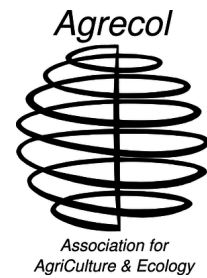


Invitation to Agrecol autumn meeting 2026

Pastoralism: A Weekend of Learning, Exchange and Inspiration

Place: Göttingen

Dates: 18–20 September 2026



Pastoralism has shaped landscapes, livelihoods and cultures for centuries. Yet today, pastoralist communities with their animals face unprecedented challenges – from climate change and land-use pressures to changing policies and increasing restrictions on mobility. At the same time, their knowledge, adaptability and resilience offer valuable lessons for creating more sustainable futures. This year's Agrecol Association's autumn meeting takes place right after the Tropentag conference 2026, which will be held in Göttingen University. As pastoralism is a major theme in the conference in this International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP2026), pastoralism experts and many Agrecol members and friends will be joining the Tropentag. This creates a wonderful opportunity for Agrecol members and guests to extend their networks and to exchange during the weekend meeting in a relaxed and friendly environment.

During the weekend, we will journey across pastoral regions of the world, exchanging the diverse realities of herding communities and discussing how mobility, local knowledge and innovation contribute to resilience in changing environments. Through expert insights and interactive discussions, we will learn from experiences spanning different continents and ecological contexts.

In a field excursion, we will explore local examples of landscape management and grazing systems, offering space to connect global discussions with practical realities on the ground in Germany.

Location



Göttingen Ostviertel (East Quarter), where the youth hostel is located

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The **Göttingen Youth Hostel** is located close to Göttingen city centre and just 1.6 km from the University's Central Lecture Building (where the Tropentag will be held). The hostel offers a wonderful environment for learning and exchange with comfortable accommodation and seminar rooms. The meeting will start Friday late afternoon with an exhibition of photos and other posters on pastoralism around the globe. Saturday will be dedicated to in-depth case discussions about pastoralism in different parts of the world and an excursion to learn more about local grazing

systems and landscape management. Sunday morning will be final reflections and wrapping up. The weekend meeting ends on Sunday around noon.

The meeting will also provide ample opportunities for informal exchanges creating a welcoming environment for networking, collaboration and friendship. We invite you to join us for a weekend of reflection and learning as we explore how rangelands and pastoralism continue to contribute to resilient landscapes and sustainable livelihoods around the world.



Hutewald (pastoral forest) Solling, an excursion site

Approximate costs

The total costs for room and board over the weekend (two nights) will be about 130€/person – with a total surcharge of 20€ for a single room or 10€ for a double room. The hostel offers vegetarian food; gluten-free and vegan food can be ordered in advance (if you need this, please note it in the registration form under Comments). For other expense (rental of meeting room, fuel costs for excursion, etc) you can reckon with 25–30€/person.

Of course, it is also possible to stay in a hotel or B&B in Göttingen; please book this yourself.

How to get there

- **By train & bus:** Göttingen is an Inter-City Express station. The No. 80 bus goes from Jüdenstrasse in the city centre (15 min. walk from the train station) to the youth hostel.
- **By train and foot or bike:** The youth hostel is 2.3 km from the railway station (about 35 min. walking or 13 min. cycling).

Registration via Nuudel link: <https://nuudel.digitalcourage.de/z7fIXJQ9LQYmuuyN>

The closing date for registration is **10 August 2026**.

Please fill in a separate line for each person. As always, the registration is binding, i.e. if you cancel, you may still have to pay part of the costs.

Should you have any questions about the content of the meeting, please contact Ute (ute.schneiderat@posteo.de) or Fanos (fanosm@gmail.com).

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We look forward to seeing you in Göttingen!

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