

„Goat herding with support from volunteers“

to preserve the cultural landscape
in the Tyrolean mountains

Who are we?

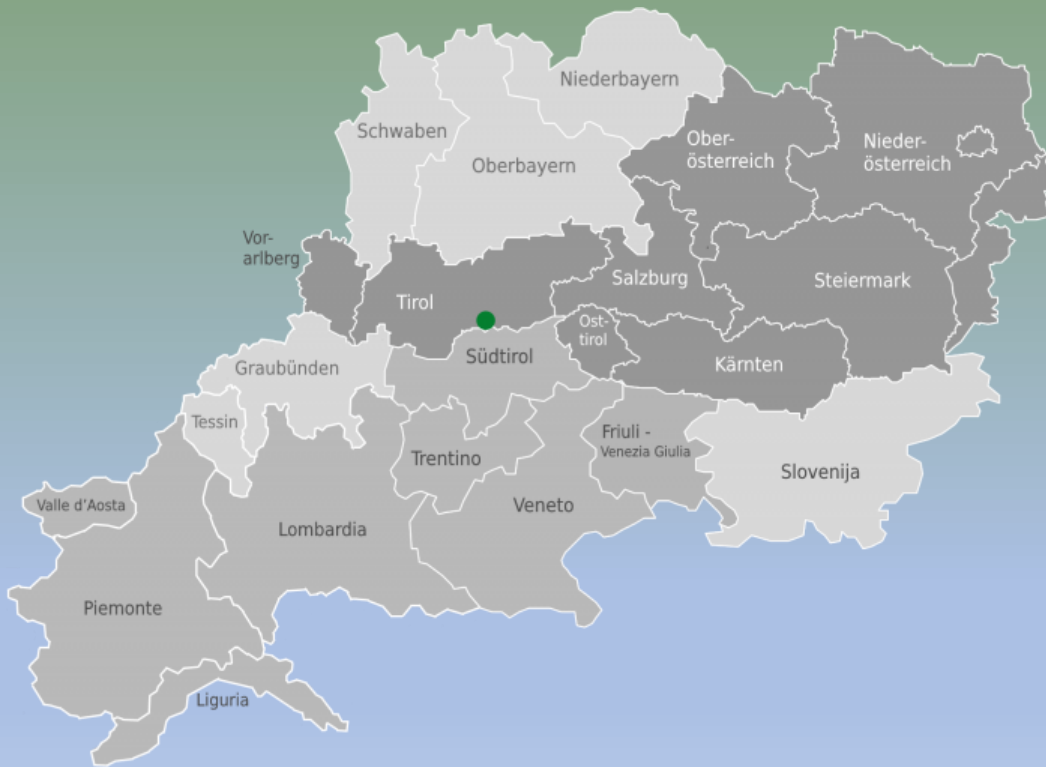
rare alpine goat race

[Helga's Ziegen:](#)
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Mountaineering village Vals

Bergsteigerdorf St. Jodok,
Schmirn und Vals (bergsteigerdoerfer.org)



ALPENKONVENTION
CONVENTION ALPINE
ALPSKA KONVENCIJA
CONVENZIONE DELLE ALP

Pastoral work on Helga's alpine pasture

6 + 13 Alpine summers

Team consists of

Dairymaid

Volunteers

Participants

Guests

Family

Friends



Volunteer - helpers –Goat herder - women

 realizing a dream

10 days to 4 weeks
work for food and
lodging



Let's talk about benefits for alpine dairymaid /herder

Goat



- Living with and in nature
- Preserving culture
- Production of natural food
- Fitness for people
- Health for people
- Resilience



There's a lot to do on the mountain pasture!

Guests

Cheese production



Herding the goats

Goat hikes

- **Working in the mountain meadows**



Starting a new business!

Profession and Occupation

Hiking with goats

People with disabilities - Deaf people

School classes

Companies



The challenges

Physical challenges - High workload
Single woman 60

Laws

Burocracy

Technology

Expenses - costs for insurances

Climate change

Large predators



Single woman
it takes great ideals

VS.

Thinking patterns in
alpine valleys

Envy
Intrigue
Hostility



Tyrolean forest Law for goats only

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Regulations Authorisation - every year

- Natura 2000 protected area
- **Grey alder forest**
- Spruce protection forest



The drive through the protection forest must be carried out without standing and under supervision



[Bing-Video](#) Bavarian mountain pasture helpers in BR

Climate dangers



Goats sensing the danger



let's talk about my income.....



Advantages of the mountaineering village

BERGSTEIGER
DÖRFER

Alpine guests and visitors

Cheese production

Goat hikes

Funding-mountain mowing

Pension



It only works with the volunteers and the women in our family!

School of the mountain pasture

[Schule der Alm - MCI Management Center Innsbruck \(mci4me.at\)](#)

Association

Links:

- [Spezialkurse der Schule der Alm 2024 \(bergsteigerdoerfer.org\)](https://bergsteigerdoerfer.org)
- [Schule der Alm im Bergsteigerdorf Vals \(wipptal.at\)](https://wipptal.at)
- [Die Schule der Alm im Bergsteigerdorf: sinnstiftend, authentisch, urtümlich – Wipptal Blog](#)
- [Helga HagerFrauen sind empathischer mit : Mensch und Tier – Unsere.Almen \(unsere-almen.at\)](https://unsere-almen.at)
- [Schermer: „Almen geraten von vielen Seiten unter Druck“ – Unsere.Almen \(unsere-almen.at\)](https://unsere-almen.at)



“Mander”

Don't be too proud to ask for help!



Questions for the future

Conclusion - If we stopped working on the mountain pastures

- **An alpine pasture without goats ?**
- Loss of high-quality alpine products
- Loss of biodiversity
- Loss of the alpine school
- Loss of community

Unfulfilled dreams of many women



We hope to preserve
our alpine pasture culture

