



*“Passing of the gift new
concept in (Carpathians)
green development”*

THE ROMANIAN CARPATHIAN PROJECT

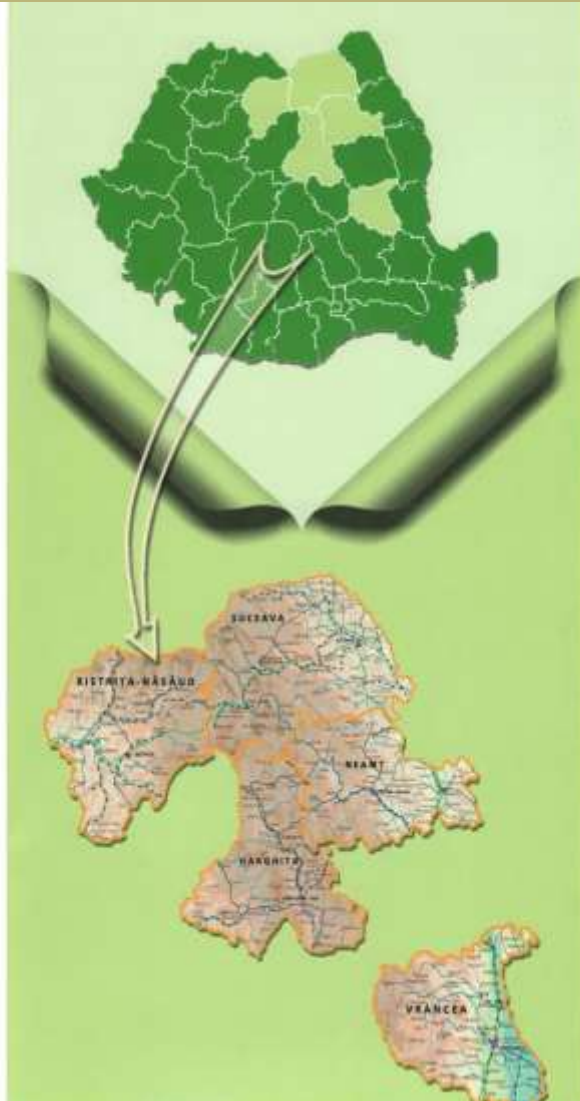
Mountain Farmers ` Federation “Dorna”
Romania



Our History

- 1993 – office open in Vatra Dornei
- 1994 – 1999 financial and technical support from GTZ Germany
- 2005 – first project with sheep in Neamt county
- 2006 – beginning of “Carpathic” project





**Mountain Farmers` Federation
“Dorna” have projects and
activies in five counties:**

- ***Suceava***
- ***Neamt***
- ***Bistrita Nasaud***
- ***Harghita***
- ***Vrancea***



Carpathian Project

- the project is designed as a regional project, with similar activities in five counties: Suceava, Neamt, Bistrita Nasaud, Harghita and Vrancea
- the main concept of the project is “passing of the gift”





PROJECT GOALS:

1. Traditional *sheep breeding revitalization* and *improvement of alpine pastures* together with *diversifying the activities* of mountain farmers:
 - 575 farmer families in Suceava, Neamt, Bistrita Nasaud, Harghita and Vrancea counties are assisted with:
 - ✓ 4550 Turcana and Tigaia sheep and 455 rams
 - ✓ 230 bee hives
 - ✓ trout fish for 42 families
 - ✓ 18 beef cattle
 - ✓ 162.000 acacia saplings
 - ✓ 800 members was training in different themes
 - ✓ small enterprises(sheepfolds and ram fattening farm)

The target groups:



- Targeted groups are formed by farmers' communities from Suceava, Neamt, Bistrita Nasud, Harghita and Vrancea
- The project will be extended in the neighboring communities through the passing-on process and the reforestation component of the project
- Men, women, elders and youth participate in all activities





Sheep

First placements



“Passing of the gift”



Fish and Bees





Reforestation – acacia tree planting (*Robinia Pseudacacia*)

- resistant in salty land
- good source of honey
 - stops soil erosion
 - fast growing
- multiply spontaneously
 - fix the nitrogen
 - hard wood used for constructions or fuel

810 families - 162,000 acacia saplings





Angus beef cattle





First discussion and Professional and basic training (apiculture, aquaculture, animal breeding, horticulture and tourism)





2. From improved nutrition to marketing opportunities for mountain farmers

Income-generating activities:

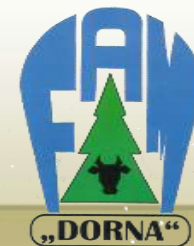
- ***a ram fattening farm***
- ***a traditional sheepfolds***
- ***a traditional weaving workshop***





Small enterprises

✓ *Sheepfolds*



✓ *Ram fattening farm*



The Romanian Carpathian project benefits of *substantial training* in various areas, many *livestock exhibitions* and *exchange visits*.



The first distribution of sheep was celebrated on September 2005; mayors of neighboring villages, local officials, NGOs, media, extension services and local folk assemblies were present.

Sheep exhibition Every year





Thank you
for your
attention!

