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“The Agro-ecosystem of the transhuman herd”



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Filming of the mini-clip in various countries – Young people's views on transhumance, captured on film. Watch it on our YouTube channel:
https://youtu.be/7hl5qTGZTiU?si=3u4te2LkPm99_AhN

Semaine du 04 au 08 Novembre 2024

The first mobility initiative as part of this project, focusing on generational renewal in Larissa, Greece. A real success!

Débat et soirée à thème : le partenariat crée de la dynamique !

Whether in person or via video conference, the key is to make these events as accessible as possible: the 'Soirée Bergère' at the Campus Pyrénées Comminges on 28 November 2024 and a symposium on transhumance in Agadir on 3 December 2024..



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First Mobility: Symposium on generational renewal

By Fabienne Gilot

From 4 to 8 November 2024, a large-scale trip by partners, accompanied by pupils and teachers, to Larissa in Greece, as part of WP2.



Young people discover transhumance in Greece: an exchange full of valuable lessons!

As part of the Erasmus 'Eco-TransH' project, led by the Campus Pyrénées Comminges, young people from France, Mongolia, Morocco, Italy and Romania gathered in Larissa, Greece, to explore the pastoral tradition of transhumance.

This intercultural trip combined educational activities with opportunities to share experiences centred on an ancestral practice recognised as part of humanity's intangible cultural heritage. A symposium on generational renewal in the pastoral sector and the production of a collective mini-video clip enabled participants to compare their perspectives and discuss the challenges facing pastoralism.

The young people visited an agricultural institute and an eco-museum dedicated to transhumance, and shared traditional meals, thereby strengthening intercultural dialogue. Language barriers were overcome, creating a space for mutual understanding between diverse pastoral cultures, from the yaks of Mongolia to the goats of Morocco.

The visit also highlighted the economic and climate challenges facing Greece, raising participants' awareness of the urgent need to adopt sustainable agricultural practices.

Despite the health restrictions, the experiment confirmed the value of transhumance as a vehicle for solidarity and cultural transmission, highlighting the key role of agricultural education in preserving rural skills.

This programme has demonstrated that intercultural exchange is a powerful tool for fostering understanding between peoples and promoting collective solutions to global challenges.

Next trip in May 2025: off to Romania to discuss climate change and its impact on forage and water resources...



« We gained valuable insights, particularly through visits to historic sites where nomads once lived. This enabled us to see how countries preserve their traditional heritage and pass it on to future generations. We became aware of our role in preserving the heritage and culture of Mongolian farmers, as well as the traditional use of pastures. It is essential to maintain the natural and ecological balance of our country. Finally, the discussions on the use of pastures, the irrigation system and the relationship between people, nature and animals have given us valuable insights into how we can better support our nomads and shepherds. » Sukhtulga Tserennadmid

Review of the first phase of the Eco-TransH programme



Jean-François LAYRISSE guide for the BTS PA :

« The exchanges during the trip were very enriching for both the students and the accompanying staff. These encounters enable us to build a better future by embracing our differences. We must continue this work for the benefit of the campus and, above all, to train our future professionals. »



Nicolas PIERCHON: *« I really enjoyed this trip to Greece, as it allowed me to experience other cultures, to see things from a different perspective, and to learn about different ways of doing things. You're not confined to your own country; you discover countries that don't necessarily rear the same animals, or in the same way, and you realise that transhumance is not just a method of production but also a way of life. We met this Greek people who have been practising pastoralism and nomadism for centuries, as well as Mongolians who travel across the steppes. I thus discovered that some of them had customs similar to those on my native island of Corsica, where pastoralism has also been practised for a very long time. »*

