

In order to maintain the traditional activity of extensive sheep and cattle grazing, the government of Andalusia created a pilot training programme on pastoralism for those that wanted to pursue a new career.

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Project summary:

Shepherds contribute to the socio-economic and environmental development of rural areas. The project provided the necessary training to those who wish to find a professional path in pastoralism. The modular courses give students all the necessary knowledge on traditional extensive cattle and shepherd activities while incorporating the tools and innovations needed to face the challenges of the current livestock systems, emphasising the environmental protection function of grazing.

Project results:

Trained over 100 students during the seven editions of the programme.

Trained 100 shepherds as mentors for the practical cases and field work.

Reviewed the state and prospect of six local goat breeds (three at risk of extinction) and five local sheep breeds (two at risk of extinction).

60% of the trainees were professionally engaged in livestock activity.

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