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France



Grèce



Italie



Maroc



Mongolie



Roumanie

"The agro-ecosystem of the transhumant herd"



SPRING 2025

To prepare for the exchange program in Romania, the partners have developed fact sheets presenting the main forage plants used for grazing, the iconic species of each country, and the effects of climate change on these environments. These resources will enable teachers to illustrate their lessons with concrete examples from other regions of the world, thereby giving students a better understanding of practices in other parts of the world. *Coming soon to the website: www.ecotransh.com*



2025 : Morocco in the Spotlight

The ECOTRANS� project fosters a desire to explore other countries, one of the main objectives of the Erasmus programs. As a result, southern Morocco particularly captured the interest of the BTSA Animal Production students from the Saint-Gaudens high school, who traveled there to meet shepherds, learn about pastoral systems, and explore local high-value-added products, such as argan oil. This trip gave them an understanding of both the impact of transhumance on the region and how this practice, in turn, is affected by climate change!



Fall Under the Moroccan Sun in Saint-Gaudens

Our Moroccan partners, who were unable to participate in the exchange program in Romania, were welcomed in Saint-Gaudens as part of the reciprocal visit. They were able to tour the agricultural high school, meet with teachers and students, and visit several farms as well as a summer pasture to gain a better understanding of how these pastoral areas are managed. They also spoke with aspiring shepherds currently in training at the CFPPA in Saint-Girons and worked with the entire team and professionals on the project's remaining tasks and future prospects. *A busy week full of learning! Check out the photos on Instagram!*



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Second Mobility: Exploring Pastoral Landscapes, Forage Resources, and the Transhumance Festival in Romania

By Fabienne Gilot

Young People Discover the Tradition of Transhumance in Romania!

As part of the activities of the Erasmus+ ECOTRANSH project, all European and international partners—with the exception of the Moroccan delegation, which was unable to obtain a visa—gathered at the Alexandru Borza Agricultural High School in Geoagiu, Romania. This meeting was fully in line with the project's objectives: to promote transhumance practices, to better understand the sustainable management of grazing lands and to strengthen the transmission of the cultural and environmental heritage associated with extensive livestock farming.

During this exchange, the students and teachers attended an institutional welcome session that presented the host high school's UNESCO project and highlighted the key issues addressed by ECOTRANSH. They then visited a local farm, observed how a nature park and a Romanian summer pasture operate, and participated in a workshop on **plant identification**, highlighting the importance of biodiversity in pastoralism.

The partners also took part in **the transhumance festival**, where the students ran a special booth called "Transhumance en Herbe." The festival featured a parade of traditional costumes and showcased products and culinary expertise linked to pastoral practices. This cultural event highlighted the vibrant and shared nature of transhumance heritage, from Europe all the way to Mongolia! An enriching and exceptional cultural exchange for the community and local elected officials!

Throughout the trip, participants had the opportunity to talk with livestock farmers and shepherds about the unique pastoral characteristics of each country, compare summer pastures, and gain an understanding of current challenges: maintaining traditional practices, preserving ecosystems, adapting livestock production systems, promoting mountain regions, and the impact of climate change.

This exchange strengthened the partnership and allowed the students to have a rich intercultural experience, at the heart of the issues addressed by the ECOTRANSH project.

Upcoming and final trip in May 2026: off to Italy/Larino::

**Promoting local products and regions: young people in the kitchen to celebrate—
an event that will contribute to the International Year of Transhumance and
Pastoralism!**

**Student Feedback and Evaluation of This Trip –
They are the ones most directly involved, and
they're the ones who can describe it best!**



"It was a unique and unforgettable experience. I'm very happy to have met people from other countries and to have seen animals and landscapes that we don't have in Greece. Also, the transhumance was very different from what's practiced in Greece." Eleni Chasioti.

"Very interesting. A chance to leave France and discover the culture of other countries." Paul Touzanne.



**Test the "Tranh/Game" quiz on transhumance
practices in Romania!**

Mongolia takes the top spot!

**A game that's suitable for everyone and can also
be adapted for each partner country!**



Transhumance Festival and Photos of the Booth!

