



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

- Find out the latest developments in TRANSFARM's activity.
- Discover what was discussed in the Transnational Meeting held in Greece.
- Learn about the Multiplier Events that will take place in each of the project partners' countries.
- Explore the next steps of the project.



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Latest news from TRANSFARM

What has TRANSFARM been about for the last few months?

After publishing the Summary and National Reports, which revolved around the status of transhumance in the partners' countries and at the European scale, it was time to **develop the case studies**.

The project compiled **21 examples of successful transhumance practitioners from across Europe**: four from Norway and Greece, three from France, Slovakia and Germany, and one from Spain, Austria, Hungary and Italy. Each of the case studies includes information useful for farmers potentially interested in switching to transhumance practices or developing their ongoing practices, such as **the history of the livestock breeder, a description of the farming business, the reasoning for going into transhumance, and the training or skills needed to establish the business**. The case studies are already available on the [project's website](#).

Partners have also produced the training modules that will be incorporated into the training platform. These modules, aimed at different stakeholders, deal with a range of topics like description of the farming practice, business development and marketing. They will be accessible through the training platform in the upcoming weeks.

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

Multiplier Events

The end of the project is coming, and it is now time to present the project to the general public. Multiplier Events are a strong tool to increase the outreach of the project results by allowing stakeholders to learn why transhumance is important to the rural world and how transhumance farmers can develop their businesses.

The Multiplier Events are organised by the partners in each of the participating countries. Here's a summary of all the events. We are waiting for you!


Multiplier Event in Greece on 25th February 2024 – Karitsa, Pierias



The Multiplier Event in Greece was organised by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki on February 25th. The event, celebrated in Karitsa, brought together more than 30 people.

Multiplier Events

Multiplier Event in Germany on 27th March 2024 – Lißberg



Institute for Research on European Agricultural Landscapes e.V.
(European Culture expressed in Agricultural Landscapes)

14th Workshop: 25-27 March 2024 – Lißberg, Germany

Place Lißberg, Germany Lower Vogelsberg Region close to Frankfurt/M.
Bürgerstiftung (civic foundation) Lißberg, Pfarrer Koch Str. 2, 63683 Ortenberg-Lißberg: <https://www.buergerstiftung-lißberg.de/>

Host Alexandra Kruse & Johannes Dreer, secretariat@eucaland.net

Dates 25 March – 27 March 2024


Travelling **Nearest airport:** Frankfurt/M airport
Nearest train station: Glauburg-Stockheim
Appr. 1,5 hours by train from Frankfurt airport train station and also from Frankfurt main train station, via Glauburg-Stockheim, bus FB-22 from Stockheim Bahnhof, Glauburg takes 13 minutes, once an hour.
Car rental: Frankfurt/M airport, Frankfurt/M main station and Friedberg (I recommend, much easier, but depending on your time of arrival. Maybe no cars on Sunday.)
We suggest to share cars. Please check the table on Google Drive who will come when and try to organise your seat in a car yourself according to your arrival dates.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MmD930nOursN1_v8DcYsFPieCoChEPB/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=1085329757325833844&rfp=frtrue&sd=true

Costs All costs at your own charges:
Flight, local transport, hotel, meals (pot-luck dinner on Monday and we are still looking for an invitation for dinner on Tuesday)

Accommodation: Bürgerstiftung (civic foundation) Lißberg: <https://www.buergerstiftung-lißberg.de/>
We have reserved for 10-20 people and need to confirm a.s.a.p. the exact number.
Please note that there are not enough single rooms for everybody. Therefore, please indicate in the excel table if you are willing to share a room (and with whom if you have already made a personal arrangement). **35 € single room, 55 € double room, 75 € 3-bed apartment.**

Potluck dinner According to our EUCALAND tradition, we will have a shared pot-luck dinner on Monday evening. Please contribute with some national specialties.

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Workshop Content

Overall topics
Monday & Tuesday: EUCALAND Workshop: National Reports on new and old commons, half-day excursion including an exchange with a local shepherd,
Wednesday: TRANSFARM Multiplier Event will be hosted at a local sheep farm

Monday, 25th March 2024

Morning: Arrival
1 pm Welcome by EUCALAND with details on the workshop agenda
1:30 – 6 pm National presentations on new and old commons
6 pm EUCALAND's traditional pot-luck-dinner: Please bring some of your national specialties to share, like bread, cheese, sausage, fruits, and beverages

Tuesday, 26th March
9 am departure for excursion with our own cars, guided by Alexandra and a local host
Afternoon continue with national reports
planning of our common publication
discussion about a planned COST Action on transhumance
discussion about state of the art of the publications of last year's topics
Reminder: EUCALAND is hosting a special session at 2024 PECSRL conference:
<https://www.umcs.pl/en/s09-heritage-of-european-cross-border-landscapes-issues-of-their-identification-management-and-interpretation.28661.htm>
7 pm Dinner

Wednesday 27th March
9 am Transfarm Multiplier Event: We will present the TRANSFARM project with a special focus on the developed training materials. There will be discussions with locals involved in landscape management by transhumance breeds, mainly sheep. The meeting will be hosted at a sheep farm and will include a tasting of regional products.
1 pm degustation
2 pm departure

Attention: Officially, these are 2 events. However, all workshop participants are warmly invited to participate also in the multiplier event, even if it addresses mainly to local transhumance practitioners. Alexandra & Johannes will be more than happy to provide translations. The more we are, the better for us and the Transfarm project evaluation. Please let us know if you intend to participate on Wednesday so that we avoid too much repetition of locations and information.

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The German partners, Hof und Leben and EUCALAND, will jointly organise a scientific workshop where TRANSFARM will be introduced. The presentation of the project, which will take place in Lißberg, will occur on the final day of the workshop. Even though the event, which is open and free of charge, is delivered in German, translations will be provided for international attendees.

The Multiplier Event will place a special emphasis on the developed training materials. The presentation, held in a sheep farm, will feature a discussion on landscape management by transhumance breeds, and will conclude with a tasting of regional products.

To register, please contact Johannes Dreer at dreer@hofundleben.de.

Multiplier Events

Multiplier Event in Slovakia on April 30th 2024 – Zvolen

The Slovak partners, the Technical University of Zvolen, will organise their Multiplier Event at the university headquarters on April 30th. Information regarding the agenda and the registration link will be shared accordingly in due time.

Multiplier Event in France on May 18th 2024 – Cézens

TRANSFARM will also be presented in France by our associated partners VetAgro Sup. The event, to be celebrated on May 18th, will be part of the Fête du Pastoralisme de Cézens, a farming festival that seeks to highlight the relevance of transhumance and in which livestock is taken to the mountains.

Stay tuned to our social media for more info on the agenda and registration links.

Multiplier Events in Norway and Spain

Multiplier Events will also take place in Spain and Norway, although the dates and locations are still to be confirmed. Keep an eye out for more information on our social media channels!

Transnational Meetings

5th Transnational Meeting on 2nd and 3rd October 2023 – Thessaloniki (Greece)



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The partners of the project met once again in Thessaloniki (Greece), hosted by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, on the 2nd and 3rd of October 2023.

On the first day, the partners visited the Association of Transhumance Farmers, in Agios Spyron, where they learned about the living and farming conditions of the Sarakatsani. This semi-nomadic ethnic group were historically shepherds and livestock breeders, known for their seasonal migration patterns in search of pastureland for their animals. Afterwards, the partners headed to Dion, where farmers welcomed them with a delicious meal composed of tiropita and galopita, cheese and milk pies. Partners also had the opportunity to visit the traditional Sarakatsian huts.

And after the field visit, it was time for some office work! The second day was entirely devoted to discussing the development of the project, the status of each of the work packages and the project's upcoming stages.

What's about to come

Preparations for the training platform have already started, and **partners have developed a set of training modules related to transhumance** from a multi-faceted perspective. **A beta version of the training platform is planned to be tested in the upcoming weeks, while the launch of the final learning interface is expected for the next months.** The training platform will be open and free to any interested stakeholder who wants to engage in transhumance. It will include, along with the training modules, the materials already produced by the partners: the e-reference book containing the National and Summary Reports and the glossary, and the case studies.

Partners are now devoted to presenting the project in the Multiplier Events that will be held in each of the participating countries. **Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend one of them if you have the chance!**

Save this date in your calendar: 29 May. This will be the day of the Final Project Conference, where the results of TRANSFARM will be presented to an exceptional audience.

The event, which will be held in Brussels at a location to be determined, will feature Members of the European Parliament, senior officials from the European Commission and experts in the field. Keep an eye out for updates on our social media and newsletters!

On the previous day, the partners will meet for the last time at ELO headquarters, where they will bring the project to an end after 30 months of intense and fruitful work.

If you want to stay tuned for the latest news and developments from TRANSFARM, don't forget to subscribe to our newsletter and to follow us on social media.