

We are **Juliette** and **Zoé**, both students in **agronomy** at Montpellier SupAgro. We are passionate about **hiking** and **pastoralism**, that's why we decided to make a whole project out of it during our gap year: The "**Trans'Alpina**" project.

Through our **observations**, our **discussions** and **interviews** but also our **photographs** (portrait, hut and living places, summer pasture and herd) we will be able to document and better understand their path, their job, their practices and their living conditions.

Our goal ?

To **draw up portraits** of the men and women who maintain pastoralism in the Alps, a practice that for centuries has shaped the **landscape** and the **biodiversity** of our mountains.

TRANS'ALPINA



Between "**Transhumance**" and "**Via Alpina**"; between **pastoralism** and **itinerant hiking**; this project combines the **crossing of the Alps** by the Via Alpina trail and the **meeting of shepherds** and cowherds of the **8 countries** of the Alpine arc from **Trieste to Monaco**.

When we think of the shepherd's job, we imagine an **idealized image**: a shepherd lying in the grass, peacefully watching his flock graze. But this image is far from reflecting **today's reality**. This profession has undergone **many changes** over the last decades with **climate change**, the intensification of *predation* and the increasing role of new **technologies**.

3 COMMUNICATION AXES :

1 SOCIAL MEDIA

On our **Instagram** and **Facebook** page, we will share the preparation of the adventure and posts about pastoralism in French and English. In **summer 2022**, we will share our adventure in **real time**.



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2 PHOTO EXHIBITION

In collaboration with a pastoral organization and experts in pastoralism, we will set up a exhibition of portraits of shepherds in the Alps, combining photographs, written extracts from interviews and audios.

3 EDUCATION

We are also working with schools. For instance, with the **University of Montpellier** to present our **adventure** and the **jobs related to pastoralism** to schools in REP (Priority Education Network). Our objective is to show this **urban public**, mostly from immigrant backgrounds, that this kind of adventure is within everyone's reach and to **present and promote agricultural jobs** often denigrated in France and elsewhere.

THE ROUTE

The **Via Alpina** is an itinerary connecting **Trieste (Italy)** to **Monaco** and offering five routes through the **eight Alpine countries**: Slovenia, Italy, Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, France, and Monaco.

From **June 2022** to **September 2022**, we will combine different routes of the Via Alpina (see map below: red, yellow, green, blue), for a total of more than **2 000km** and **125 000 m of positive ascent**. However, the itinerary and the final stages are not fixed. They will be **adapted** according to the meeting opportunities and the weather.

Our itinerant trek will be done in **autonomy** with regular resupply points in the mountain villages. We will sleep in **tents** when possible, in mountain huts or in the villages (in tents or with the locals) when bivouac is forbidden.

✕ ~ ✕ + 2 000 KM ⬆️ 125K M + ⌚ 4 MONTHS



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THE TEAM

← ZOÉ



📍 Origin

A Pyrenean at heart, Zoé is originally from a small village near Lourdes.

🎓 Education

She started with a degree in ecology before joining Montpellier SupAgro to learn about different breeding systems and pastoralism.

👨‍👩‍👧 Discovery of pastoralism

As the granddaughter of Pyrenean breeders, it was during an internship in Corsica, in a sheepfold on the GR20, that she discovered in practice the stories long told by her grandfather and that her passion was revealed.

🏔 Mountain experience

Coming from a family of sportspeople, she has been hiking since she was very young. It is from the age of 20 that she developed a great appeal for treks over several days in autonomy. The latest is the GR20 in 9 days, alone and in autonomy.

💪 Strengths for the adventure

Loves the rocky climbs and is a year-round trekking food enthusiast, her diet is mainly couscous and oatmeal, so she won't get tired of it during the adventure!

👨‍👩‍👧 Favorite breed

Team lourdaise and corse !

← JULIETTE



📍 Origin

From Toulouse, Juliette alternated her weekends and holidays between Ariège and Savoie.

🎓 Education

After an IUT in Agronomy in Perpignan, she continued her studies at Montpellier Supagro to learn about pastoralism.

👨‍👩‍👧 Discovery of pastoralism

Her first contact with the pastoral world was through hiking. After an internship in the Béarn region in the production of Ossau Iraty and an internship in a pastoral service in Drôme, her vocation was confirmed.

🏔 Mountain experience

Embarked (or carried) from a young age in many mountain adventures by her parents, she caught the mountain virus. She has done several treks in the Pyrenees, but her most beautiful memory is a one-week trek in Cape Verde.

💪 Strengths for the adventure

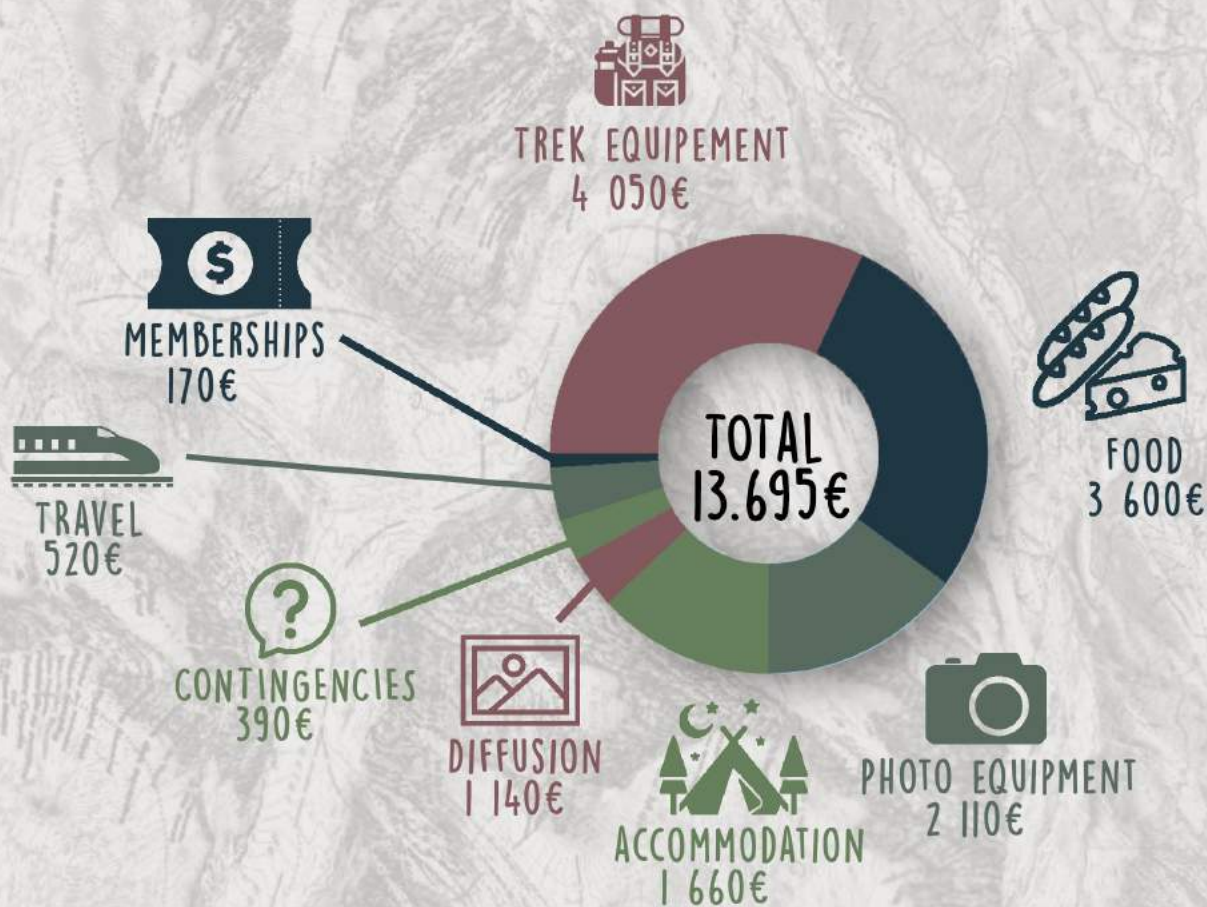
Able to lift mountains (literally and figuratively) and keen on steep climbs, she always keeps an eye on the food supply so that the team can sleep soundly.

👨‍👩‍👧 Favorite breed


Team Basco-Béarnaise.

OUR BUDGET?

SIMPLIFIED BUDGET ESTIMATE "TRANS'ALPINA":



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