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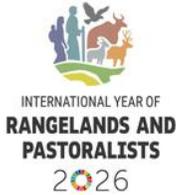
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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF  
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2026

## WESTERN BALKAN REGIONAL GATHERING OF PASTORALISTS

To observe IYRP 2026, The Grassroots Institute facilitates the Regional Gathering and calls for Partners and Collaborators in all 6 countries of the Western Balkans region. We are in the process of constituting Organizing Committees at the national, zonal, local levels. Interested stakeholders, including shepherd groups/ associations, national or local NGOs, municipalities, government departments, regional authorities, academic institutions, animal products business federations, farmers' cooperatives, youth groups, colleges/schools, and others are invited to join us.



Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, North  
Macedonia, Bosnia i Herzegovina, Serbia



19 April to 31 May, 2026



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**Western Balkans Regional Gathering of  
Pastoralists – IYRP 2026**

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- 6 Countries: Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia i Herzegovina
- 15 Zonal Gatherings of 2 days each, starting from 19 April 2026 + 1 Concluding Assembly (30-31 May 2026)
- 50 Municipalities [average 3 municipalities per zonal gathering]
- 1500 Team Members [25 members per municipality x 50 = 1250 + 250 Volunteers]
- 5000 Participants/Attendees [average 100 shepherds, farmers and other stakeholders from each municipality x 50 = 5000]
- 72-90 Local Organizations involved as stakeholders
- 90-180 Partners, Collaborators, Supporters
- 1 WB Declaration of Pastoralists [divided into 6 parts] having 5000+ signatures

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- National Coordinator – Serbia:
- National Coordinator – Bosnia:

## (Local Level) Zonal Gathering Team: At Municipality Level

- Zonal Coordinator x 1-3
  - Municipality Coordinator x 1-2
  - NGOs x 1-5 per municipality
  - Academic Person(s) x 0-3 per municipality
  - Veterinary Service x 1-5 per municipality
  - Resource Sponsorship Mobilizer x 1-3 per municipality
  - Social Media Person x 1-3 per municipality
  - Press/TV/Radio x 1-2 per municipality
  - School/College x 1-3 per municipality
  - Government (Municipality, NP, etc.) x 1-3
  - Shepherd Leaders x 3-10 per municipality
- + Interns/Volunteers [under Volunteers Program]

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