



“Transhumance – seasonal droving of livestock” UNESCO file Process of extension

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The steps taken in the new extension

- **2023:** Inscription of Transhumance on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO
- **February 2024:** Meeting under the Carpathian Convention at the request of Poland for extending the file → checking the possibility of all Carpathian countries to join the UNESCO file
- **April 2024:** Romanian Ministry of Culture decides to coordinate the new extension
- **July, September 2024:** Online working meetings to prepare the file
- **October 2024:** Working meeting in Bucharest
- **Next steps → March 2025 → December 2026**

R2. The importance of TRANSHUMANCE for the Sustainable Development Goals

- ✓ Food security
- ✓ Health care
- ✓ Quality education
- ✓ Gender equality
- ✓ Inclusive economic development
- ✓ Environmental sustainability including climate change
- ✓ Community resilience

R3. Assessing existing and ongoing safeguarding projects between “old” and “new” countries

- ✓ Carpathian countries' joint projects for documenting and safeguarding Transhumance/pastoralism



Bucharest Meeting: 24-25 October, Romanian Ministry of Culture



Spain, Croatia, Italy, Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Serbia, Portugal, Turkiye, Bulgaria, CC



“Romanian-Polish pastoral connection”

National Village Museum, Bucharest
(sheep milking station, Alba county/Carpathian vernacular
architecture)

Participation of Carpathian Convention countries to the UNESCO file extension

- **Poland, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine (& Romania)**
 - **Administrative mandatory step:** The documentation and recognition at the national level of Transhumance as intangible cultural heritage
- **The information already provided for the multinational extension:**
 - Combining of traditional old pastoral structures and modern ways
 - Environmentally friendly use of Carpathian mountain resources
 - Importance of the institutional support (government, academia)
 - Similarities: seasonality, rituals, sheep breeds, terminology

Dedicated meeting of the Carpathian Convention countries

- **Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Romania**
- Facilitation by the representative of the Carpathian Convention Secretariat
- Participation of the national focal points of the Carpathian Convention of **Romania** and **Slovakia**, and of the representative of the National Agency of the Mountain Area in **Romania**
- Identifying new ways for enhancing collaboration and support between all Carpathian countries on safeguarding pastoralism
 - “Safeguarding Carpathian Pastoralism” → Register of good safeguarding practices of the UNESCO 2003 Convention

