

Transhumance as inspiring rural heritage in Montenegro

Co-chair of the Regional IYRP Support Group in Europe, Francesca Pasetti, took part in the [closing conference](#) of the [IRIS](#) (Inspiring rural heritage: sustainable practices to protect and conserve upland landscapes and memories) project on 19–21 October 2023 in Kolašin, Montenegro

All of the presentations at the conference can be found here: <https://iris-jpi.eu/conference-presentations.html>

Francesca made a presentation on the IYRP2026 and on transhumance as part of the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity – see her presentation here: https://iris-jpi.eu/media/attachments/2023/12/14/09_F%20Pasetti_IYRP%20-%20UNESCO%20transhumance.pdf

This presentation was especially important for Montenegro, as its Administration for the Protection of Cultural Property has agreed to an initiative for protecting the tradition of transhumance to the pastoral settlements known as *katuns* in the Sinjajevina Mountains by having this inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List.

The final conference report can be found here: <https://iris-jpi.eu/media/attachments/2023/12/13/conference-report-202312-13.pdf>



Field trip to the katuns during the closing conference (Credit: IRIS project)