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2nd meeting of the Discussion Forum with the Network of Pastoral Schools

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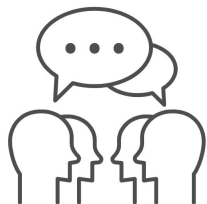


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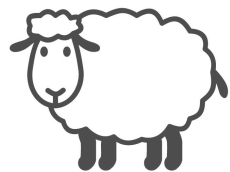


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● Goal of the meeting(s)



Connect pastoral schools and relevant actors/networks



Promoting pastoral practices across Europe

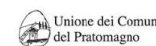


Exchange knowledge and best practices



Create a European network of pastoral schools

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Session 1

“What options for setting up a platform to share pastoral knowledge?”

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Intro

- **10:00-10:05** → Welcome
- **10:05 -10:15** → The LIFE ShepForBio project

Discussing about a platform for sharing pastoral knowledge

- **10:15 -10:25** → Results from stakeholder survey
- **10:25 -10:40** → **Juan Luis Gázquez Guerrero**, Eu4Shepherds;
- **10:40 -10:55** → **Martina Slámová**, TRANSFARM project
- **10:55 -11:10** → **Luis Miguel Sanabria**, a European Network of shepherd schools in the Mediterranean

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Session 2

“Cross-regional initiatives to promote pastoralism and the role of shepherd schools”

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- **11:10-11:40** → Introducing Cross-regional initiatives to promote pastoralism:
 - **Tamara Mitrofanenko (Carpathian Convention)** and CC experts from Ukraine, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary,
 - **Francesca Pasetti Bombardella** (European Group for IYRP 2026),
 - **Lauren Mosdale** (CIPRA).
- **11:40-12:15** → *Panel discussion “What is the role of pastoral schools within cross-regional initiatives and networks of promotion of pastoralism?”*
- **12:15-12:30** → Closing remarks

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Shep4Bio

the project in a nutshell

Title: *Shepherds for Biodiversity in Mountain marginal Areas*

Coordinating beneficiary: D.R.E.Am Italia – private agro-forestry company

Associated beneficiaries: Euromontana, Foreste Casentinesi National park, Studio Verde, Tuscany Region Administration, Municipalities Unione of Romagna Forlivese, Pratomagno, Casentino and Valdarno Valdisieve (regional bodies responsible by law for management of public lands), UNIFI and UNISAP

Duration: 01/09/2022 – 31/12/2017

Total Budget: 3,228,451 (EU financial contribution of 60%)

Main objective: improve the conservation status of three grassland habitats, recognized as being of European importance by the Habitats Directive (codes 5130, 6210* and 6230*), through the development of pastoral activities in marginal mountain areas, in order to ensure a sustainable and lasting management of these environments

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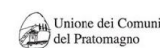


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- First LIFE ShepForBio international conference in Florac 2023
- Survey launched in November
 - Gather ideas on the chance of establishing a European Network
 - Platform to exchange knowledge, ideas, practices

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Results from our stakeholders survey

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“What would be the **main requirements** for an online pastoral knowledge sharing platform?”

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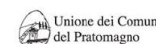


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- Repository of training materials
- Information and best practices around pastoral activities and education
- Space for advocating for pastoral activities
- Discussion forum
- Promote relevant events

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“How to **organise the knowledge** on this platform in a way that makes sense to pastoral schools and other relevant training centers?”

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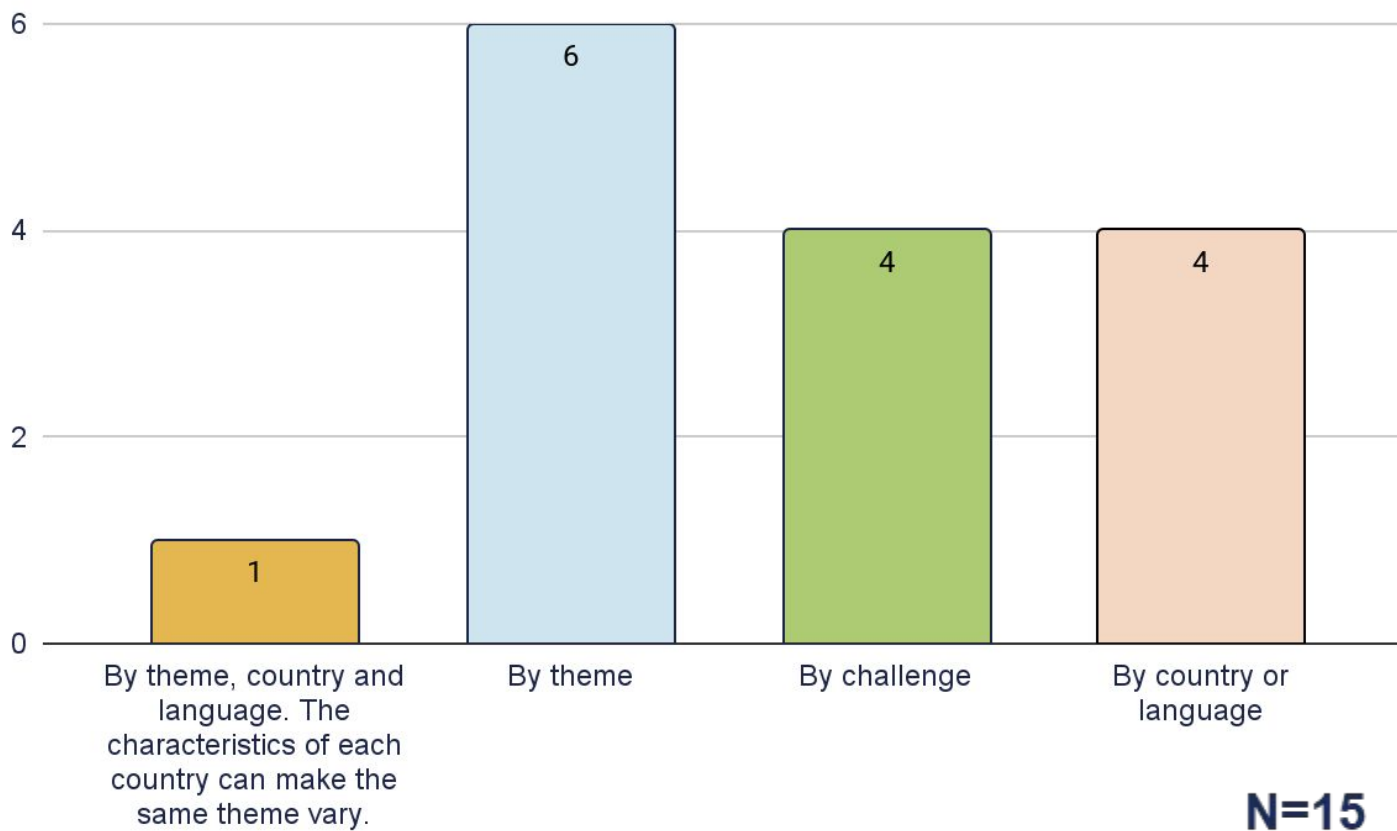
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- **Target audience** → Both schools and other actors
- **Costs** → Public funds + schools, universities, private actors
- Supported by a **network** behind it

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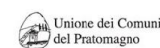


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“Do you think that only pastoral schools should be **involved in the platform management/coordination**, or other actors as well (e.g. with their own representative?)”

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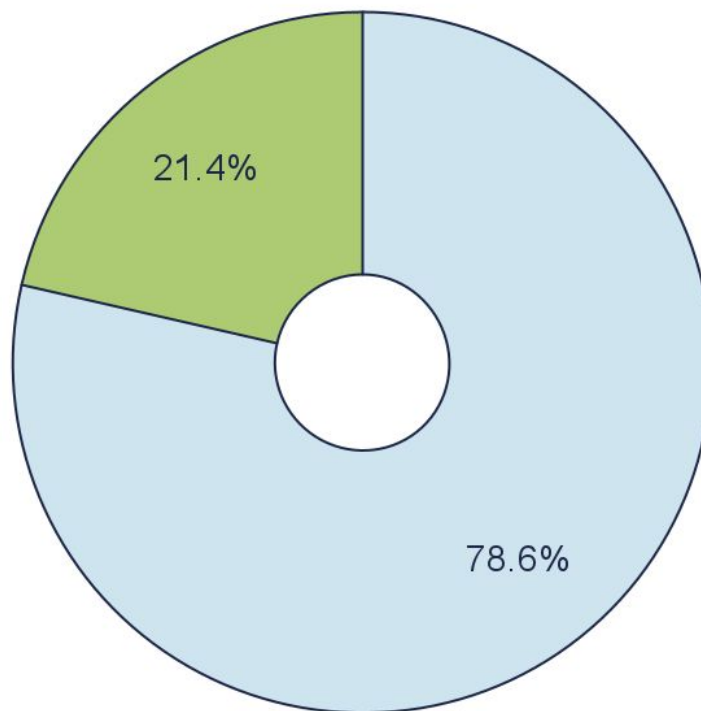




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- Other actors should be involved in the coordination too
- Only pastoral schools should be included in the coordination



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The survey can be compiled here:
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jwt5](https://forms.gle/GZqQCJMDy4iBujwt5)

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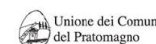
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Introducing EU4Shepherds

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EU4Shepherds, Innovative training for sustainable shepherds. International Erasmus project

Extensive livestock exploitation models are crucial for the sustainable maintenance of important rural areas in Europe. These models are the paradigm of **ecological, social and economic sustainability**. These models fight against depopulation in rural areas and have a positive impact in animal wellbeing and human health compared to other non-extensive models. These models supply consumers with quality food products in many EU territories and promote the sustainable development of our society.

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The future of such livestock exploitation models, currently under threat due to the effects of climate change and administrative barriers depends on the availability and capacity of extensive Shepherds. But the problem is that it is increasingly difficult to find well trained shepherds that have the knowledge and experience to face all the aspects involved in extensive livestock shepherding. Shepherds are an ageing social group, the younger ones lack proper training, education and experience and nowadays there is no motivation to become a shepherd due to the low social standing and lack of a specific professional training offer and The shepherds – key actors and basis for extensive livestock – carry out innumerable functions in rural, disadvantaged and under populated areas.

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EU4Shepherds seeks to improve and update the training offer for extensive shepherds taking into account current barriers (administrative mainly...) threads (new climate scenario and its consequences) and opportunities (ecological production trends, agro tourism, etc...) to ensure a sustainable maintenance of extensive livestock exploitations (economical, social and environmental) giving them tools to become resilient. The project will adapt the training methods (both for trainers and trainees) for a work-based learning taking into consideration current barriers and logistical problems for extensive shepherds (many of them are distributed along rural isolated areas) in order to ensure the sustainability of the profession and of extensive livestock exploitations.

Partners

9 entities from 7 participating countries are partners in EU4Shepherd. The countries participating in the project represent some of the most important territories in Europe when speaking of extensive livestock models. Spain and Portugal in the south west, Scotland in the northwest, Romania and Bulgaria in the east or Austria (the Alps) together with Germany in central Europe. The EU4Shepherds partners represent all actors needed to develop the project efficiently and to implement the results successfully, giving special importance to the link between VET entities and the needs of extensive livestock exploitations, in order to include the necessary curricula and methodologies for trainers to implement in a further phase a certifiable shepherd training course.



Results

EU4Shepherds seeks to improve and **update the training offer** for extensive shepherds with:

- A **common evaluation of the situation** of extensive/wandering shepherds in Europe based on an in-depth previous need analysis at EU level.
- Strengthening shepherds' employability by adding **updated technical knowledge**, new managerial competencies and ICT skills to the traditional knowledge and experience.
- Development of adapted **training methodologies and ICT tools** to facilitate access to proper training.
- **Increased number of professional shepherds** as key allies to improve socially and environmentally the marginal rural areas, converting them into a sustainability model due to their **positive contributions** on: climate change (forest fires minimization), social (employment creation and promoting women's access on equal terms), and cultural (social recognition and dignification of shepherds' profession from both, the farmer and shepherd viewpoint).
- Promoting and reinforcing pastoralism and rural development.
- Involving key actors for the promotion and implementation of project results in other areas.

Results

The improvement of the training contents and methods will be implemented through the elaboration and dissemination of the following **innovative outputs** (IO):

- **IO1:** A **new curricula** (and training material) for a complete and updated course for shepherds based on a common framework among experienced EU entities, including both **technical and transversal topics** to ensure a sustainable economical, social and environmental maintenance of extensive livestock exploitations.
- **IO2:** A manual for the flexible implementation of the course taking into consideration **a work-based learning approach** and trainers' and trainees' needs (methodology for trainers).
- **IO3:** The elaboration of a **training platform** adapted to the validated methodology to promote a **flexible training** and the **contact among shepherds and livestock exploitations managers** and owners.

Although this result will not be implemented within this project, EU4Shepherds will set the basis for the future certification of a professional Shepherd based on its results.

IO3: The elaboration of a training platform adapted to the validated methodology to promote a flexible training and the contact among shepherds and livestock exploitations managers and owners.

<https://training.eu4shepherds.eu/es/catalogue>

<https://eu4shepherds.eu/node/add/self-reflection>



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Thank you for your time

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2021 (December) – 2024 (May)

Consortium of 7 partners

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<https://transform-erasmus.eu>

ABOUT US

The TRANSFORM project consists of 7 partners across 6 countries:

- The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NO)
- EUCALAND (DE)
- Hof und Leben (DE)
- OnProjects (DE)
- the Technical University of Zvolen (SK)
- the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GR), and
- the European Landowners' Organization (BE)

All TRANSFORM partners are active in the field of sustainable development in rural areas and of landscapes.

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The partners will be supported by three associated partners (Farm advisory (PL), The Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy (NBIO) (NO) and VetAgroSup (FR)). The associated partners add new geographical regions in which different types of transhumance are practiced and they will support the partners by providing access to additional data.

Farm advisory and VetAgroSup are very much involved in training activities including **Open Educational Resources** and are therefore important regarding the dissemination of project results.

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RESULTS

- E-Reference Book
- Case Studies (21)
- Training Resources

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E-REFERENCE BOOK

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Glossary

A C D E F H N P R S T U V W




ALP

Vaste area of high mountain pasture / alpine pasture. The pasture landscape (alp) includes buildings, where herders respectively dairymaids/dairymen spend several month. Furthermore, alp is a synonym for common land in the mountains. In some countries, summer farm is a synonym for alp.



COMMON LAND


Land, that is used by the community of one or several municipalities respectively (all) farmers of an area. Common land still exists today, e.g. in mountain regions (such as the Alps) or on transhumance pathways.



National Reports

Read the national reports of the 9 countries participating in the TRANSFORM project

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Summary Report

Read the Summary Report on vocational education & training for transhumance practitioners

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Figure 3. Types of local and regional livestock breeds used for transhumance practices in Europe. [background map](#)

Table 1. Estimated number of livestock involved in transhumance per project partner country

Countries	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Italy	Norway	Slovakia	Spain
Alps & Pyrenees								300,000 cattle (trans-community)
								25,000



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COOPERATION IN TRANSHUMANCE

Mária Iván Tamás

The Biofarm is an example of a cooperation between the administrative body of a national park (the Slovak Karst) and a business entity. The goal of rearing goats is ecological grazing. Grazing maintains pastures with a varied composition of herbaceous...

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Lucia Vojvodová / Safad Turček
AGROTRADE GROUP, Ltd. Rožňava

The business was created and could develop thanks to the existing infrastructure of a former cooperative in the Turček municipality. Sheep farming helps maintain pastures in high mountainous, remote land parcels. The plots are difficult to access for...

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BUILDING ON EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Jana Lešková / Farm Mlko Ltd.

The business builds on previous experience and family traditions, and an existing infrastructure of a former agricultural cooperative. After the Velvet Revolution, during the 1990s, many state-owned farms were transformed into private companies, and...

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40 YEARS OF TRANSHUMANCE

Fabio Formosa

Fabio Formosa has been a shepherd for more than 40 years. He is one of the few transhumance practitioners who still use donkeys for transporting the newborn lambs. He gets help from Manuel, a young shepherd of 24 years. Fabio Formosa currently lost a...

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MANAGING BIODIVERSITY IN NATIONAL PARKS

Livestock grazing is used for conserving biodiversity in larger areas in national parks. Movement is along short, less-than-10-km routes and among pastures. The pastures are used for feeding the stock and/or for grassland management when the grass is...

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ORGANIC SHEEP, GOATS AND CATTLE

Ioannis Anthoulis

Ioannis Anthoulis is a young man (37 years old) who has worked with transhumance farming systems for more than 20 years. He succeeded his father on the management of farm activities. Nowadays, he owns a big organic farm with 5000 sheep, 50 goats, and...

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22 February 2024 – 10.00-12:30 CET

TRAINING RESOURCES

- Training Modules
- Self-evaluation Tool
- Pilot Testing

We are searching for respondents in pilot testing.

In progress, to be finished soon.

MODULE 2: How to practice transhumance

TURZVO & EUCLAND

Transhumance, as a traditional way of moving animals through different landscapes, initiates a variety of human-nature interactions, mirrored in many traditions and a large diversity of products. The training module provides an insight into transhumance linking economic activities, which create synergies among sustainable land use and biotopes preservation, water supply management, high value food production and recreational facility provision. A list of available European formal and informal training material enriches the possibilities of (self-)study and makes the training and education material international.

TRAINING UNITS

1. Moving animals through different landscapes
2. Multifunctionality links economic activities thus creates synergies
3. Transhumance and challenges
4. Transhumance education



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Vocational education and training for transhumance practitioners



TRANSFORM: Pilot Test Evaluation Questionnaire

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TRAINING RESOURCES

- *Training Module 2 ... a collection of shepherds schools*

Country	Shepherd school or school with study programme including transhumance	Title of the training or study program	Weblink & comments
Austria	No official VET-offer.	Information about how to become herder in Austria in the journal "Schafe und Ziegen" (sheep and goats)	https://schafeundziegen.com/details/ansicht/article/ausbildungswege-fuer-schaefer/
France	VET-offers in several parts of France 1. The Agro Institute / Montpellier SupAgro 2. Agricultural training and promotion centres CFPPA 3. Two agricultural high schools offer operational modules	1. Continuous training, diploma, master courses 2. Training for shepherds in ruminant breeding (Pamiers, Pyrenees); training for shepherds (Besançon, Jura); training for mountain pasture shepherds (Die, Southern Alps; La Côte Saint André, La Motte Servolex, Northern Alps); training for transhumant shepherds (Pau and Lannemezan, Pyrenees); training for multi-skilled shepherds (Montmorot, Jura) 3. 'Alpage école' in Contamine-sur-Arve (Northern Alps) and the Carmejane high school in Chaffaut Saint-Jurson (Southern Alps) for the training of sheep breeders in the heart of the pre-Alpine zone.	1 https://en.institut-agro-montpellier.fr/search?search_api_fulltext=pastoralism#sa-ref-search-anchor (in English) 2 http://www.bergene-nationale.educagri.fr/pole-formation/cfppa-centre-de-formation-professionnelle (in French) 3 https://lepl.contamine.educagri.fr/filiere-agricole/ (in French) https://digne-carmejane.educagri.fr/exploitation-ovine (in French)
Germany	Vocational school for training in the profession of animal farmer which offers "herder". Berufsbildende Schulen des LK Saalekreis. Standort "Carl Wentzel", Deltzscher Str. 45, 06112 Halle, E-Mail: kontakt.cw@bbs-saalekreis.bildung-lsa.de		https://www.bbs-saalekreis.bildung-lsa.de There is a boarding school for participants
Greece	No official VET-offer.		
Hungary	No official VET-offer.		
Italy	1 National School of Shepherd (SNAP) 2 School "Young Shepherd" in Piedmont 3 Sardinian School for pastoralists	'Il pastore è un guardiano del futuro' (The shepherd is a guardian of future). Aim: 'to reflect on pastoralism, safeguard and regeneration of territories' Organised by SNAP (see 1), first introduced in 2023 with worldwide participants.	https://org.wwoof.it/en/2022/07/national-school-of-shepherding/ (in English) https://www.iisgaribaldimacerata.edu.it/ (in Italian)



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- Vocational education and training schools
- Practitioners
- Governmental bodies
- State nature conservancy bodies
- Regional Development Agencies
- Experts in transhumance and „wypas kulturowy“ (PL) from Poland
- NGOs & stakeholders

pozvánka na workshop...
„Siet'ovanie pre podporu salašnictva na Slovensku“
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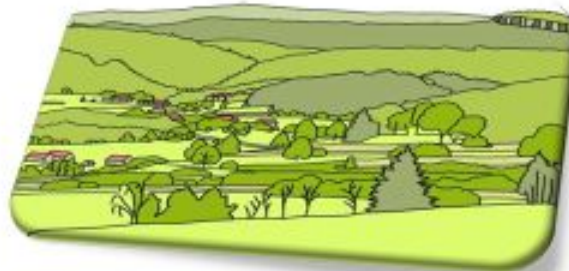
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Towards a Network of European shepherd schools: insights from the Mediterranean region

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TOWARDS A EUROPEAN NETWORK OF PASTORAL SCHOOLS AND CENTRE OF COMPETENCE FOR PASTORALISM: STEPS

2nd Discussion Forum, 22 febrero 2024



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Braga Meeting, March 2022. Participants:

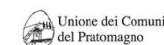


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COMPARING DIFFERENT TRAINING MODELS IN EU

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BUDGET PREVISTO	Nessun dato	150.000€	100.000€ + sueldo coordinador	130.000€	Nessun dato	100.000€	Nessun dato	Nessun dato
STRUTTURA	FISSA	FISSA	ITINERANTE	FISSA	FISSA	ITINERANTE	FISSA	ITINERANTE
ANTICHITÀ	2017	2009	2010	1997		2021	1995	2022/2023
N° PERSONE FORMATE	36	159	150	309	100	20	400	-
DURATA FORMAZIONE	680 ore	977 ore	540 ore	1400 ore	500 ore	350 ore	1430 ore	1ª edizione en 2023
DURATA PARTE TEORICO –PRATICA	560 ore	337 ore	460 ore	850 ore	350 ore	300 ore		
DURATA TIROCINIO IN SFRUTTAMENTO	120 ore (2 mesi)	4 meses	80 ore (1,5 mesi)	550 ore (3 mesi)	150 ore	50 ore		



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Agreed short-term priorities:

1. The **creation of a network of schools** at a European level to implement the activities described, fostering contact between entities and organisations that manage different models, with the aim of growing together and helping other territories (European and non-European) to undertake similar educational and training initiatives.
2. The articulation of a programme dedicated to exchanging experiences to **improve training methodology** and educational planning in each territory.
3. The articulation of an **exchange programme for students and teachers** of the different pastoral schools/centres of pastoral training.

STEPS:

1. Presentation of project Livestock Tourism at the call for proposals Experiencias Turismo España (Next Generation Funds). Sept 2023
2. Meeting in Barcelonnette (SERAM 4), 24-28 Sept 2023

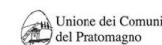
*In those days we met our Italian colleagues (led by Antonello Franca) □ another key element is the ability to **involve farmers and people trained in pastoral schools** in this process to create business models, etc.*

3. Territorios Pastoreados 6, Valencia (Espagna), 28 - 30 Sep . *Meeting with other associations that run schools for pastors in Spain.*
4. Workshop (ShepForBio) in Italy, 2 Dec 2023.

ShepForBio and Pastinnova projects □ good opportunity to coordinate our work and be involved in this process of creating the network of pastoral schools. In addition, we are still looking for funds to give space to all stakeholders in our regions (farmer/pastoral associations, representatives of organisations running pastoral schools,.....).

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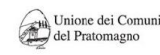


NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Meeting in Evora on 1 March 2024 with the Agentes del pastoralismo de Portugal.
- ✓ Preparation of the project PASToral FUTURE - knowledge transfer assessment and vocational training for mountain farming practitioners (5 March 2024, Erasmus KA2) □ complementary to the activity to be carried out in the Pastinnova project
- ✓ Analysis and preparation of new cooperation project(s) for Interreg EURO MED (deadline Jun 2024) and SUDOE (deadline 31 May 2024)
- ✓ Analysis of the accreditation process of organisations for the Erasmus mobility programme (KA1) □ French centres are very interested in starting

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MOLTO IMPORTANTE: analisi precedente dei progetti già realizzati nei nostri Paesi per valutarne gli impatti e valutare la presentazione di nuove proposte □ SCEGLI UN OBIETTIVO/ UN ELEMENTO SU CUI LAVORARE: **pastoralismo e prevenzione incendi?**

Si tratta di un elemento molto sensibile per l'opinione pubblica che può favorire una maggiore visibilità di questa attività e frenarne il declino.

L'obiettivo principale è la ricerca di finanziamenti per la realizzazione delle azioni previste che interessano tutti gli attori coinvolti: creazione della piattaforma di condivisione delle conoscenze, generazione di contenuti aggiornati e realizzazione di attività di mobilità.

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Discussing cross-regional and international initiatives and networks of pastoralism promotion

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Introducing the Carpathian Convention Tamara Mitrofanenko

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Carpathian Convention and its efforts towards supporting, promoting and protecting the traditional pastoral practices in the Carpathians

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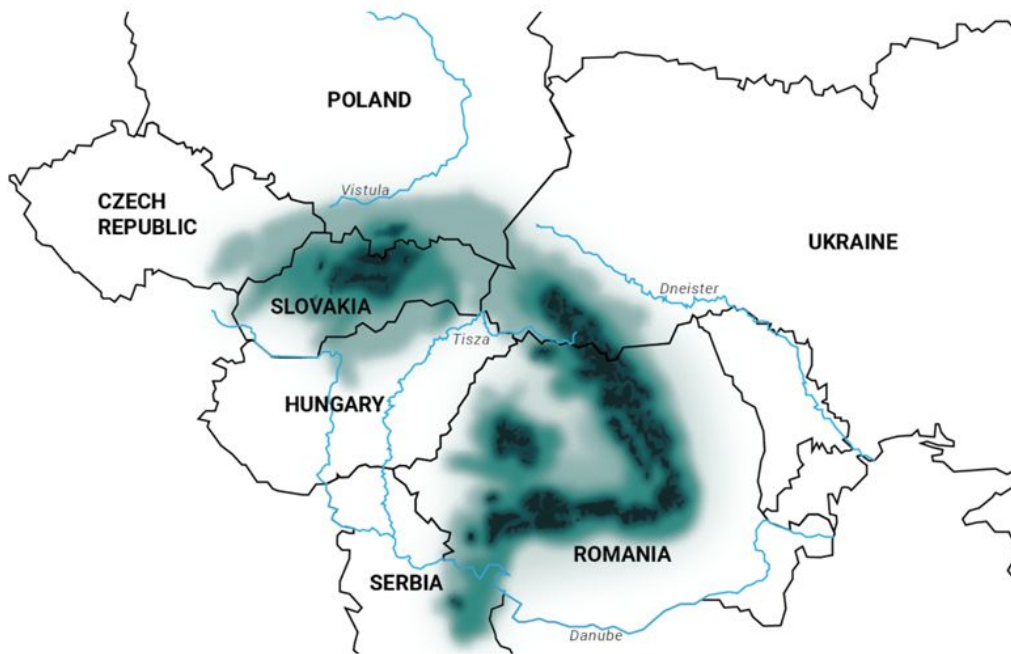


Outline:

- Carpathian Convention
- Prioritisation of Carpathian Pastoralism at WG SARD
- Integration of Pastoralism and Transhumance into the Carpathian Convention Programme of Work
 - Relevance for the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework
 - COP7 Decisions
 - Partnership with IYRP
 - Upcoming event: empowering pastoralist women in mountain regions



THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS ARE A BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT AND REFUGE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE



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Home to the headwaters of major
rivers



Safeguards unique cultural heritage
and Traditional Knowledge

<http://www.carpathianconvention.org/>

Carpathian Convention

Framework Convention for environmental protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians

- Unites 7 Carpathian countries (Czechia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine)
- Adopted in 2003 and in force for all Parties since 2006
- Main role:
 - Framework for cooperation and multi-sectoral policy coordination
 - Platform for joint strategies for sustainable development
 - Forum for dialogue between all stakeholders involved
- UNEP Vienna Programme Office provides the Secretariat for the Carpathian Convention



Institutional Structure



Conference of the Parties (COP)

Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC)




Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity


Protocol on Sustainable Tourism


Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management


Protocol on Sustainable Transport




Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

 Protocol in place

6th meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

26 - 27 April 2023, Vatra Dornei, Romania

- Carpathian Pastoralism included as a focus topic of WG SARD activities



Carthian Biodiversity Framework: 8 Strategic Objectives to support transformative actions across and within sectors

1

Coordinate efforts on conservation, maintenance and sustainable use of **natural and semi-natural habitats**.

2

Sustainably manage and protect Carpathian forests.

3

Cooperate on making tourism sustainable to maximize benefits and mitigate negative impacts.

4

Develop **transport and related infrastructure** sustainably by implementing environmentally friendly transport models and systems.

5

Maintain **Traditional Knowledge** on traditionally cultivated land and **sustainable agriculture practices**.

6

Strengthen regional resilience through **climate change** mitigation and adaptation.

7

Strengthen **public awareness** about the Convention's objectives by integrating **lifelong learning, global education approaches** and **cross-sectoral cooperation** into the Convention's activities.

8

Cooperate with **Ukraine** on protecting and sustainably developing the Carpathian region to address the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians

COP7 Decisions relevant for Pastoralism and Transhumance

DECISION COP7/12 Sustainable agriculture and rural development

2. Welcoming the United Nations General Assembly Resolution (RES/76/253) declaring 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP), and recognizing the importance of the Carpathian Pastoralism, **invites the Parties, WG SARD and relevant stakeholders, with support of the Secretariat, to use the building momentum of the IYRP to undertake relevant actions for supporting, promoting and protecting the traditional pastoral practices in the Carpathians and to highlight the relevance and contribution of the Carpathian region to this important practice at the international level.**

3. ... **welcomes the prioritization of the Carpathian pastoralism as a leading topic for the WG SARD activities**, and further request the WG SARD and involved stakeholders to build on the results and recommendations of the 6th WG SARD meeting, and to continue process of identifying and implementing relevant activities for cooperation within the framework of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists...

COP7 Decisions relevant for Pastoralism and Transhumance

DECISION COP7/12 Sustainable agriculture and rural development

4. Welcomes the **Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the Global International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026 Coalition**, mandates the Secretariat to sign it at the earliest convenience.
5. Invites the Parties, relevant Working Groups and stakeholders to **explore possibilities to inscribe the Carpathian pastoralism in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List of Humanity** and requests the Secretariat to support the process.
6. Furthermore, **encourages WG SARD and WG Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge, with involvement of other WGs, if feasible, to organize a joint meeting addressing the issues of pastoralism in the Carpathians**, and requests the Secretariat to support the process

Partnership with IYRP 2026 - MOC Signed at COP 7





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EMPOWERING PASTORALIST WOMEN IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS: Navigating Environmental & Gender Challenges

12 March 2024, 14:30 - 16:30 CET/ 08:30-10.30 EST

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Experts from Carpathian countries

- Hungary: Bálint Sándor and Zsolt Molnár from the Centre for Ecological Research (CER)
- Poland: Maria Kohut from the Shepherding Center in Koniaków (Centrum Pasterskie w Koniakowie)
- Slovakia: Martina Slámová, UNESCO Chair, Technical University in Zvolen
- Ukraine: Tamara Malkova and Nadia Shevchenko from Green Dossier;
Iryna Yonash and Fedir Hamor from the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve



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Introducing the EU support group for the IYRP 2026 Francesca Pasetti Bombardella

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Thursday 22 February 2024 –
Videoconference

**Declaration of Transhumance UNESCO Intangible
Cultural Heritage**

**IYRP International year of Rangeland and
Pastoralism**

Transhumances and Transitions UNESCO Club

Erasmus Plus Project “Eco TransH”

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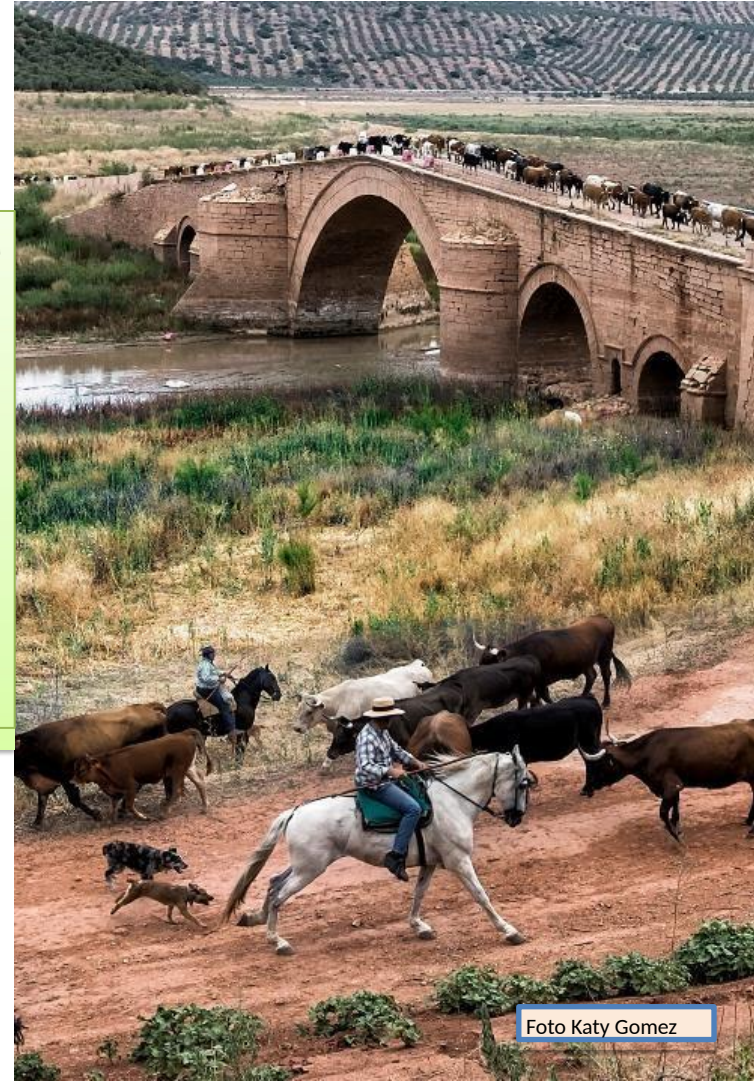


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**Declaration of Transhumance UNESCO Intangible
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Transhumances and Transitions UNESCO Club

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**Transhumance,
a traditional practice,
in serious danger of disappearing,
therefore the need for its
Declaration as
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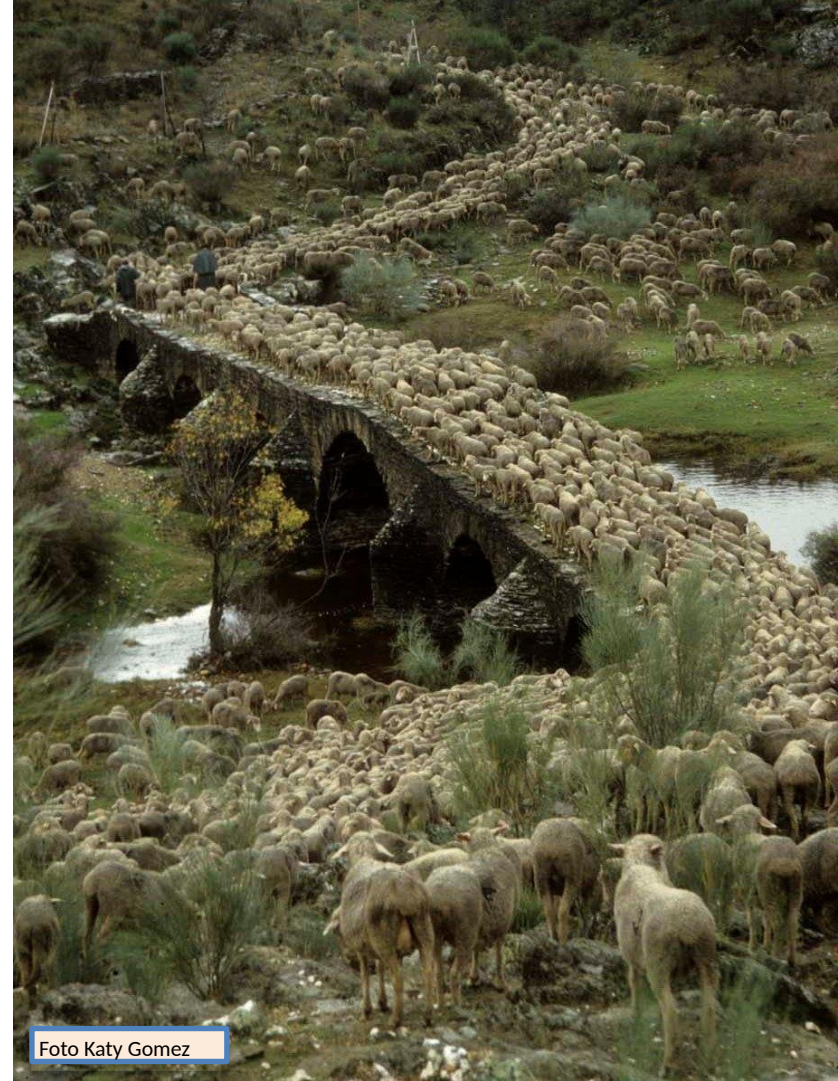


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Steps taken to include Transhumance in the UNESCO list of World Heritage sites

1st Recognition

Austria- Greece - Italy

“Transhumance: the seasonal droving of livestock along migratory routes in the Mediterranean and in the Alps”

Recognised as a UNESCO ICH Bogotà - 12th December 2019

The **multinational nomination file** of Transhumance as International ICH

was submitted to UNESCO by

ten European countries

2nd Recognition

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Romania, and Spain

Transhumance, the seasonal droving of livestock declared UNESCO ICH

IYRP

“International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralism”

3rd Recognition?

2008-2017

2019

2020

Mars 2022

5 déc 2023

2026

Decision to submit a joint application: France and Spain, both co-leaders
Many requests from other countries for second wave

Collective work by all countries

Recognition of the practice as ICH (Intangible Cultural Heritage) at national level for each country

Drawing up of the an **International Safeguard Plan**, and its management

Exhibition of the **Transhumance film** of the **nomination file** in English (& and other languages?)

CARTE DES PAYS INSCRITS AU PATRIMOINE CULTUREL IMMATÉRIEL L'UNESCO POUR LA RECONNAISSANCE DE LA PRATIQUE DE LA TRANSHUMANANCE

- 1 ÈRE VAGUE : 2019
- 2 ÈME VAGUE : 2020
- EUROPE



0 250 500 km

SOURCES : IGN ET GÉOSERVICES - LP DPT MP AVRIL 2023



The nomination is not a goal, it's a beginning

All the work carried out, including

- research,
- strengthening of networks,
- creation of synergies,
- involvement of communities and institutions

Represents a valuable capital for future that transcends nomination and inscription:

The Safeguard Plan,

to promote concrete, effective and lasting commitments and actions.



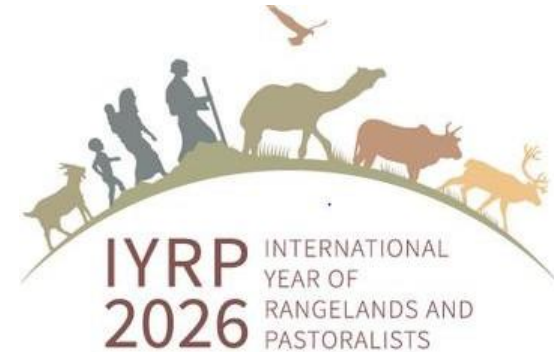
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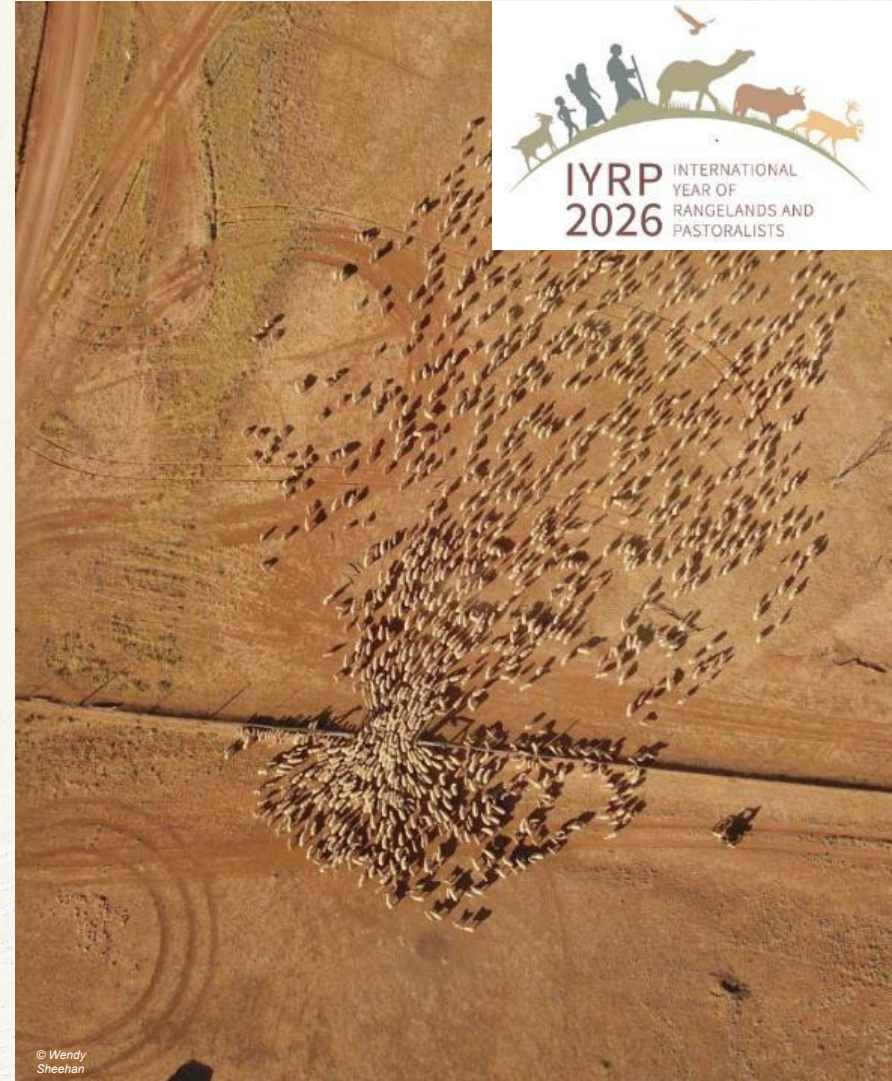
2026 IYRP International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists



- **2019 - Mongolian Government submits proposal to FAO**
- **2022 - UN Declaration of the International Year of Grasslands and Pastoralists**

Why an IYRP?

- To increase worldwide understanding of importance of rangelands & pastoralists for food security, economy, environment & cultural heritage
- To help fill knowledge gaps about rangelands & pastoralists through participatory research & communication
- To promote informed, science-based policy & legislation for current & future generations
- To mobilise people worldwide to grasp new opportunities in rangelands & pastoralism



Regional IYRP Support Groups (RISGs)

Multistakeholder RISGs to generate partnership:

**Arctic East
Asia South
Asia
Central Asia &
Mongolia
Australasia
North Africa
& Middle East
Eastern &
Southern
Africa
West &
Central Africa
Europe
North
America**

- to expand network of supporting organisations and governments in the 11 regions of the world
- to work with Government of Mongolia and IYRP International Support Group to plan and implement IYRP activities in these regions

Central role for
pastoralist organisations
in the RISGs & their activities



Photo: J.Dillan/MercyCorps

Activities up to & during IYRP 2026 on various themes

Joint research & publishing

Policy briefs / statements

Pastoralist gatherings

Social media campaigns

Films / Photo exhibits

Pastoralist innovation fairs

Side events

Conferences / Webinars ... etc





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Transhumances
& TRANSITIONS • CLUB POUR L'UNESCO

How the UNESCO Club was founded

Project as part of the International

Communicate collectively on the
cultural and society value of
transhumance

Promoting multi-stakeholder, multi-
disciplinary networking ...

Strengthening systems for the transmission of
knowledge and know-how

Adapting to young people in
training and in the learning process



3-year accreditation by the
UNESCO National
Commission

Organisati on

Executive Committee

Chairman: Agricultural Education Centre -France
Vice-Chairman: People and Culture Foundation - Italy
Secretary: Consejo de la Mesta - Spain
Treasurer: Agrivaleur - Transhuming Breeders - France

FAO
Honorary
Member

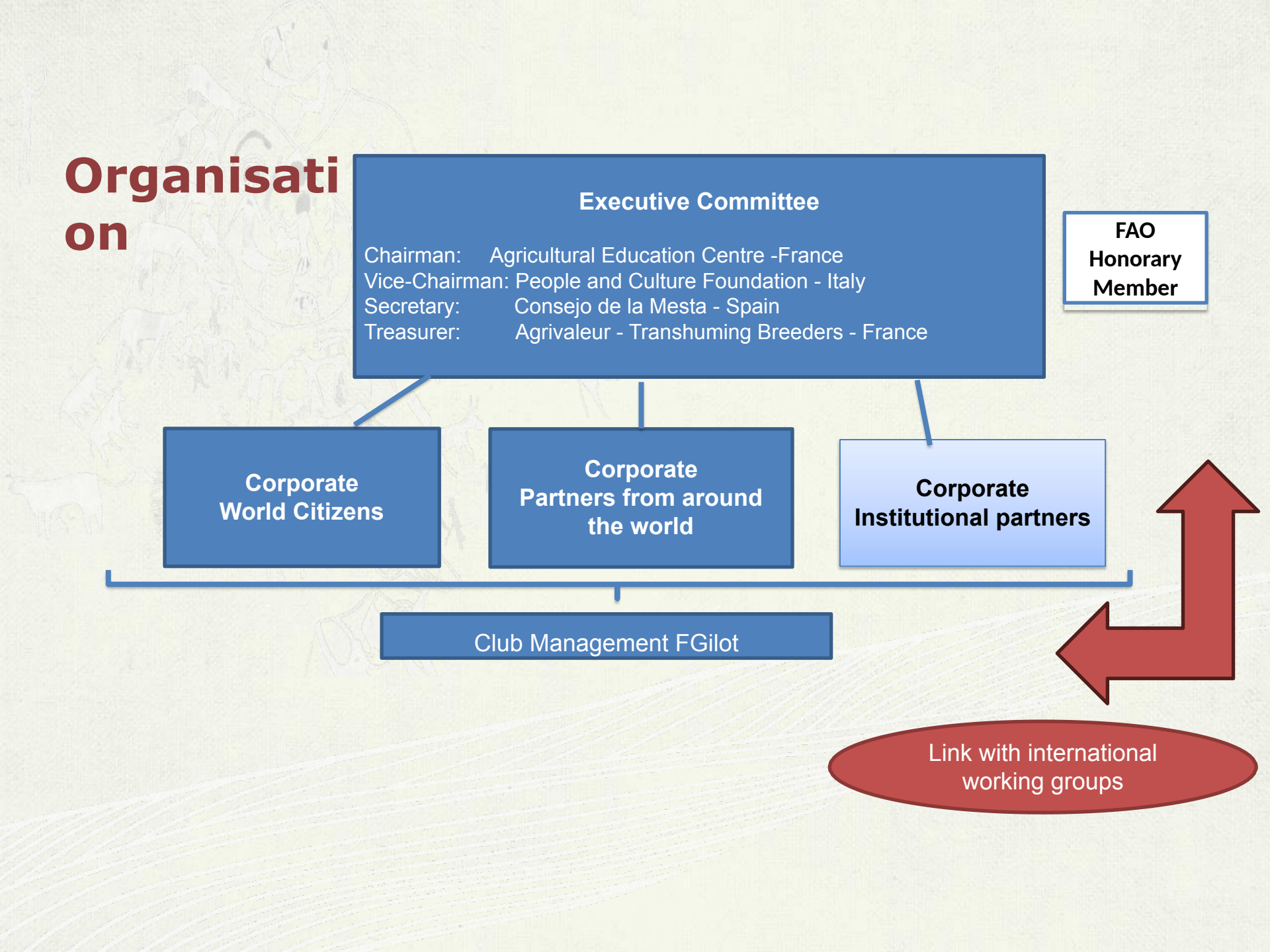
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Partners from around
the world

Corporate
Institutional partners

Club Management FGilot

Link with international
working groups



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Actions

TRAINING

Special modules for young people in training + opening up

Special theme days as part of the education programme at secondary schools



SENSIBILISATION

Tasting Club
"Cultures and Taste Buds
« Cultures et Papilles »

Creation and distribution of communication tools

Link with the Transhumance website
20 years of ICH exhibition



THINK TANK DEBATE

Opening up to other countries -
in-class live broadcasts



+WEBINAR series



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In addition,
the Club is part of the
ERASMUS + K2 project.

Provide young future breeders
with the
context-specific knowledge and
know-how
they need
to ensure that their work is
sustainable, bearable and fair.



ERASMUS + CLE 2
Project International
Cooperation



2023 - 2026

Eco-transH

The agroecosystem of the transhumant herd

Team Leader: Saint Gaudens Agricultural Secondary School - France

Partners from European countries: Greece, Italy and Romania

Non EU partners: Morocco and Mongolia

Other partner in France: Pamiers Agricultural Secondary School



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Project objectives

Transhumance is a worldwide practice that is now under threat. Its recognition as part of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage aims to keep it alive. This project is part of the implementation of its international safeguarding plan, by promoting it and providing young future breeders with the required knowledge and know-how they need to practise it in a sustainable, liveable, and fair way. The 7 partners will work together to raise awareness, train, exchange and promote this practice in countries where vocational agricultural education is, or must become, a major player.

Partner Countries



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Project content

We offer activities to help students to discover transhumance practices and its challenges of sustainability. Testimonials from young people to raise awareness; debates and solutions around generational renewal; development of training tools required to properly organize and manage the practice; students and teacher exchanges to improve knowledge on optimising the management of natural resources; actions to promote the territories and products

Expected results

Awareness that transhumance is a sustainable practice that supports the economic and social life of local areas and is part of the climate and ecological transition. Training young people will promote their employability and inclusion. Cooperation between 6 countries will develop mutual understanding and enable cultural and linguistic enrichment. The use of digital technology will enhance participants' skills and all the deliverables will be publicly available.

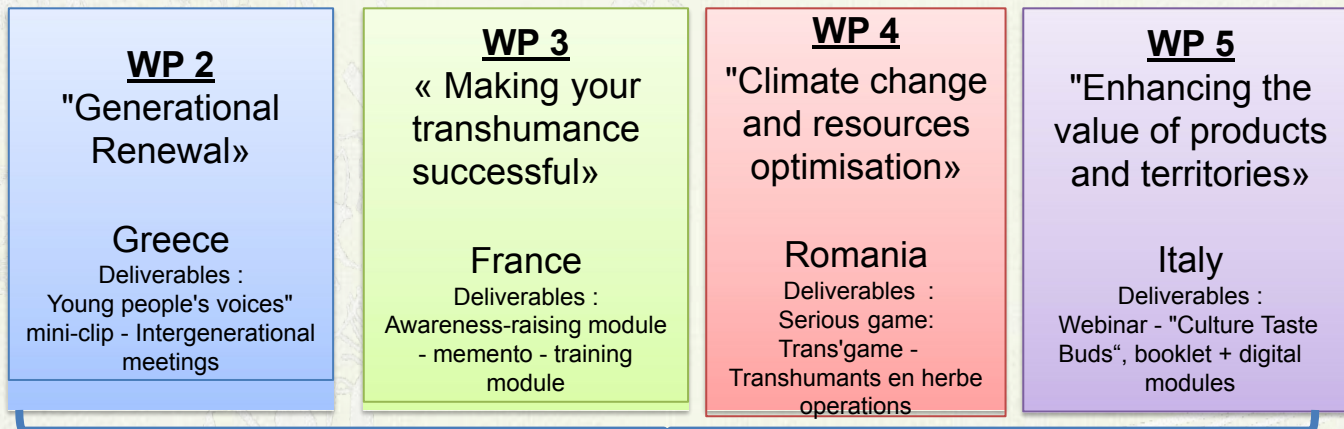


Activities and deliverables



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WP 1 : France - Campus Agricole Saint-Gaudens: Projet Management



All countries/partners are taking part in all WPs, including the Lycée Agricole of Pamiers, Morocco and Mongolia.

Trip to Greece
October 2024

Trip to Romania
May 2025

A trip to Italy I
May 2026



Danke

Hvala

Grazie

Gracias

Merci

Ευχαριστώ

Thank you



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Introducing CIPRA Lauren Mosdale

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International Commission
for the Protection of the Alps
For sustainable development
in the Alpine region

21.02.2024
Lauren Mosdale



Overview

CIPRA

Focal points > Pastoralism

Project > Dialogues on wolves
– strengthening shepherds'
networks in the Alps



Photo: Dennis Roper/CIPIA



Who we are

- The International Commission for the Protection of the Alps
Commission Internationale pour la Protection des Alpes
- Founded in Rottach-Egern (Germany) in 1952
- NGO
- Co-founder of the Alpine Convention

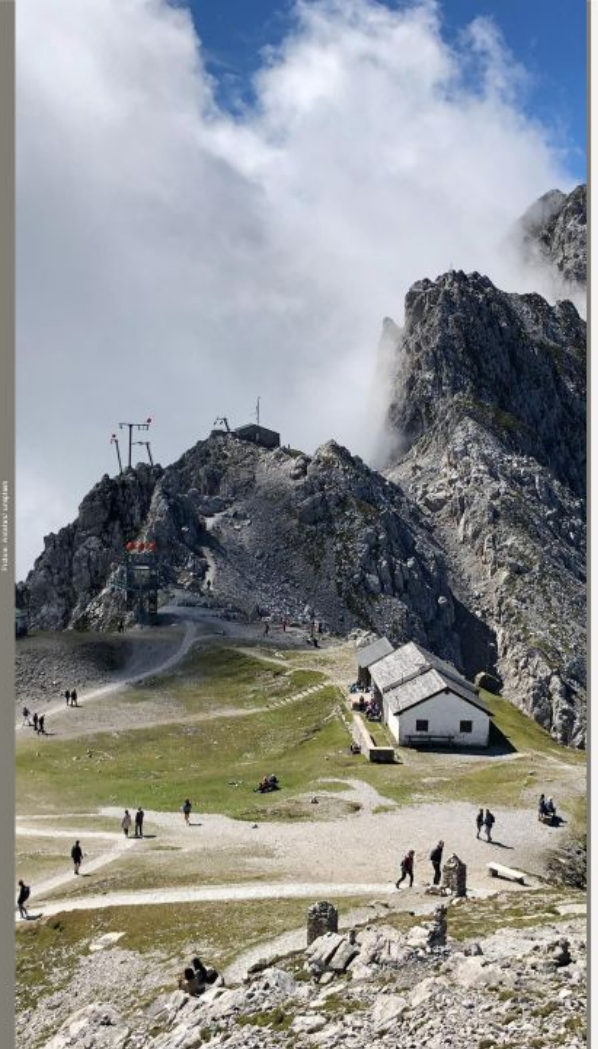


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What motivates us

- Living space for human beings, habitats for nature
- Variety and beauty of the Alps
- Global importance of the Alps
- We want to help shape the future



CIPRA...

- ...is a polyglot, informative communicator with a wide reach
- ...lobbies politicians, enterprises and administrations
- ...networks people, projects and organisations
- ...encourages actors to realise their own projects
- ...represents people and organisations committed to life in the Alps



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We stand for

Protection of the Alps
+
Life in the Alps
=
Sustainable
development in the Alps



Focal

points



Social Innovation

Our vision:

For young people to be involved in shaping the sustainable future of the Alps

This means:

- Defining the rules of the game together
- Showing that involvement works
- Enabling adults



Economic Transition

Our vision:

That people in the Alps can lead a good, climate-friendly life

This means:

- Using less energy
- Using energy sustainably
- Energy production that respects nature
- Promoting climate-friendly behaviour



Alpine Politics

Our vision:

For states, regions and municipalities to focus their actions on the goals and contents of the Alpine Convention

This means:

- Involving all actors
- Renewing the Alps with youth
- Dialogue and participation

Projects and activities:

- Observer of the Alpine Convention
- Platforms of the Alpine Convention
- European Strategy for the Alps
- Policy statements and political communication



Nature and People

Our vision:

For the enormous, fantastic natural diversity to be appreciated and protected by inhabitants and visitors

This means:

- **Networked habitats**
- **Energy production that respects nature**
- **Safeguarding and renaturing Alpine rivers**



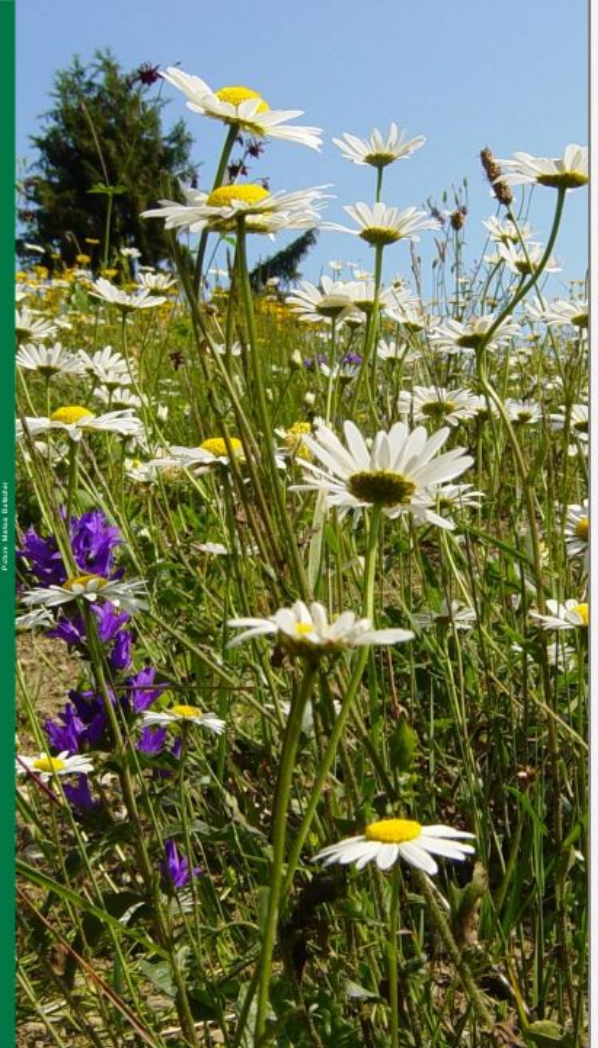
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Nature and People

Projects and activities:

- **SpeciAlps2**
- **Bee Aware!**
- **Co-adaptation of humans and wolves in the Alpine region**



La Commission
Internationale pour la
Protection des Alpes
Pour un développement
durable dans les Alpes

Dialogues on wolves -
Strengthening
shepherds' networks in
the Alps

Picture: CastelnuovoCristian



The project

Activities:

- Creation of an alpine-wide overview of shepherd:in organisations on the Alpine Convention map.
- Kick-off event (21-22 April 2023)
- Compilation of a small Alpine Lexicon of Pastoralism in the four Alpine languages German, French, Italian, Slovenian (spring 2023 - autumn 2024)
- Development and implementation of a test training course for shepherds (“train the trainer”)
- Final event and evaluation workshop (autumn 2024)

Duration: October 2022 to October 2024



STRENGTHENING SHEPHERDS' NETWORKS IN THE ALPS KICK OFF - PROGRAMME

Date: 21. April - 22. April 2023

Places: Biolandbau Guggenbühl, 8308 Illnau ZH (CH)
CIPRA International, Kirchstrasse 5, 9494 Schaan (LI)

Participants: approx. 22 persons from all over the Alps

Journey: Please organise your own travel to/from the Kick-Off

Transfer Illnau - Schaan

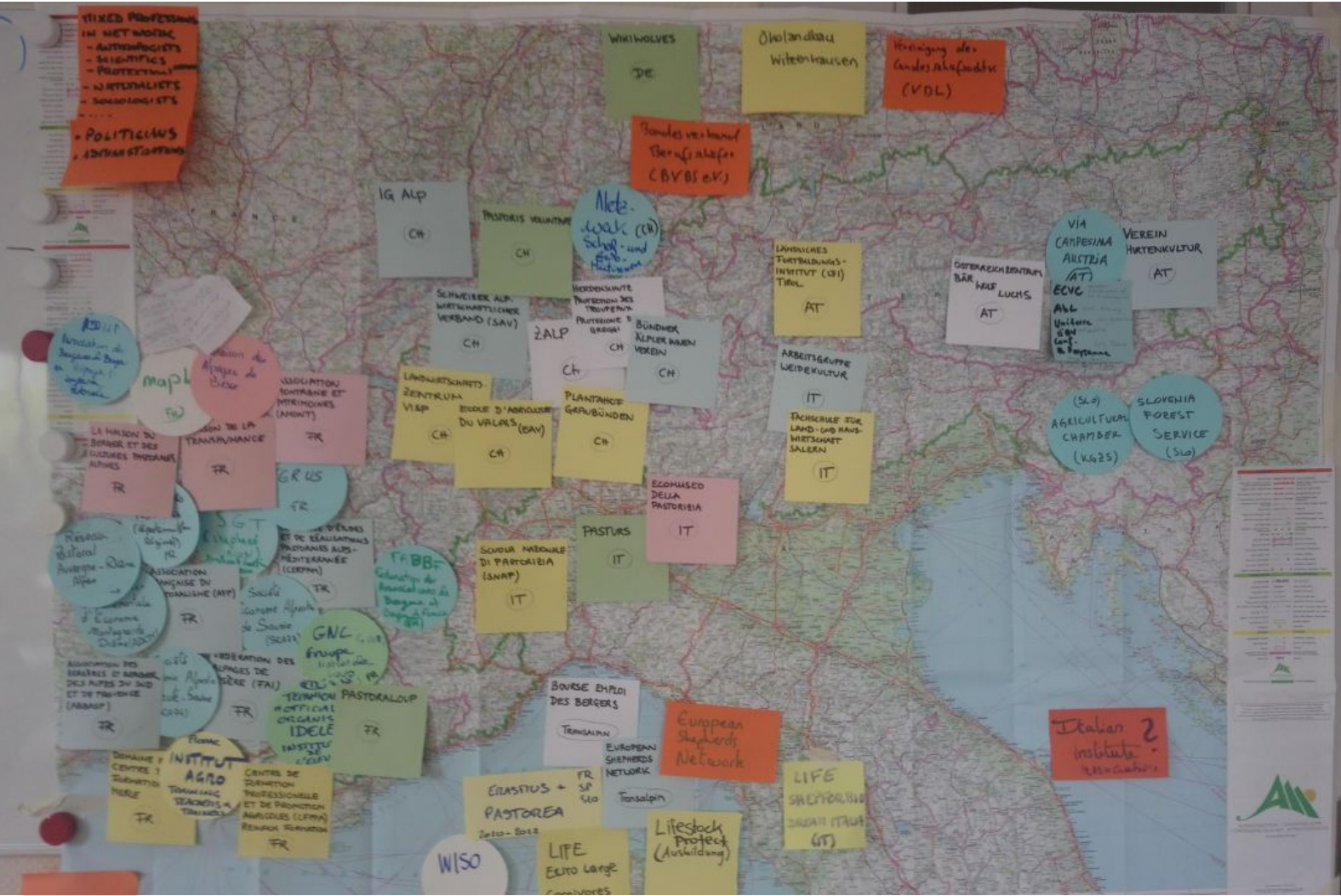
- Get a ride with other participants who travel by car
- Take the train: 17:02 (Illnau) - 19:11 (Schaan),
www.sbb.ch/de/fahrplan.html



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The participants completed the overview map of pastoralism actors in the Alps. April 2023.

The Lexicon

- The aim is to create a tool that shows the richness of each term, which has different meanings in Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Liechtenstein, Slovenia and France, and makes it possible to talk about the same thing.
- This tool will be aimed both at those involved in livestock farming in the Alps and at the general public who want to learn more about Alpine pasture cultures, their history and their role today.
- 10 concepts
- 1 concept = 1300 characters
- Pasture, shepherds, domesticated, production, co-habitation, ...



Upcoming: the training!

- 20-25 participants
- Based on a survey of the needs of shepherd schools
- Aim is to involve thematic experts and to organise an exchange
- Timing: May 2024 probably





Thank you very much!

For more information
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PANEL DISCUSSION

“What is the role of pastoral schools within cross-regional initiatives and networks of promotion of pastoralism?”

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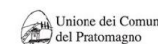
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Next steps

- Report
- Newsletter: subscribe here
<https://dream-italia-euprj.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b4053d891ad141088c43c95ab&id=4fa08842c1>
- LIFE ShepForBio next event → workshop on Ecosystem Services provided by pastoral activities in Spain, October 2024

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