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## EMPOWERING PASTORALIST WOMEN IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS: Navigating Environmental & Gender Challenges

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## **SPEAKERS**

- Francesca Pasetti, European Focal Point International Year of Pastoralism (IYRP) 2026
- Sara Manuelli, Mountain Partnership FAO
- Iskra Stojanova and Valmira Bozgo, UNEP, Western Balkans
- Maria Buchsteiner, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria
- Irina Mkrtchyan, Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Development of Communities (ISSD) NGO, Armenia
- Ibolya Sáfiánné, herder, Hungary
- Constanța Ștefan, Country Loviștea Agricultural Association, Romania
- Helga Hager, herder and dairywoman, Austria
- Laura Martinez Nuñez, shepherdess, veterinary, and cheesemaker, Spain
- Caterina De Boni, shepherdess, Italy



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## **ABOUT THE EVENT**

Mountainous regions in Europe harbor not only stunning natural beauty but also communities deeply rooted in pastoral traditions. Due to the vital role they play, empowering women in pastoralist communities is an indispensable and fundamental strategy, essential for developing effective responses to ecological and socio-economic threats and ensuring the resilience of sustainable pastoralism.

This meeting aims at amplifying rural women's and girls voices and experiences from different rural mountainous regions.