# TRANSFARM

## Vocational education and training for transhumance practitioners





## The TRANSFARM Case Studies – carrying out a traditional business in today's world

The TRANSFARM Case Studies give an impression of what work and life of practitioners look like today. They give an insight into specific practices and the practitioners' main experiences, entrepreneurial decisions, and ideas for further development. There is both, family tradition of several generations as well as recently established business. In all cases, practitioners combine tradition and innovation. The Case Studies deliver answers to urgent recent questions and show many solutions to be personally and financially successful. Come, have a look and be inspired.



## **Demetrios Tsatsos**

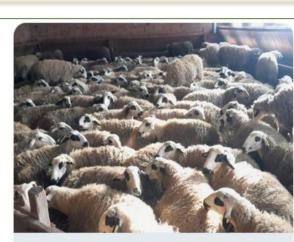
Demetrios Tsatsos is a young man (38 years old) who has dealt with transhumance farming systems for over twenty years. He took over the flock from his father with 500 sheep. Now, he has enlarged his organic farm, which has 800 sheep, 100 goats, and 1...

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#### **MOUNTAINS** Rania Dimou

Rania Dimou is a young lady (37 years old) trying to establish an organic sheep farm. She has worked on the farm for the last 20 years. All her family is dealing with transhumance livestock....



#### **BIGGER SCALE IN TRADITIONS loannis Dekolis**

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...



#### **40 YEARS OF TRANSHUMANCE** Fabio Fornasa

Fabio Fornasa 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 Fornasa currently lost a...



#### MANAGING BIODIVERSITY IN NATIONAL PARKS

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



#### ORGANIC SHEEP, GOATS AND CATTLE **loannis 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 3000 sheep, 50 goats, and...



#### **REVITALISING FORGOTTEN LANDSCAPES Oliver Post**

The Adlegg Foundation offers an innovative concept for conservation and preservation of a cultural landscape. A common interest (landscape) and commitment of all partners are the basis of the concept. The success of the concept is based on the use of...



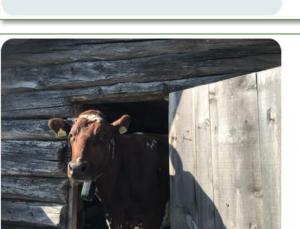
#### MOVING UPSIDE DOWN Hans Küng

The farm of Hans and Lorna Küng is a special transhumance farm considering their way of movement. The animals are moved between 2 locations: Zürs, the main farm at 1.720 m a.s.l. and Bludenz-Bings at 606 m a.s.l. The livestock is in Zürs during winte...



#### TRANSHUMANCE AND TOURISM Simen Løken

Milk production is the main driver for the seasonal farming practice. The milk is collected by TINE - Norway's largest dairy cooperative. In 2011, tourism was added as an activity, and since then, visitors are welcomed three days a week in July....



#### STARTING AGAIN Sina Joten Søndmør

This is a case study of a newly restarted seasonal farm located in a forested landscape. Milk processing and food production is the main driver for the practice. All milk is processed at the seasonal farm, and products are sold at the seasonal farm a...



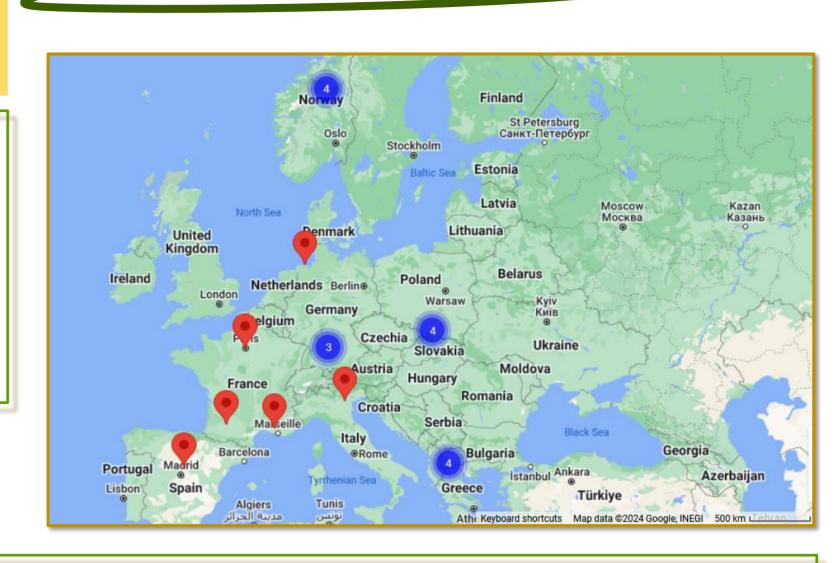
#### TRADITION AND EDUCATION **Katharina Sparstad**

The summer farming practice is based on hand milking and traditional milk processing. Taking care of biodiversity and management of traditional cultural landscapes are an essential and integral part of the practice. The summer farm is open to visitor...



#### TRADITION AND INNOVATION Kathrin and Thomas Aslaksby

The summer farming practice is based on local processing of goat milk. A mobile 'dairy trailer' is used to produce and sell products such as milk and different types of cheese. The summer farm welcomes visitors and offers meals with their production ...



### The Case Studies are part of the interactive VET training material: https://training.transfarm-erasmus.eu/



#### **COOPERATION IN TRANSHUMANCE** Mária Iván Tamáš

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 raising goats is ecological grazing. Grazing maintains pastures with a varied composition of herbaceou...



#### SUITABLE FOR THE REGION Lucia Vojvodová / Salaš Turček AGROTRADE GROUP, Ltd. Rožňava

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#### **BUILDING ON EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE** Jana Lešková / Farm Milko 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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#### **EXPERIMENT IN PRACTICE** Patrick Fabre

The Domaine du Merle, a 400-hectare site on the Crau plain in Provence, has been an essential part of transhumance breeding for almost a century. It is a centre for training, research and experimentation on transhumance. association La Maison de la T...



#### **FARM AND EDUCATE IN URBAN** AREAS

Marie Bréon Marie Bréon, head of the association Bergeries en ville, has been practicing eco-pasture (or urban pastoralism) since 2010. Her sheep and goats graze on about fifteen plots of land in Clamart and its surroundings. The association

has contracts with m...



#### THE LONG TRANSHUMANCE ON FOOT TO THE PYRENEAN MOUNTAINS

Pierre Pujos Pierre Pujos has been a cereal farmer for more

than twenty years in south-west France. In 2019, he diversified into a full-scale open-air livestock activity, while keeping his cereal production. His sheep herd grazes his fields or nearby before going...



#### A COOPERATIVE PRACTICING TRANSHUMANCE Los Apisquillos cooperative

'Los Apisquillos cooperative' carries out its agro-silvicultural activity in Puebla de la Sierra. The cooperative has around 400 animals, mainly of endangered breeds. It sells primarily meat to consumer groups or to end consumers, but the cooperate i...



#### SHEEP WORKING TO KEEP INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING Henning and Franziska Remmers

Henning and Franziska Remmers moved on and took over the "Dyke Farm" in 2022. They were taking this decision after getting to know the herding and management of a sheep herd since autumn of 2019. Today the Henning Remmers is managing 100 ha of grassl...



### Herbert Fleck

60 hectares, 20 of which are leased land. Currently, 48 dairy cows are milked, and most of the milk is processed into fresh milk and yoghurt in the farm's own dairy. The products are delivered directly to ...

The Demeter farm of Herbert Fleck cultivates

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