001	***	
<i>Colchicum alpinum</i> DC.	0.535	0.0381	*	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> L. subsp. <i>fullonum</i>	0.535	0.0302	*	
<i>Pimpinella major</i> (L.) Huds.	0.535	0.0393	*	
<i>Taraxacum</i> F.H.Wigg. sect. <i>Taraxacum</i>	0.511	0.0191	*	
Grassland Type: 17.Alo_ren				
<i>Indicator species</i>				<i>Dominant species</i>
species with stat>0.5: 16	stat	p.value		
species with stat>0.7: 12				
<i>Alopecurus rendlei</i> Eig	0.965	0.0001	***	<i>Alopecurus rendlei</i> Eig (25.8±13.9)
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i> L.	0.935	0.0001	***	<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i> L. (22.7±15.9)
<i>Persicaria lapathifolia</i> (L.) Delarbre	0.913	0.0002	***	<i>Elymus repens</i> (L.) Gould subsp. <i>repens</i> (19.2±9.2)
<i>Elymus repens</i> (L.) Gould subsp. <i>repens</i>	0.880	0.0001	***	<i>Carex hirta</i> L. (15.0±13.8)
<i>Ranunculus repens</i> L.	0.825	0.0001	***	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> (L.) P.Beauv. (13.0±6.6)
<i>Scorzoneroides autumnalis</i> (L.) Moench	0.746	0.0005	***	<i>Trifolium repens</i> L. (12.3±6.1)
<i>Carex hirta</i> L.	0.730	0.0003	***	<i>Ranunculus acris</i> L. (11.0±7.0)
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i> L. subsp. <i>pratensis</i>	0.730	0.0001	***	
<i>Ranunculus acris</i> L.	0.729	0.0001	***	
<i>Caltha palustris</i> L.	0.707	0.0020	**	
<i>Carex vulpina</i> L.	0.707	0.0032	**	
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> (L.) P.Beauv.	0.706	0.0001	***	
<i>Poa trivialis</i> L.	0.678	0.0007	***	
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i> L.	0.602	0.0017	**	
<i>Carex acuta</i> L.	0.577	0.0091	**	
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> L.	0.537	0.0066	**	

Table S4. Effects of environmental (altitude, slope) and floristic/vegetation (total cover, number of species per plot) factors on the grassland chemical parameters (top: as g/m²; bottom: as percentage) of the identified grassland types, tested by a Generalized Linear Model (GLM). Data log-transformed. Symbols represent statistical significance: ***, p < 0.001; **, p < 0.01; *, p < 0.05; n.s., not significant (p ≥ .05). Legend: net dry matter (DM), cellulose (CEL), hemicellulose (HEM), ethereal extract (EE), acid detergent fibre (ADF), neutral detergent fibre (NDF), acid detergent lignin (ADL), crude protein (CP), Non-Fiber Carbohydrates (NFC).

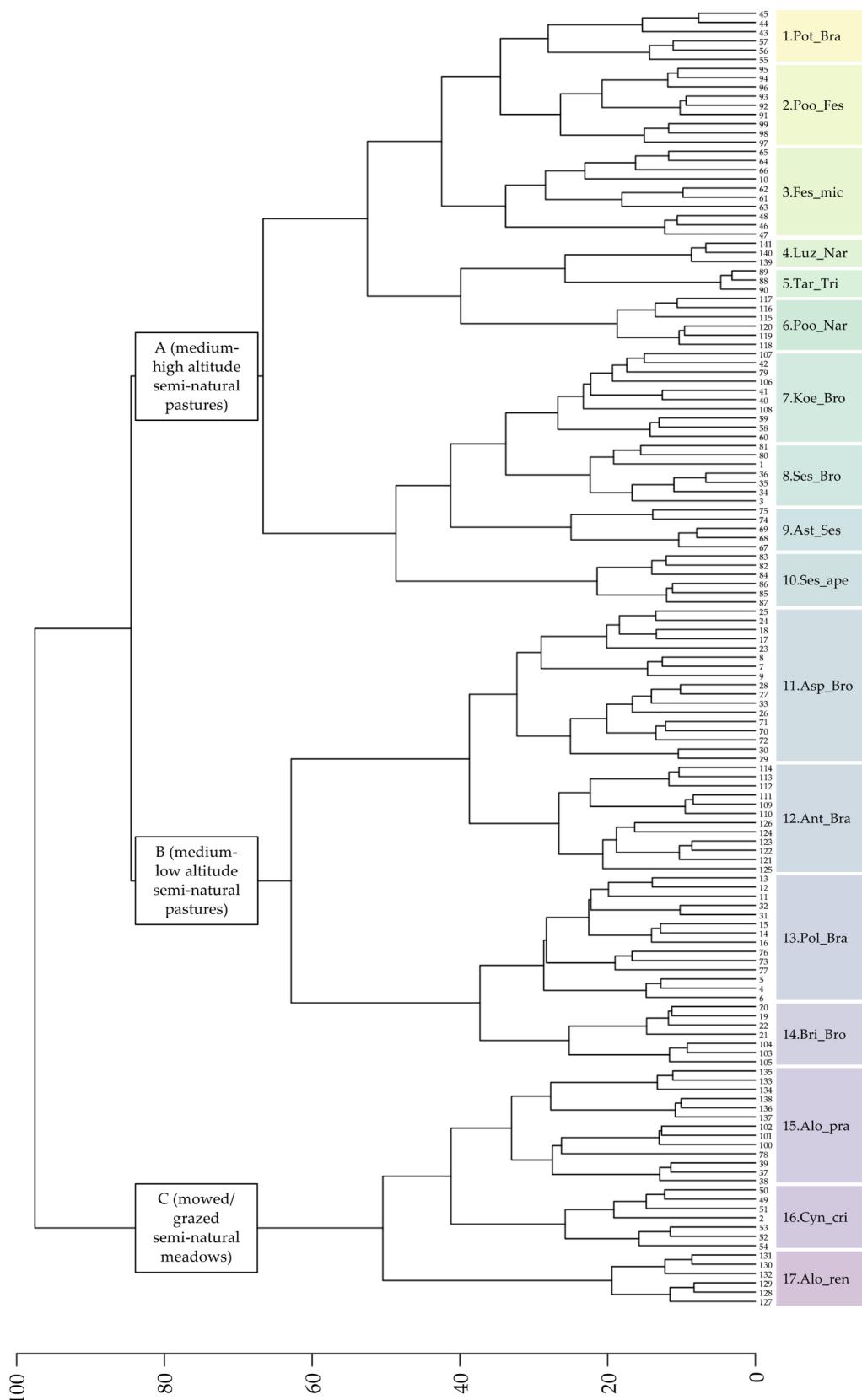


Figure S1. Dendrogram resulting from the hierarchical cluster analysis.

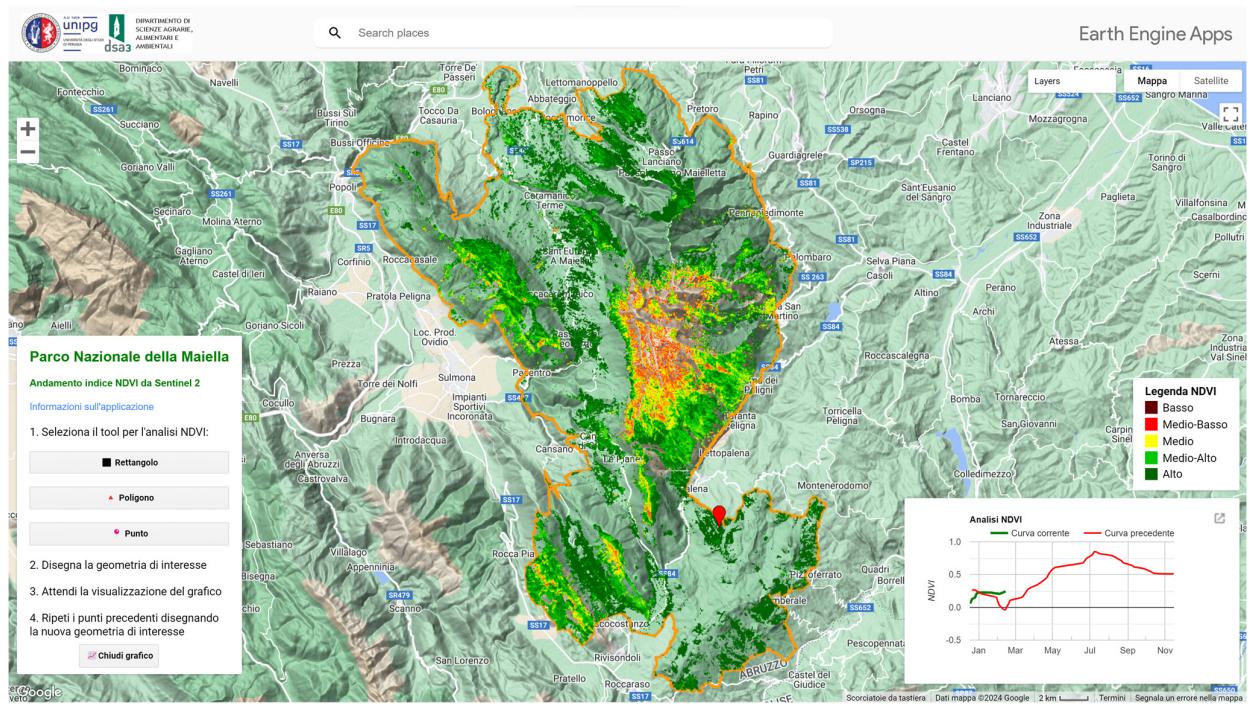


Figure S2. The interface of the 'Maiella Park GEE app' developed in this study.