



How To Build Rural Resilience

Stories of Connection, Cooperation & Community

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Where do
these stories
come from?



Letters From The Farm



Nos campagnes en résilience



Rural Europe Takes Action!





What is resilience?

Strengths
Weaknesses
Opportunities
Threats



Living farm vs agri-giant



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"If you are an organic farmer, in the field it is you who has to adapt to what is the norm. You have to move back from the neighbouring fields"

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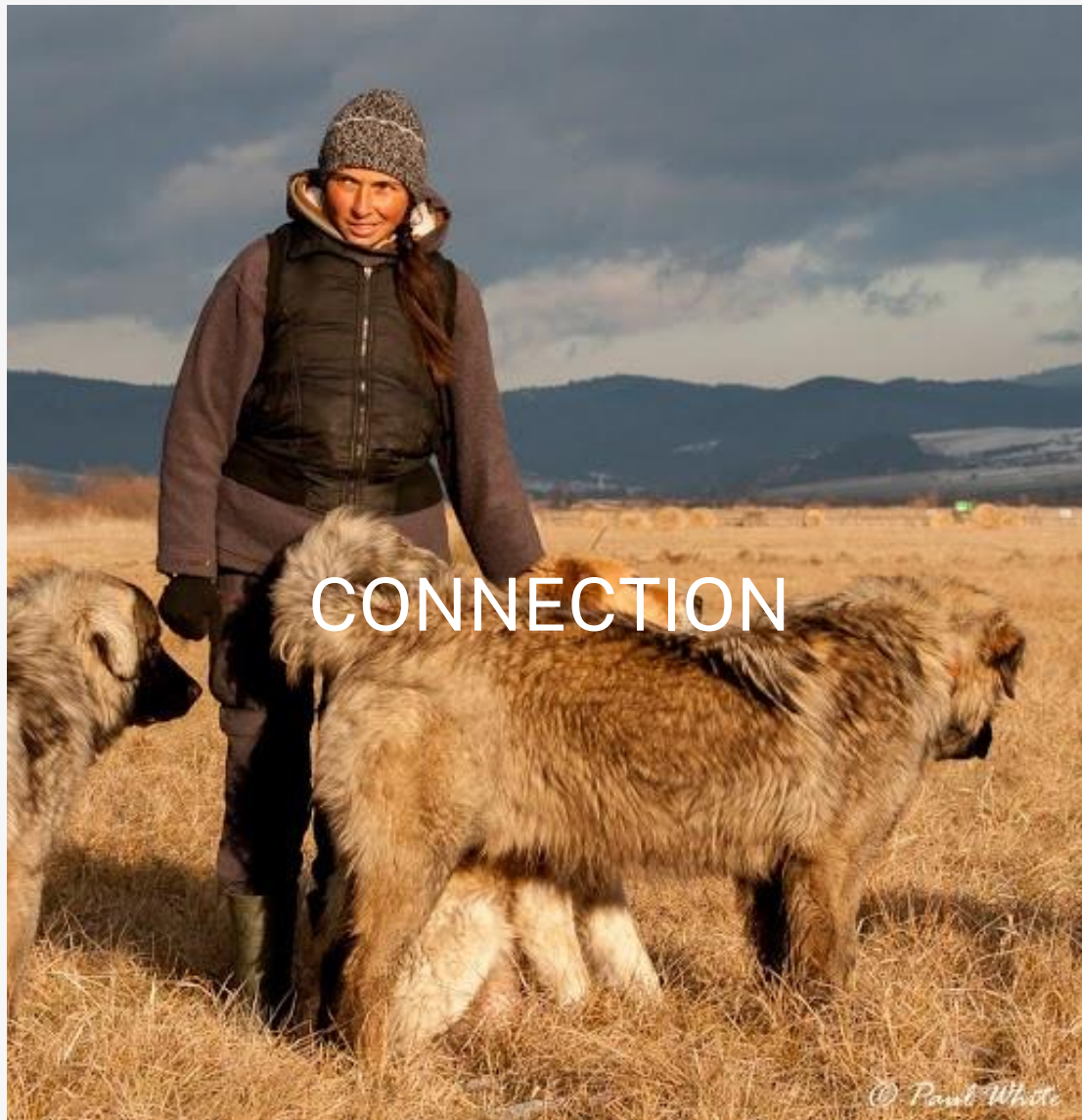
Why do
we need
to build
resilience
in rural areas?

Imbalance

Infrastructure

Perma-crises

How to build rural resilience



Cooperating with Mother Earth

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Barley at 66°N



Planted 1 million trees
and "grew" their own café



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Why focus on farmers?



Zemědělec

ZEMĚ

earth, land

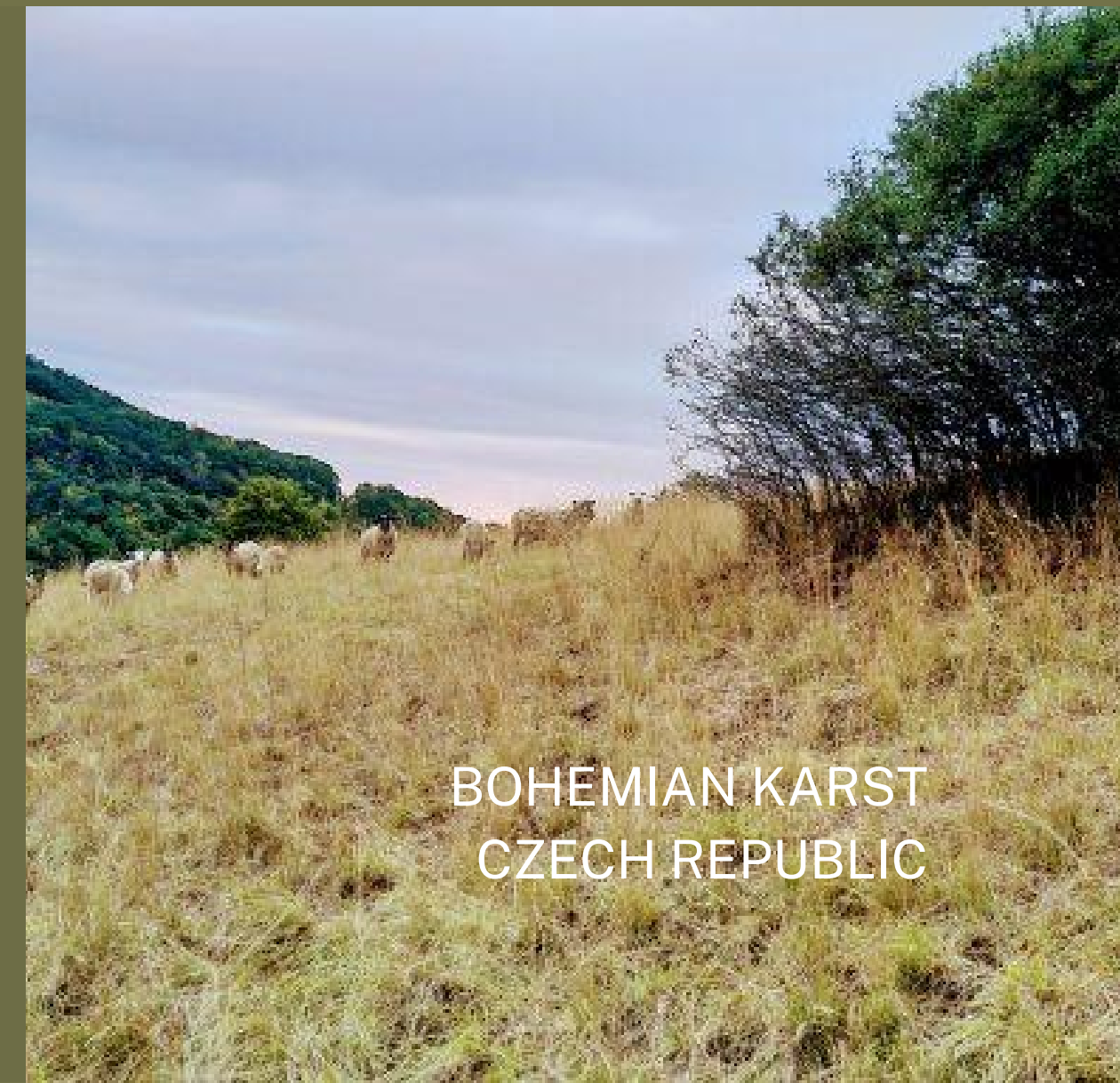
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maker

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Architects of nature

Grazing "forgotten places"



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Welcoming
wildlife
on the farm



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GAEC LA FERME DU GRAND LAVAL
FRANCE

Welcoming
community
on the farm



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Cooperative farming

Community purchase of farmland

"It's up to us to invent the social change that will bring in new entrants"



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Building out the rural and urban commons



ZSÁMBOKI BIOKERT
HUNGARY

Growing organic veg on the farm

Delivering via cargobike to customers in the city

"We need people to participate more in the communities they live in"



A community of
co-consumers to
nurture the land



Food abundance in cooperation with nature

"It's up to us to invent the social change
that will bring in new entrants"



HERDADE DO FREIXO DO MEIO
PORTUGAL

A local food & farming policy



MUNICIPALITY OF PLESSÉ
FRANCE

Practical supports for local food systems

"Instead of handholding, we encourage citizens to take themselves by the hand"



Caring for
the land,
caring for
each other



JOSEFINA SKERK
SÁMI PARLIAMENT
SWEDEN

Inherent value of rural areas

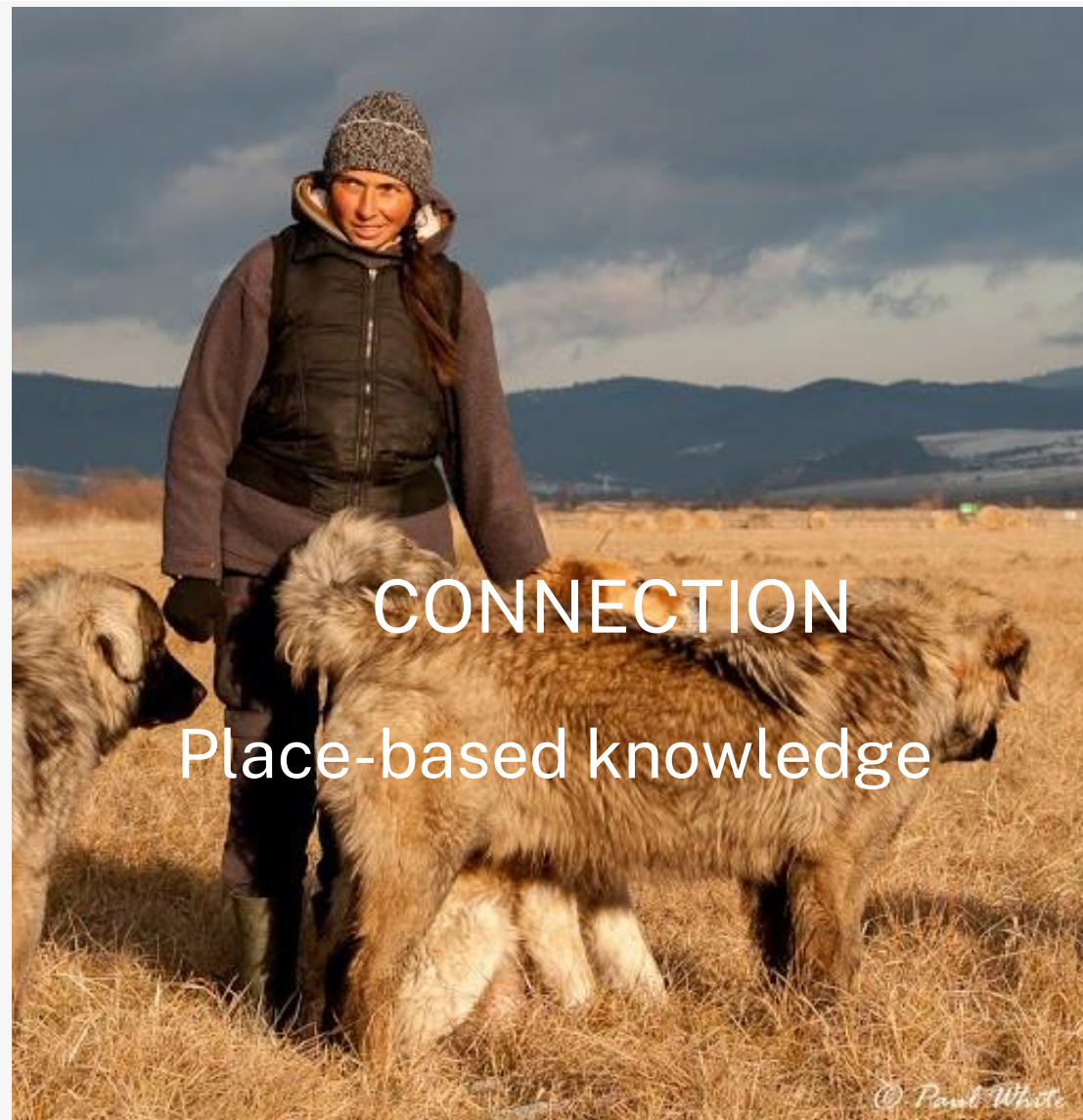
Sámi culture as a resource

"Not leaving traces,
not taking more than you need,
giving back"



How to build rural resilience?

Take action!



Thank you!

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