DE BONI CATERINA
Shepherdess

Friuli-Venezia-Giulia (Italy)
SHEEP FARMING IN ITALY

(estimates)

● 60,000 farms
● 6,400,000 sheep
● 1,000,000 goats

● 80% dairy cattle (south Italy)
● 20% meat cattle (north Italy)

30% farms led by women
(Source: Coldiretti-Assonapa-Italian BDN-ISMEA)

Foto: flock of De Boni Caterina (©Abel Picogna)
TRANSHUMANCE IN NORTH ITALY

365 day per year

Summer: Alps
Winter: Plains, in private or public fields

ADVANTAGES
Little or no mechanization
Little water and fossil fuels consumption
Animal welfare

DISADVANTAGES
Hard work
Difficulty in finding pastures in winter due to the increase of cultivated fields
An History about woman pastoralism in the Alps

AT SHEEP PACE
The Journey of a transhuming shepherdess

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WOOL

An opportunity for Woman pastoralism
ITALIAN BREEDS OF SHEEP
More than 65 breeds of sheep
(bold: breeds in extinction)
Source: Wikipedia-associazionerare.it

Example of small wool realities in Italy

Aquilana (Abruzzo)

Spinrad- (Alto Adige)
LES TISSERELANDS

Valle d’Aosta
Fattoria “La Rocca”

Museo della lana
Scattered Manufacturing in the Dolomites

ELBEC

(Rocca Pietore-Dolomites)
My Wool...Claut-Dolomites
An Italian artist: Ennia Visentin
WOOL Project (2022)
Wool as Outstanding Opportunity for Leverage

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University of Zagreb, Economics and Marketing Department.
Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina-Montenegro
Investigation about breed of sheeps, quality and uses of wool, job opportunities for women in the rural areas, problems to resolve
Biodiversità ovina veneta (Sheep’s Biodiversity in Veneto Region)

A study about the potential use of the wool of some Italian sheep breeds in the Alps of Veneto

Coordinator: Elena Pagliarino

Partners

- CNR-IRCES
- CENTRO CONSORZI
- EUROPEAN UNION-psr Veneto
WOOLSHED project (2024):
Improve the use of waste wool in the Alps

5 Countries and 7 partners involved:

- **ITALY:** Centro Consorzi
- **SWITZERLAND:** Onl’Fat Lab, Laines d’ici
- **SLOVENIA:** Kgzs Zavod, Innorenew CoE
- **FRANCE:** Le textile Lab
- **AUSTRIA:** Impact Hub
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