



This is the FIRST newsletter of the TRANSFARM project, where you can:

- Read a description of what TRANSFARM is about.
- Find out the latest developments of TRANSFARM's activity.
- Get to know the international partners of the project.
- Discover what was discussed in the Transnational Meetings.
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About TRANSFARM

TRANSFARM is an Erasmus+ project, initiated in December 2021 and with an expected end in May 2024, aiming at promoting the farming practice of **transhumance**. Transhumance can be explained as a **seasonal, long-distance movement of livestock between fixed summer pastures at varying distances to a permanent farm**. To be considered as transhumance within the TRANSFARM project, livestock must be accompanied by people. The project involves seven partners comprising six countries (Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Germany, Belgium, and Greece) and three associated partners.

The three main objectives of the TRANSFARM project are:



To summarise the **status of transhumance** in the partners' countries of origin and in some other nations, such as Hungary, Italy, or France.



To collect and compile **case studies** of successful transhumance practitioners.



To launch an **online training platform**, open to rural entrepreneurs and farmers willing to engage in transhumance, or to any stakeholder interested to learn about this farming practice.

The project also strives to inform the general public of the existence of transhumance and the solutions it brings to certain difficulties related to land use and the rural sector:

- It provides farmers with **working opportunities** in a territory which is usually threatened by a lack of job alternatives.
- It gives access to **“zero-kilometre products”** –locally-produced food –, increasingly demanded for a growing socially aware population.
- In turn, this **lowers the carbon footprint** caused by the transport of agricultural products.
- Transhumance showcases **the value of the rural world**, thus attracting **cultural tourism**.

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Latest news from TRANSFARM

The main products from the TRANSFARM projects are the **National Reports** and the **Summary Report**. The National Reports present an analysis of the status of transhumance in the partners' countries of origin (Germany, Greece, Norway, Slovakia, and Spain) and in some additional nations (Italy, Hungary, Belgium and Netherlands, and France), while the Summary Report focus mainly on a broader general overview of transhumance at a European scale. The reports discuss several topics related to **the current situation of transhumance** (areas used and extent, transhumance practitioners, legal situation and funding, vocational and training offers, etc.), its **history**, its **values and meaning** and the **challenges** faced by this traditional farming system.

Both the National Reports and the Summary Report are already available on the [project's webpage](#).

A [glossary](#) containing the most relevant terms for the project has been published and it includes definitions for concepts such as transhumance, dairymaid/dairyman, flock, herder, etc. The terminology will be translated into 10 languages (**English, French, Dutch, German, Norwegian, Spanish, Slovak, Greek, Italian, and Hungarian**). This glossary, along with the National and Summary reports, will be accessible in the upcoming months through an **e-reference book**.

If you wish to read more about the project, check our [leaflet](#).

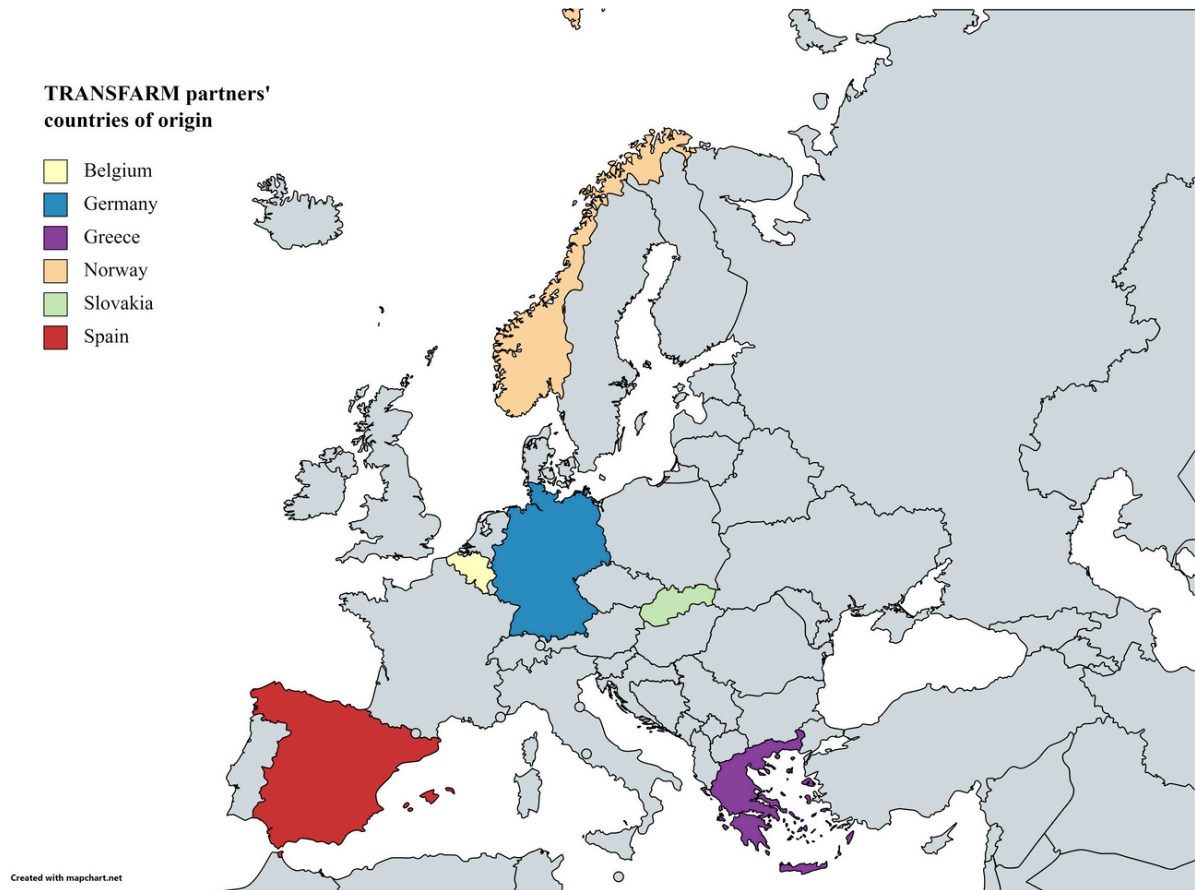
What's about to come

Keep an eye out for the Summary and the National reports, which, together with the glossary, have already been published and are available on the project's website. Partners have already started the selection of the case studies, which, translated into the partners' languages, will be ready by the end of summer.

Preparations for the training platform will start in a few months, with a beta version planned to be tested later this year. The launch of the final training platform, however, is programmed for 2024.

Meet the partners!

The TRANSFARM project consortium is made up of 7 partners from 6 different countries:



Norwegian University
of Life Sciences



ARISTOTLE
UNIVERSITY
OF THESSALONIKI

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HOF UND
LEBEN



EUCLAND
European Culture expressed in
Agricultural Landscapes

ELO⁺
European Landowners' Organization



TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN ZVOLEN

Transnational Meetings

Kick-off Meeting on 13th and 14th January 2022 – Online



The kick-off meeting, which was planned to take place in Granada (Spain), was celebrated online instead because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was almost completely dedicated to discussing the management of the different working packages of the project. Partners also shared impressions on the terminology and the concepts that should appear and be explained in the glossary.

2nd Transnational Meeting on 27th and 28th April 2022 – Zvolen, Slovakia



The second transnational meeting took place in Zvolen, Slovakia, on the 27th and 28th April 2022 and was hosted by TUZVO. Partners presented a first overview about the situation of transhumance in their countries of origin, as a starting point to develop the National Reports. On the second day, the partners had the opportunity to enjoy a field visit to some cultural heritage and production sites related to transhumance: a pastoral landscape managed by a farm, a company following traditional processing of animal products, a producer of bryndza (Slovakian sheep's cheese) and a museum of folk culture linked to transhumance.

3rd Transnational Meeting on 6th and 7th September 2022 – Fagernes (Norway)



The third transnational meeting took place on the 6th and 7th of September 2022 in Fagernes (Norway) and was hosted by the project coordinator the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. The partners presented their final overview about the status of transhumance in a set of countries and important 'take away' messages. They also reviewed the initial steps for the drafting of the Summary Report. Criteria for the selection of best practices for case studies and a first questionnaire were discussed. The field visit gave the opportunity to meet two dairymaids and to learn about how they practise transhumance.

4th Transnational Meeting on 22nd and 23rd May 2023 – Bad Wörishofen (Germany)



The partners of the project met again on the 22nd and 23rd of May 2023 in Bad Wörishofen (Germany), hosted by Hof und Leben. They discussed the inconvenience faced during the drafting of the Summary Report and the National Reports. At the same time, the partners worked on the final details for the publication of the case studies, and designed the content structure for the learning modules. On the second day, the partners visited a dairy farm engaged in transhumance practices.