

RISG Europe update September 2023

- May 2023: Elections new co-chairs, decision of having two pastoralists as co-chair: one male and one woman
- Several new members of IYRP and RISG Europe of new countries, wanting to have better balance between the countries (some are with 15 or more persons, others have none or only one person)

In Spain:

- Creation of OPEM (Observatorio del Pastoralismo Extensivo del Mediterraneo) and its role at national and International level
- End of September 2023: **TP6 (Territorios Pastoreados 6 in Valencia, 27–30 Sept)** official presentation of IYRP by two co-chairs, and the ongoing and future projects related to pastoralism
- Publication **Pastoralism and Wildfires**
- 22 October: Transhumance through Madrid
- 26 October: Transhumance meeting in Alicante
- International work on meeting on Commons & Pastoralism

In Italy:

- FAO Rome: first **FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation** (Better production, better nutrition, better environment, better life)
- **Sardinia–Kirgistan**: In an Italian island, where sheep have traditionally been kept in pastoral systems for centuries, there is a drastic reduction in the number of shepherds. Therefore, the <https://www.ilpost.it/2023/09/18/pastori-kirghizistan-sardegna/>

In Portugal:

Participation of RISG Europe at:

- IYRP launching in **Sierra de Alvao** (May 2023)
- Festival of Transhumance of **Sierra de Estrela** (Sept 2023), launching IYRP and planning for actions in Portugal and **common IYRP actions with other countries**, through common EU-financed projects with other countries



France:

Club UNESCO on Transhumance

GIEE

Label Agneau des Pyrénées

In Eastern Europe:

- First contacts with Carpathian Convention, participation of RISG Europe co-chair in the CC meeting in Serbia (Oct 2023) and first IYRP MoC between IYRP and Carpathian Coalition
- Participation of **RISG Europe in the Closure of European project IRIS** – Inspiring Rural Heritage: Sustainable Practices to Protect and Conserve Upland Landscapes and Memories, and presenting IYRP in Montenegro
- Great interest in **third wave for Transhumance Nomination**

Multiple countries

- Programme TRE and Project Parcovie (Albania, France, Greece, Italy and Spain)
- Erasmus Plus Project (France, Greece, Italy, Rumania, Morocco and Mongolia)

General activities:

Propose to realise:

- Create an **Archive of Festivities** around Transhumance actually still existing in all Europe. There are a lot of very important ones that are known only in the surroundings of the event. We would like to have a **calendar of the main festivals and other important festivities** related to transhumance and pastoralism in all Europe, with a short description of their social importance, with traditional food, traditional music, traditional dances etc.
- Realise a list of **main interesting articles and webpage references on management improvements** related to extensive livestock keeping all over Europe, if not in English, in the original language with a small summary in English, such as: <https://onpasture.com/2017/12/18/sheep-can-now-safely-graze-vineyards/>
- Share information like **Sardinia Tradition** to help livestock keepers who have lost their animals.