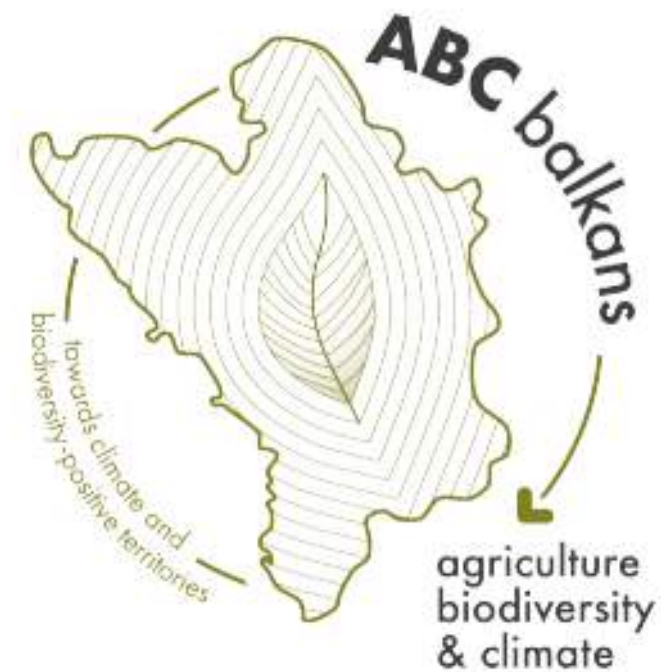
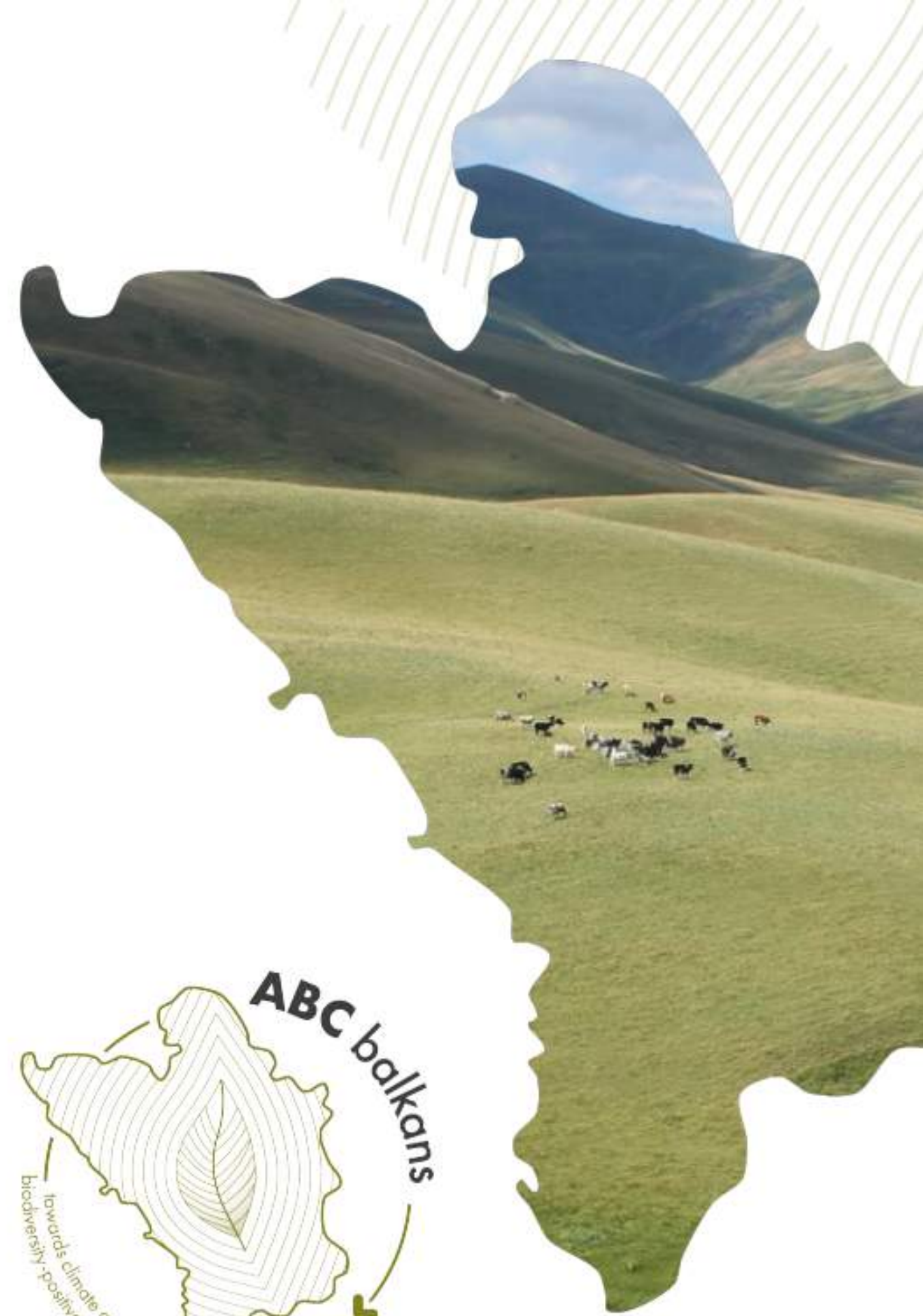




# Shepherd schools in Europe

*A brief overview*



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# France: a support system for agricultural technical education.

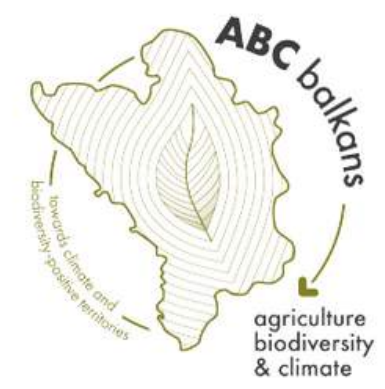
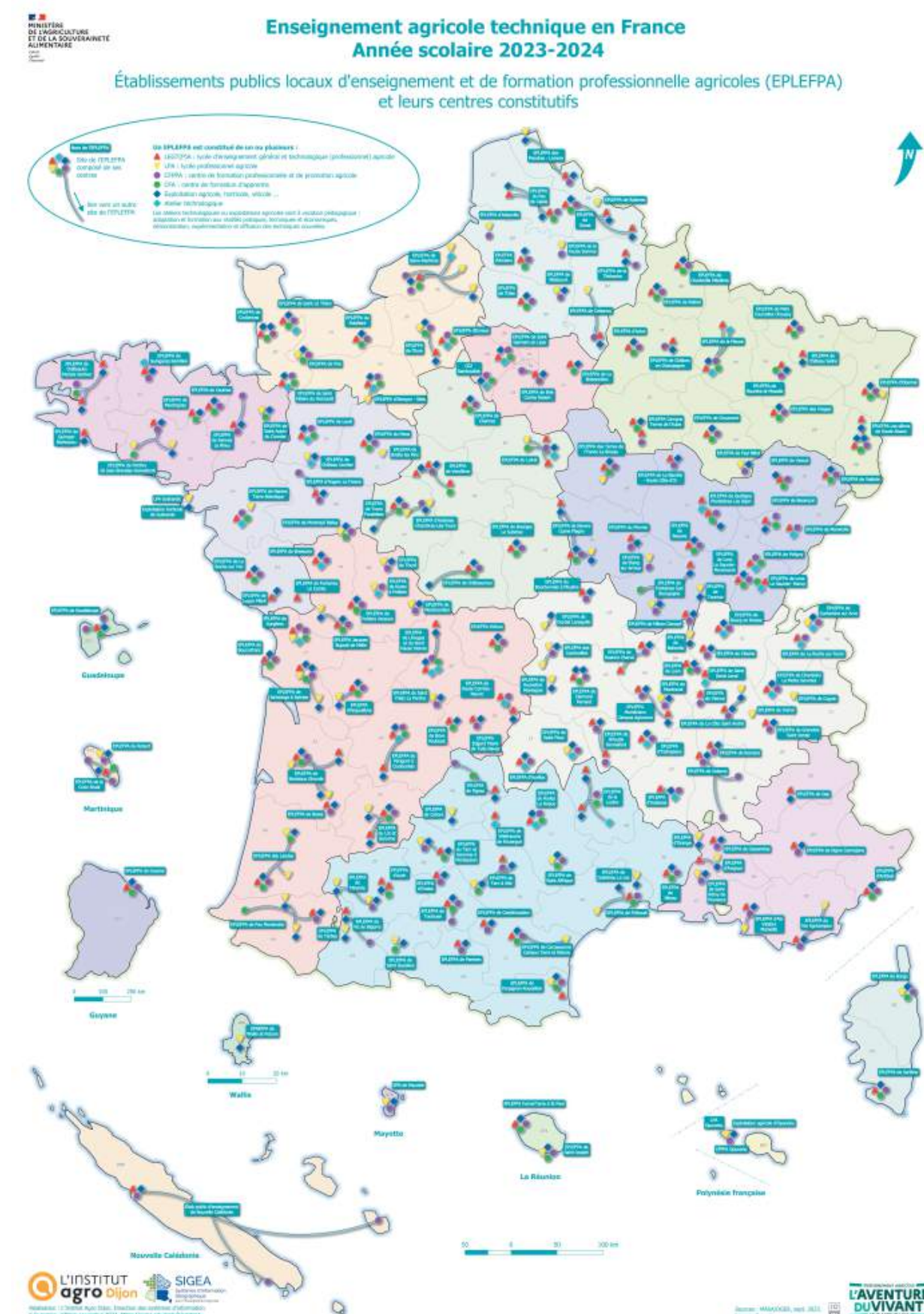
→ 5 national support institutions



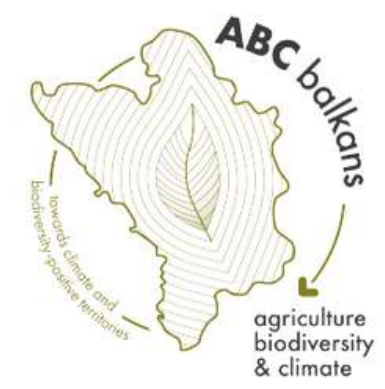
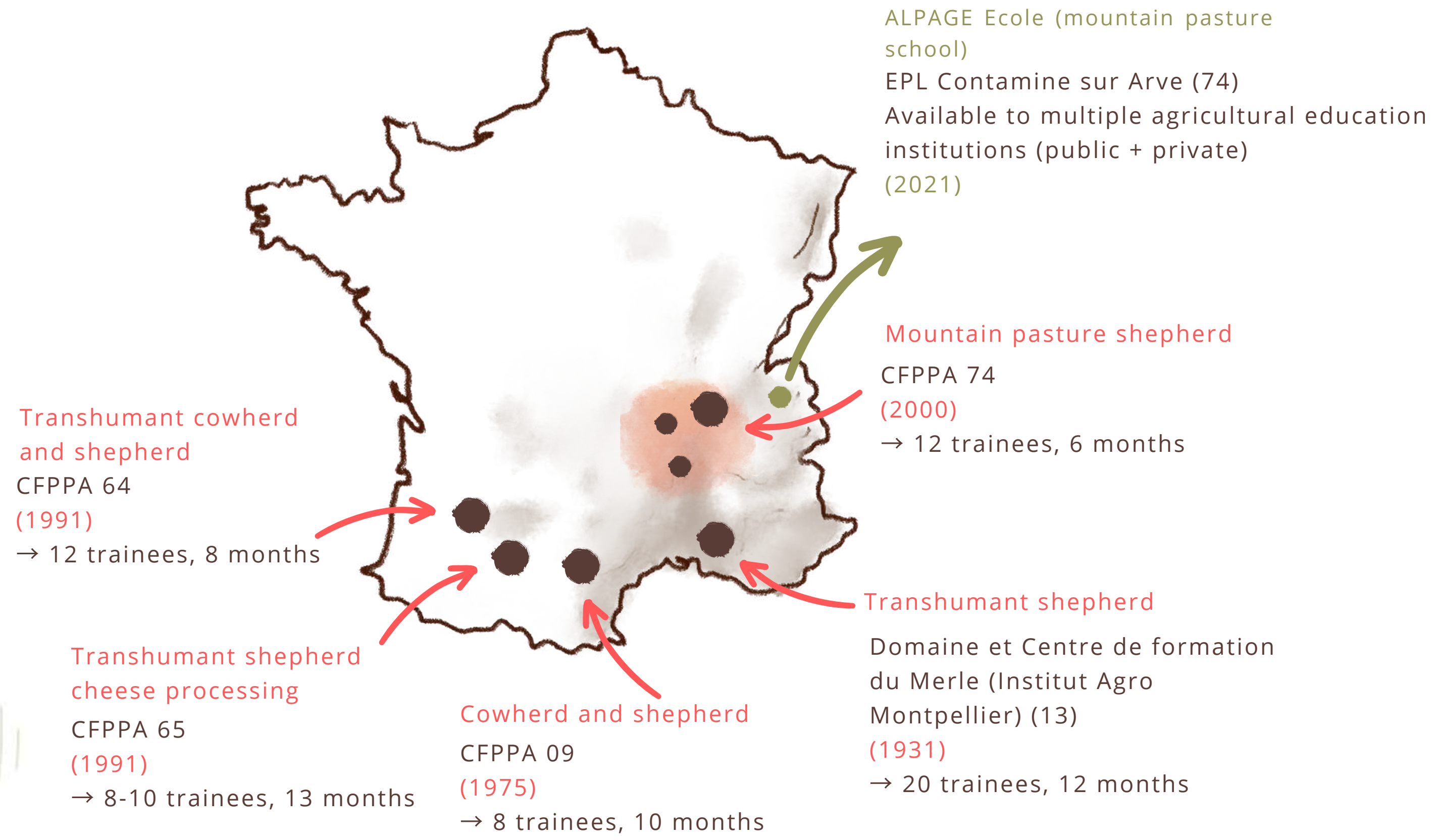
→ provide technical support/educational support for technical agricultural education

→ make links between education and research, technical institutes, professionals and the ministry's guidelines

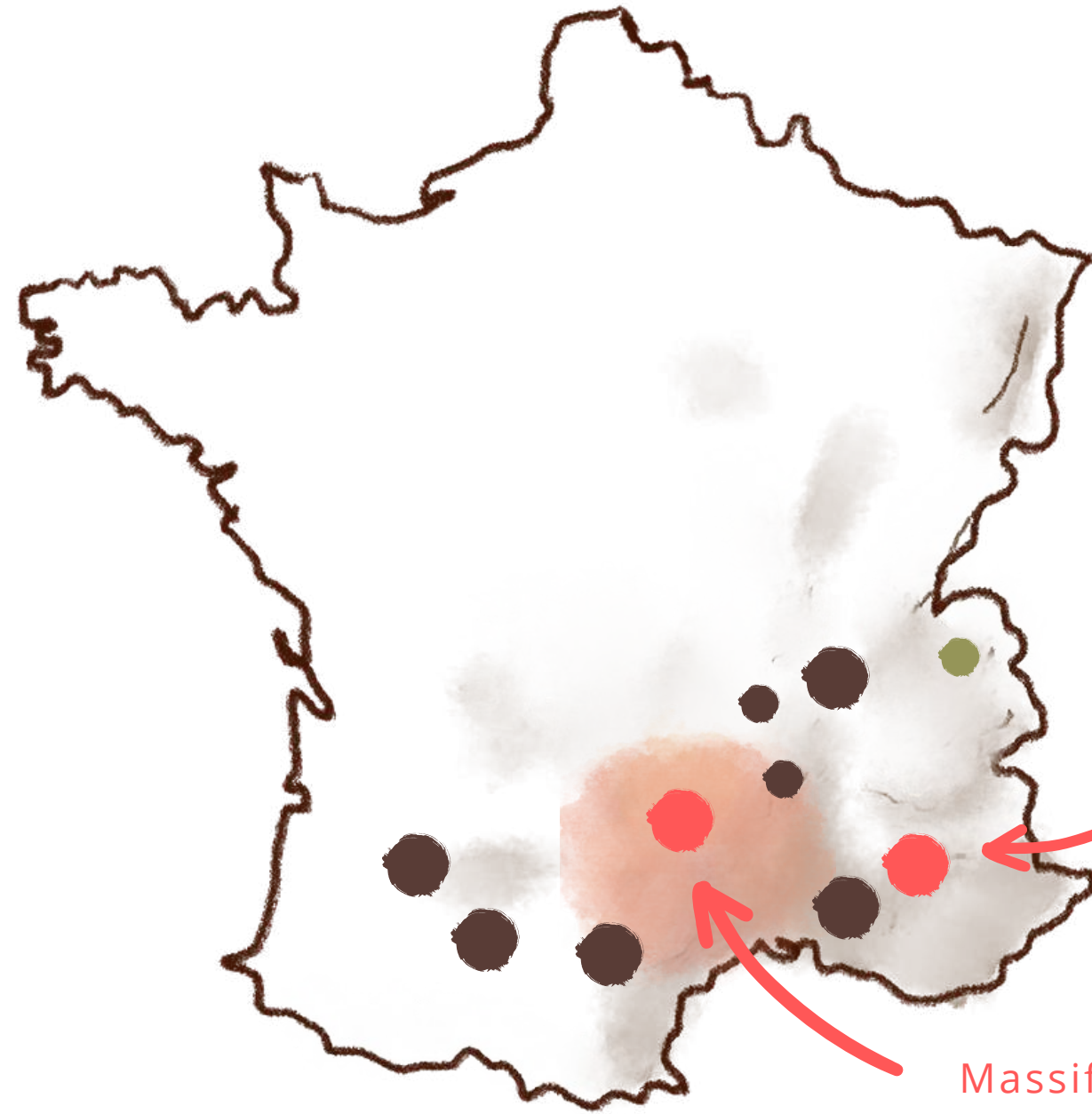
→ 217 public agricultural colleges



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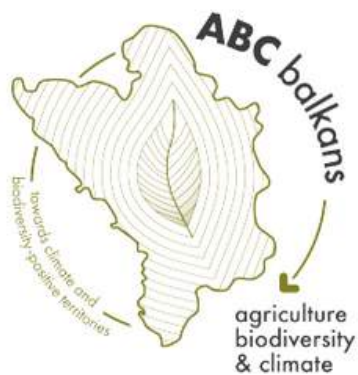


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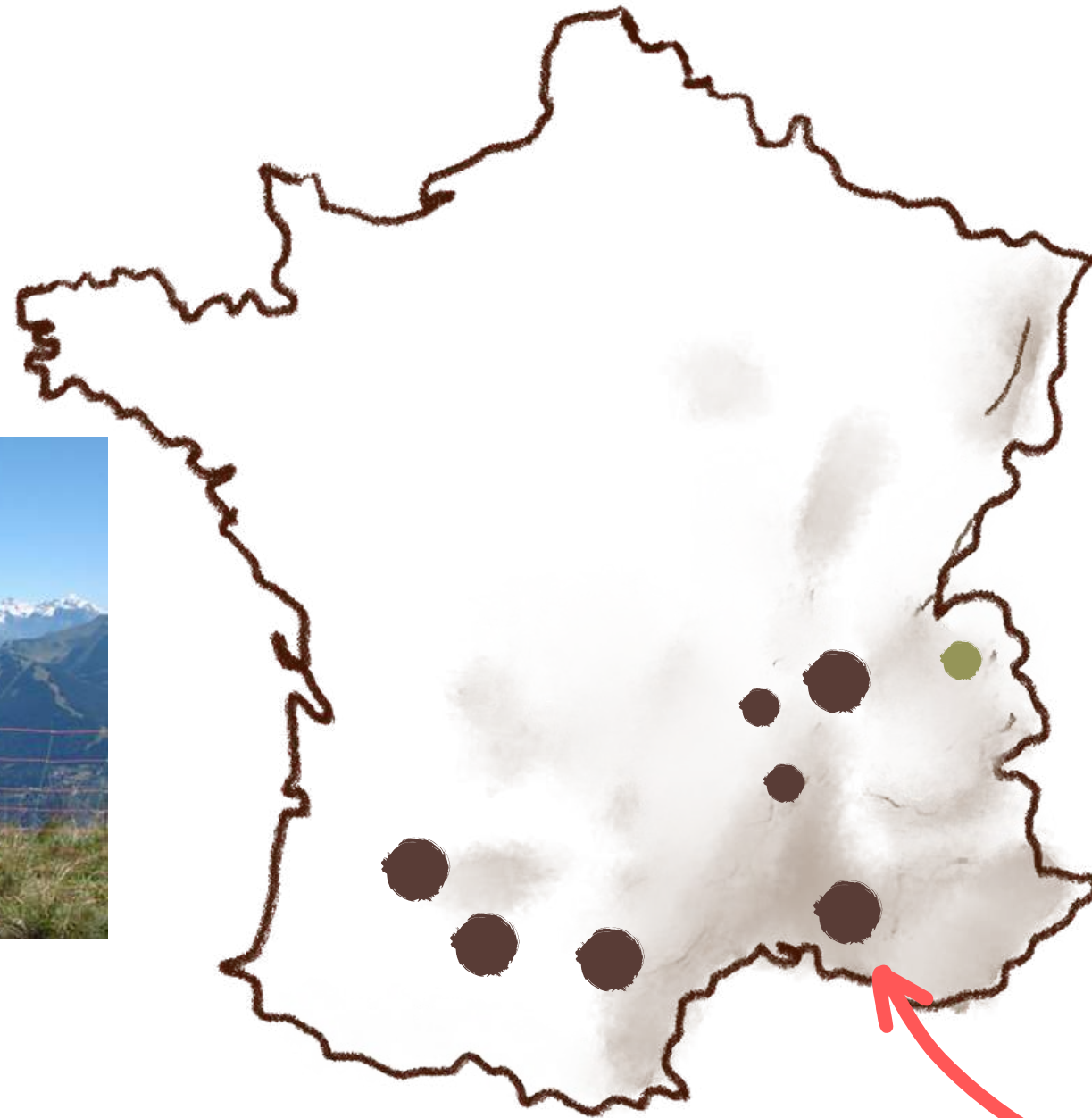


Mediterranean pastures shepherd school  
EPL Digne-Carêmejane (04)  
(2024)

Massif Central shepherd school  
EPL Rochefort Montagne (63)  
(2025)



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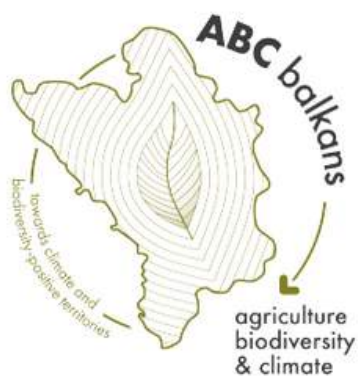
## Transhumant shepherd

Domaine et Centre de formation  
du Merle (Institut Agro  
Montpellier) (13)

(1931)

→ 20 trainees, 12 months

<https://www.institut-agro-montpellier.fr/domaine-du-merle>

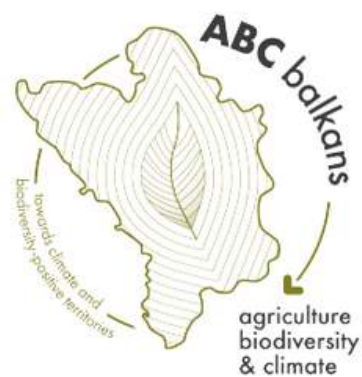


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→ New competences : > dealing with the use of mountain pastures (tourism...)

> management of biodiversity and climatic hazards



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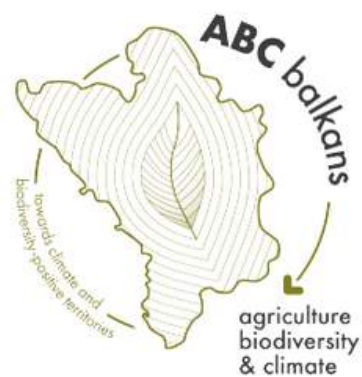
<https://alpagecoledesulens.wixsite.com/website>



ALPAGE Ecole (mountain pasture school)  
EPL Contamine sur Arve (74)  
Available to multiple agricultural education institutions (public + private)  
(2021)



<https://ccdesvalleesdethones.fr/page/alpage-ecole>



# Shepherd schools in Europe

→ Training courses expanding across Europe

→ To meet new challenges :

> reduction of the transmission of knowledge within the family

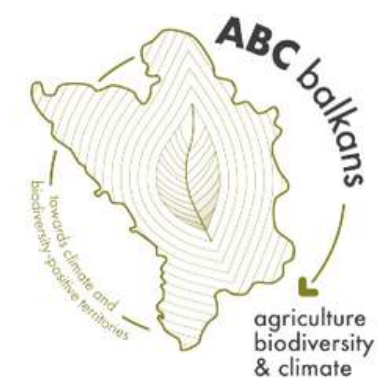
> renewed attractiveness of the profession (

> predation requiring a stronger human presence



- existing
- in project

...and probably more !!





# Networks in Europe - Pastoral education

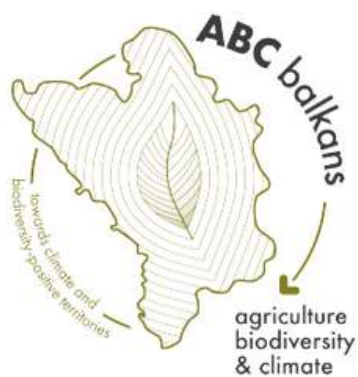
- **Euromontana** : leads a network of pastoral schools in Europe (since 2024 !)
- **CIPRA International** : leads a network of pastoral actors in the Alpine arc



## Alpine Pastoralism Actors



[https://www.atlas.alpconv.org/layers/geonode\\_data:geonode:ShepherdsNetworkCIPRA](https://www.atlas.alpconv.org/layers/geonode_data:geonode:ShepherdsNetworkCIPRA)



# Some projects in Europe - Pastoral education

→ **Life Shep4Bio** : Shepherds for Biodiversity in Mountain Marginal Areas → Maintaining pastoral habitats, creation of a shepherd school in Italy

<https://dream-italia-euprj.eu/>

→ **Erasmus EU4Shepherds** : Innovative training for shepherds → platform of online training : *Bulgaria, Germany, Romania, Portugal, England, Spain*

<https://www.eu4shepherds.eu/>

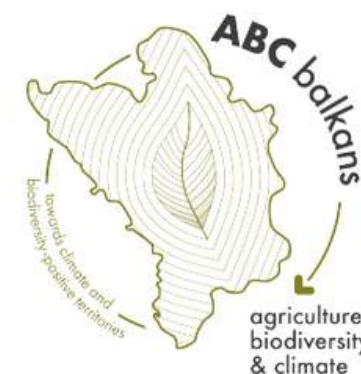
→ **Erasmus TransFarm** : Develop training materials on transhumance : *Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Greece, Deutschland, Belgium*

<https://transfarm-erasmus.eu/>

→ **Erasmus Eco-TransH** : Mobility to introduce pupils to transhumance practices : *Mongolia, Greece, France, Italia, Romania, Morocco*

→ **EU-Prima / Pastinnova + CIHEAM Zaragoza** : Online course on "Innovations for sustainable Mediterranean pastoral systems"

<https://edu.iamz.ciheam.org/PastoralSystems/en/>





*Thank you for your attention*

*Questions?*



