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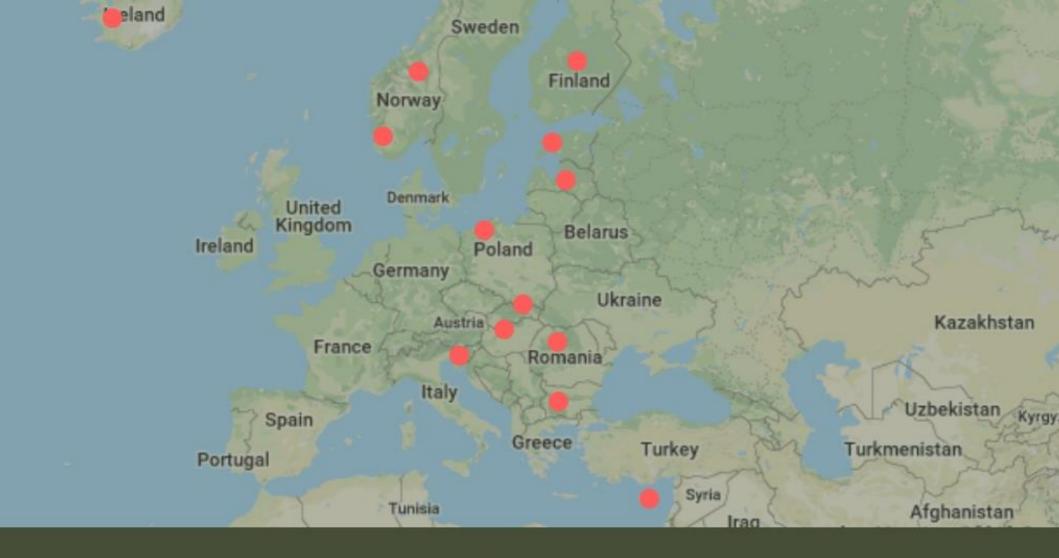
The NET Programme

## MANAGING OUR NATURAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSETS

Equipping Scottish
professionals with the skills
& experiences to enrich
management of our heritage

Since 2015: 400 Mobilities to 13 partners in 11 European countries





# SCOTTISH CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

20 Cultural Heritage & Nature Conservation Organisations State Agencies, NGOS, SMEs, Universities & Colleges, Networks, Community Groups, Museums

#### EUROPEAN HOST PARTNERS

13 Partners in 11 Countries

#### **OUTCOMES & IMPACT**

Group Dynamics & Networking in Scotland & Europe

Training Opportunities for a Range of Organisations

Practical Skills: including craft & traditional building skills.

Cultural Interpretation &
Heritage as part of Cultural
Identity

Culture Heritage & Rural Economies

Integrating Cultural &
Natural Heritage
Management



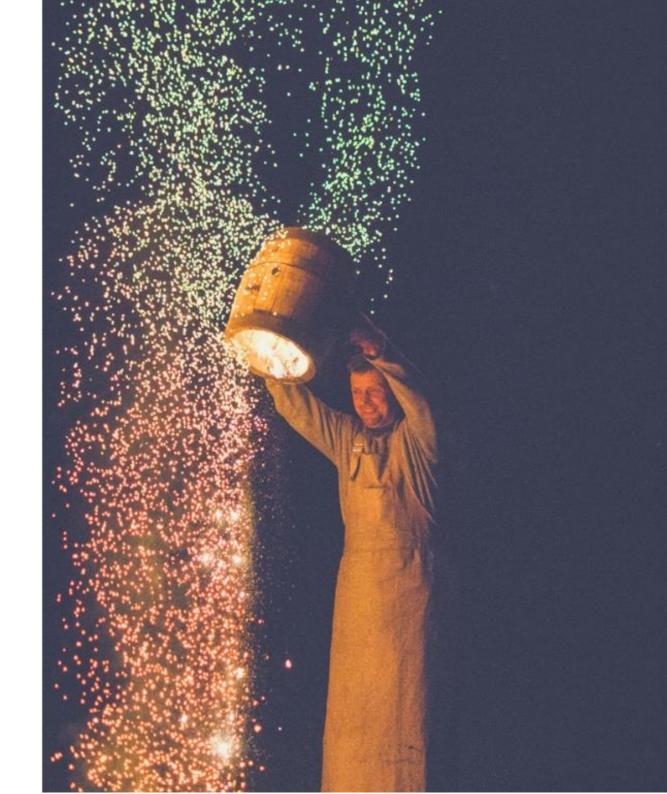
### DISSEMINATION & BEYOND

ARCH website - archive & engagement tool

Reports, Films, Storymaps, Articles, Presentations, Blogs, Conferences

Join NET as a participant or become a consortium member

Engage with ARCH to identify key skills issues or new partners in Europe



# Cultural & Economy: Sheep in Scotland in the 21st Century

- 6.6 million Sheep declining due to FM
   & Brexit uncertainty
- 1/3 of farmers have some sheep
- 85% of Scottish land classified at Less Favourable
- Market based mainly on meat sales
- Wool currently has a very low price
- Sheep overgrazing considered a conservation issue in uplands



#### Potential to Influence Trainers & Raise Status of Shepherding

- Promoting benefits for climate change mitigation & increased local land, food & materials
- Agro-pastoralism has multiple potential benefits in Scotland & needs to be part of shepherd training
- Increased conservation grazing promotion for conservation organisations & land owners
- Local food networks & small scale shepherding increasing & could be a key target audience for improved training
- Increasing the diversity of economically viable wool usage options in Scotland
- Connecting to Heritage organisations, linking past heritage with future career paths.

# Training Systems & Networks for Sheep & Shepherds



- SRUC (Scottish Rural Colleges) degree level training
- LANTRA (Veterinary & Land-based Vocational & Professional Qualifications)
- Wool Shearing Certificates (British Wool Marketing Board)
- International Sheep Dog Association (Scotland)
- National Sheep Association & Breed Associations
- Informal short courses for small holders and hobby farming
- Conservation Grazing (GAP Grazing Animals Project)
   Rare Breeds Survival Trust, Scottish Wildlife Trust,
   Scottish Forestry & Land)
- Farm Woodland Forum (not currently overtly linked to shepherds)