



ARCH

*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



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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)