

# ABOUT US

The TRANSFARM project consists of **7 partners across 6 countries:**

- The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) (NO),
- the Institute for Research on European Agricultural Landscapes e.V. (EUCALAND) (DE),
- Hof und Leben (DE),
- OnProjects (OnP) (ES),
- the Technical University in Zvolen (TUZVO) (SK),
- the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (A.U.Th.) (GR), and
- the European Landowners' Organization (ELO) (BE).

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

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

The Polish Farm Advisory and Training Centre 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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# TRANSHUMANCE

Transhumance is a farming system that comprises seasonal movement with livestock between fixed summer and winter pastures. It is a prevalent but rarely noticed form of land use across Europe.

Transhumance can be considered not only as a sustainable way of land management, it also presents answers to urgent societal challenges.

Transhumance supports adaptation of land use in times of climate change by re-introducing traditional farming practices and/or old species. Potential benefits are:

- Preserving biodiversity and providing an important gene-pool;
- Contributing to the EU-Green deal;
- Partaking in reducing carbon rates of agriculture;
- Answering society's demand of locally produced, high quality food;
- Valorising rural areas;
- Reducing the trend of rural exodus by providing job alternatives.



# OBJECTIVES

TRANSFARM aims at developing training materials that provide young farmers and rural entrepreneurs who aspire to start with and/or maintain transhumance with further skills and knowledge. This will help to better address the changing challenges and new demands of their job such as knowledge about business development and communication skills.

- 1** Provide an overview about the current situation of transhumance in the partners' countries. Information about transhumance is scattered, not readily available, and not prepared for comparison.
- 2** Collect case studies of best practice that convey the experiences of successful transhumance practitioners.
- 3** Develop digital training material for transhumance practitioners consisting of e-learning modules, general information about transhumance in different countries, and a database of case studies of best practice assembled in an easily accessible way for self-learning.



# PROSPECTIVE RESULTS

The first major outcome of the project is to provide an overview of the current situation of transhumance in the participating European countries, including information about the types and degrees of practices and resulting landscapes, support schemes for transhumance, and specific knowledge needed by transhumance practitioners.

This information will be presented in form of an e-reference book providing the following contents:

**National Reports** on the current situation of transhumance (in Czechia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, and Spain);

**Summary Report** enlarged with information about the situation in Europe in general;

**E-glossary** containing definitions of topic-related key terms to enhance communication across different languages and cultures.

The second main outcome of the project is a database with case studies of best practices of successful transhumance practitioners.

