

Extension of the Transhumance file under the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List of Humanity.

Steps taken and lessons learned

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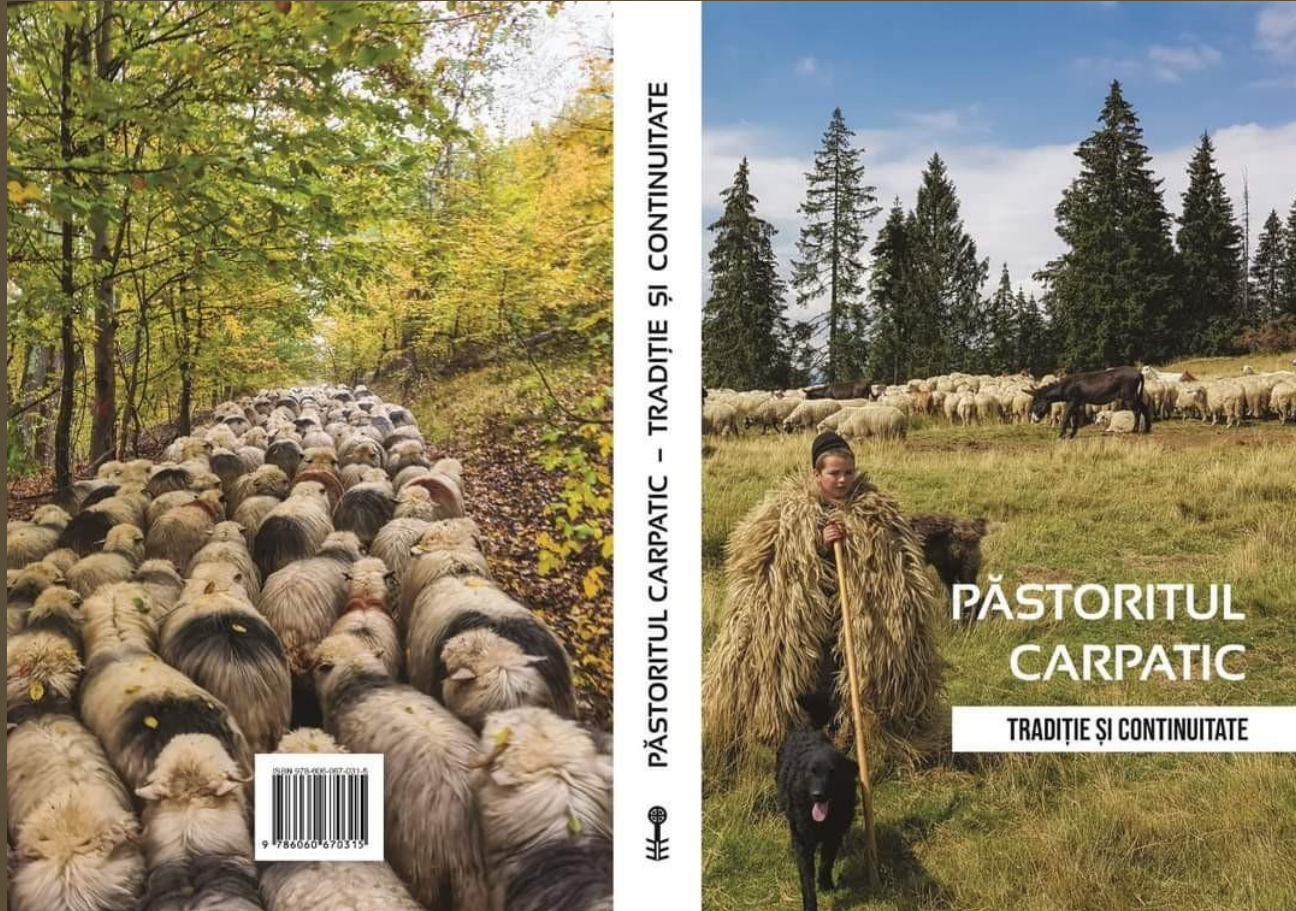
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“Carpathian”



- National Inventory of ICH in Romania
 (“Carpathian Transhumance – element of traditional pastoralism”)
- Our research approach
- Our mindset
- Removing the geographical indication in the title of the 1st file

The DEFINITION of TRANSHUMANCE

- Limited/specific or broad/inclusive?
- “Across lands”

- A form of pastoralism
- A **seasonal** movement of people with their livestock (sheep, cows, goats & horses, donkeys)
- Between several **geographical** and/or **climatic** regions
- Along traditionally used **pastoral paths** or **established routes**

- The diversity of Transhumance areas within national geographies! (one village → entire country)



The DEFINITION of TRANSHUMANCE

- 2 types of Transhumances:
- GEOGRAPHY:
- **Horizontal Transhumance**: in plain and/or plateau regions (bearers and their livestock migrate according to water and fodder availability) **without necessarily changing altitude.**
- **Vertical Transhumance**: occurring typically in mountain regions (the Pyrenees, the Alpine Arc, the Carpathians, the Spanish Sierras etc.) where animals are driven **from valleys to high-altitude pastures** with two variants → **seasonal migration.**



The DEFINITION of TRANSHUMANCE

- 2 types of Transhumances:
- SEASON:
- **Direct/summer Transhumance:** during the summer, it is the seasonal migration of farmers and herders who live in plains or valleys to **higher** pastures
- **Inverse/winter Transhumance:** during winter, it is the seasonal migration of farmers or herders who live in the mountains to **lower** altitude pastures.



The importance of TRANSHUMANCE for Sustainable Development Goals

CULTURE + BIOLOGY

- **ECOLOGICAL SERVICES:** improves soil fertility through livestock manure, optimises grassland and woodland areas
- **BIODIVERSITY:** contributes to the preservation and safeguarding of local breed, enhances a great variety of fodder resources
- **SOCIAL TIES:** structures a transhumant pastoral community along “commons” made up of public and private properties



Encouraging DIVERSITY Enriching HERITAGE

- Including the rich phenomena of intangible & tangible cultural heritage related to & supporting TRANSHUMANCE
 - **The CONTEXT:**
 - Calendric rituals, pastoral holidays
 - Pastoral folklore and music
 - Pastoral traditional attire
 - Traditional sheep folds & vernacular architecture
 - **The END PRODUCTS:**
 - Cheese-making
 - Lamb & mutton products
 - Wool-processing

➤ All ICH domains of the Convention!



The UNESCO (new) forms for extensions & Representative List

- Simplification
- Multinational extension
- Representative List
- SDGs in the Representative List new forms
- New video?
- New letters of consent of the original communities



The new extension protocol

- New form requests explanations about the new content/contribution
- The collaboration and negotiation between the “old” and the “new” (content, communities, safeguarding plans)
- Criterion R2
 - SDGs
- Criterion R3
 - Future safeguarding plans – international initiatives



Very important to do TOGETHER

- Among the 10 countries: Assessing the status and commitments around the existing safeguarding plans
- With “new” countries: Multinational safeguarding plan(s) by community-based discussions
- Video

