

PASTINNOVA – Innovative models for sustainable future of Mediterranean pastoral systems

Regional Workshop

Transhumance as Intangible Cultural Heritage Valorization and implications for pastoral stakeholders



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Background

Transhumance is an important activity for the Mediterranean, with multiple economic, social and environmental benefits for most of its mountain areas. Historically, transhumance has been practiced for centuries as a way to profit from rich vegetation in mountains during summer in the highlands and mild winters in the lowlands in winter. Throughout centuries, transhumant people have developed a typical production system comprising significant elements of Traditional Ecological Knowledge, traditions, norms and products.

“Transhumant Livestock Farming” was inscribed on the National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2017 (http://ayla.culture.gr/en/i_metakinoumeni_ktinotrofia/). The element includes multiple characteristics of transhumance including the movement of flocks, specific elements of uses of land, labor and capital, products, customs and other characteristics related to the practice of transhumance and transhumant people. “Transhumance, the seasonal droving of livestock along migratory routes in the Mediterranean and in the Alps” was inscribed in the **Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2019** (<https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/transhumance-the-seasonal-droving-of-livestock-along-migratory-routes-in-the-mediterranean-and-in-the-alps-01470>). The inscription was the result of the common effort and file submission jointly by **Austria, Greece and Italy**. This element encompasses TEK relevant to the three countries, which shares many common features, despite the diversity of their territories. An extended version of this inscription was jointly submitted in 2022 by 10 countries – Albania, Andorra, Austria, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Romania, Spain.

The objective of the meeting is to deepen the understanding about the multiple contributions of transhumance systems in various Mediterranean settings under the light of ICH inscription. It envisages to bring together scientists and practitioners from various backgrounds and areas in order to build an integrated transdisciplinary image of how transhumance and its ICH can be valorized for the benefit of farmers, value chain actors and the society in general.

Program

Time	
10.00	Registration
10.30	Opening - Welcoming
10.35	Introduction to PASTINNOVA <i>Athanasios Ragkos, Agricultural Economics Research Institute, Greece</i>
10.45	Transhumance as cultural heritage <i>Ioannis N. Drinis, Ministry of Culture and Sports, Greece</i>
11.00	Transhumance in Greece: On the road to UNESCO <i>Vasiliki Lagka, International Hellenic University, Greece</i>
Session 1	Experience and case studies of valorization of transhumance in PASTINNOVA
11.15	Transhumant systems in Central Italy : Resilience in balancing challenges and opportunities for the future of marginal lands <i>Paride D' Ottavio, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona</i>
11.30	Innovations and Valorization of Products of Transhumant Farmers in the Mediterranean Part of Turkey: A case study for goat milk soap <i>Nazan Koluman, Curukova University</i>
11.45	Transhumance and use of summer rangelands in Corsica: Valorizing traditional heritage practices and know-how in Corsica for the revival of pastoral activities in crisis; between fantasy and operational solutions <i>Jean-Paul Dubeuf, Institut National de Recherche pour l' Agriculture, l'Alimentation et l'Environnement – SELMET, France</i>
12.00	Transhumance practice in Lebanon: Challenges and Adaptations <i>Hassan Istaytiyyeh, Istaytiyyah Farms Manager, Lebanon</i>
12.15	Coffee Break
Session 2	Research Projects and initiatives for the valorization of transhumance and ICH
12.35	True Cheese: Valorizing transhumance summer milk <i>Georgios Samouris</i>
12.50	EchoLoc: Innovative soundscape applications for the mapping and conservation of biodiversity, with the participation of citizens, in the pastoral routes of Zagori <i>Panagiota Koutsoukou, EcoMuseum Zarori, Greece</i>
13.05	Comparison of economic performance of transhumant and sedentary farms rearing local breeds in Northern Greece <i>Dimitrios Skordos, Agricultural Economics Research Institute, Greece</i>
13.20	A Virtual Reality Trek at the Sarakatsanian Routes (Strates) of Peloponnese <i>Maria Karatassiou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece</i>
13.30	Discussion
14.00	Closing

All times are in Athens time zone (GMT +2)

Venue: Research Institute of Mediterranean Forest Ecosystems, Terma Alkmanos, Athens, Greece

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The meeting will be open to participate also online

Language: The Workshop will be in **Greek** with simultaneous translation to **English** and **French**

Registration is obligatory for either in-person or remote attendance

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