



SUREPASTOR: Shaping the Future of Agro-Pastoralism in the Mediterranean

Funded by the PRIMA programme, **SUREPASTOR** brings together partners from Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt to transform Mediterranean agro-pastoralism. This newsletter will keep you updated on our activities, insights, and achievements.

SUREPASTOR aims to enhance the resilience of traditional small ruminant farming in marginal lands, tackling challenges like climate change, biodiversity loss, and the economic sustainability of local farmers. By combining innovative precision farming tools—such as smart collars, remote sensing, and digital land monitoring—with the wisdom of traditional practices, the project fosters a more efficient, profitable, and environmentally friendly agro-pastoral sector.

The project has already set the stage for meaningful impact through a series of key meetings and events:

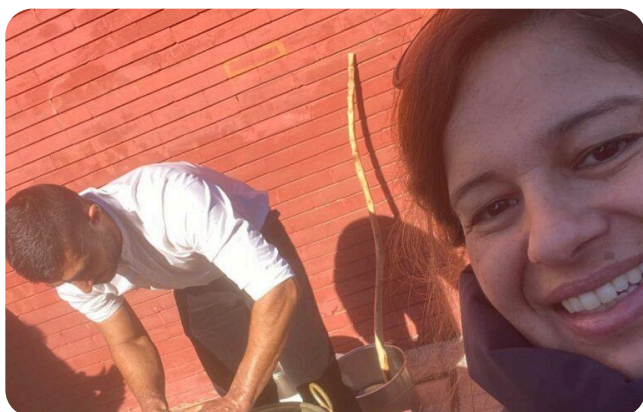
- 📍 Ollolai, Sardinia + Florence, Tuscany (Italy), 2024 – Engaging discussions between researchers, farmers, and policymakers explored sustainable grazing strategies and the role of digital tools in pasture management.
- 📍 Mograne, Tunisia, 2025 – Focus groups and stakeholder meetings brought together local pastoralists, researchers, and industry experts to co-design solutions tailored to regional needs.
- 📍 Sassari, Sardinia, May 21, 2025 – The CNR-IBE and UNIFI-DAGRI teams joined a panel at the University of Sassari titled “From Projects to Partnerships,” organized by NextGen4MED. The session fostered dialogue on land and water sustainability and highlighted the role of early-career researchers and science diplomacy across the Mediterranean.
- 📍 Portici, Italy, June 5–6, 2025 – At the 6th AISSA#under40 conference, SUREPASTOR presented a poster comparing stakeholder views on agro-pastoral innovations. SWOT analyses from Sassari and Florence revealed stronger perceived strengths and opportunities than weaknesses and threats.
- 📍 Grugliasco, Italy, June 17–20, 2025 – During the 26th ASPA Congress, the project shared findings on stakeholder perceptions of innovations in livestock and pasture management, again showing a favorable balance of benefits over concerns.
- 📍 Florence, Italy, July 17, 2025 – At the “Eat Well, Live Well: The Mediterranean Diet” conference under the MoreMedDiet project, DAGRI presented SUREPASTOR, emphasizing synergies with other PRIMA initiatives.



Kicking Off with Collaboration! Stay Tuned!

This is just the beginning! Future activities will include pilot farm implementations, training sessions, and more dynamic discussions across the Mediterranean. Follow our journey and be part of the change!

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SUREPASTOR Pilot: Coveri Farm's Sustainable Dairy Commitment

Azienda Agricola Coveri S.S.S.A., a distinguished SUREPASTOR pilot farm located in the picturesque Caselle region of Torrita di Siena, Tuscany, has been a pillar of sustainable and family-run agriculture since 2005.

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SUREPASTOR Pilot: "Il Pecorino" by Luigi Farina

Located in the heart of the Maremma region of Tuscany, Azienda Il Pecorino is a family-run livestock farm with a rich heritage. For three generations, the Farina family has been dedicated to sheep farming, initially in Sardinia before relocating to Tuscany in the 1960s.

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SUREPASTOR Reveals Key Sheep Farming Trends

As part of the ongoing SUREPASTOR project efforts to enhance the sustainability and resilience of agro-pastoral systems across the Mediterranean, a recent scientific study has analyzed the demographic parameters and profitability of sheep farming in Morocco's semi-arid Chaouia plain.

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SUREPASTOR at ASPA: Advancing Sustainable Farming

From June 17–20, 2025, the SUREPASTOR project takes part in the 26th ASPA Congress held in Grugliasco, Italy. This year's congress is centered on innovations in animal science for a sustainable future, bringing together researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders from across the sector.

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SUREPASTOR at “Eat Well, Live Well”

During the event organised as part of the MoreMedDiet project, titled “Eat Well, Live Well: The Mediterranean Diet,” the DAGRI team presents the SUREPASTOR project, highlighting the synergies among PRIMA initiatives.

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