

# **Seasonal mountain pasture systems in the Julian Alps**

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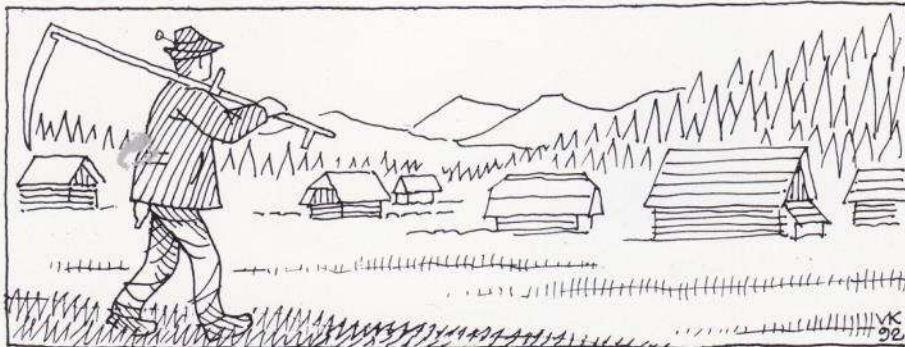
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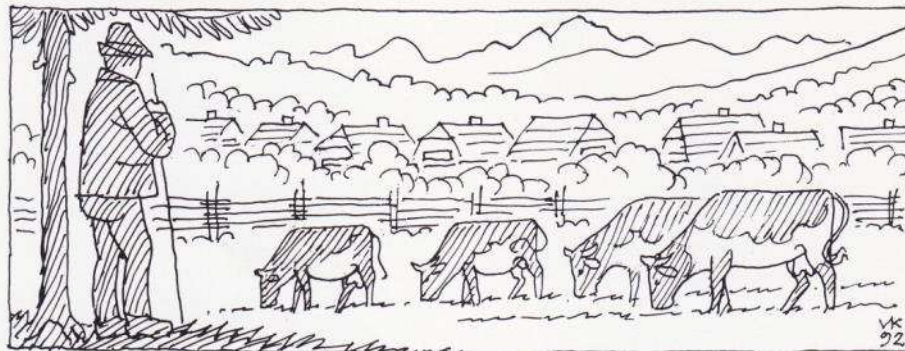
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high mountain pasture



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low mountain pasture



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meadows and pastures  
near the village

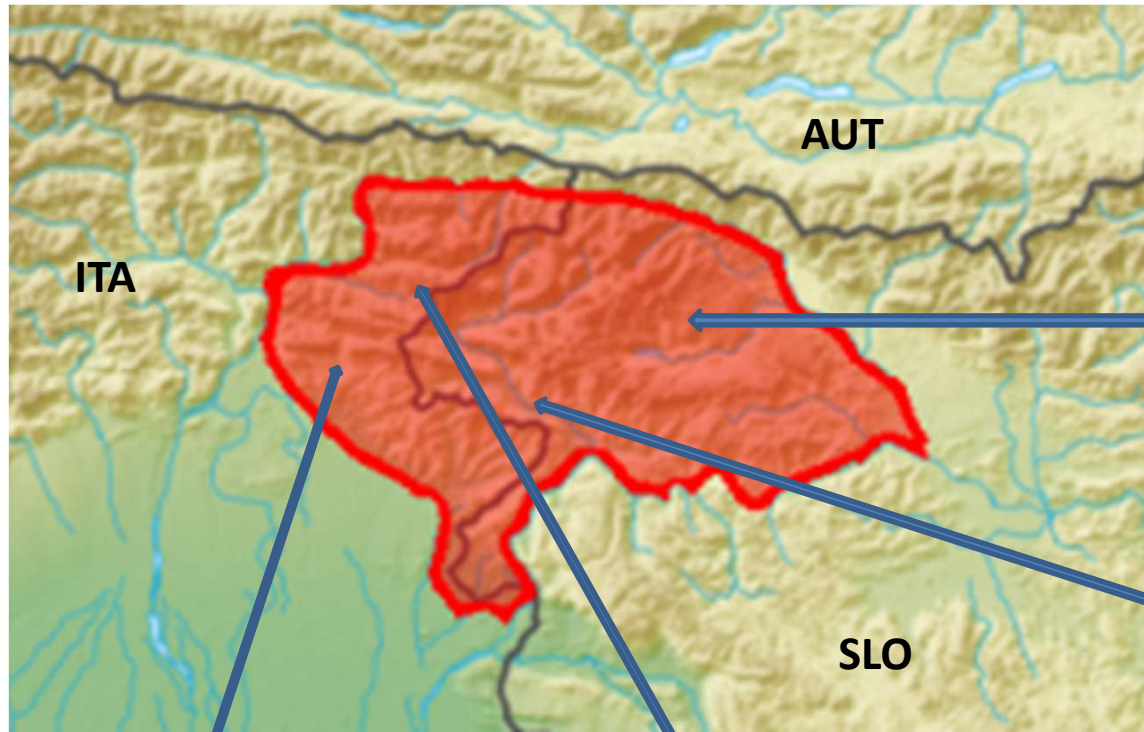
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Above: Cheesemaker and herdsmen in the Idrsko alp, around 1970; photo: private documentation of I. Kurinčič, Idrsko

Left: Cheesemaker and herdsmen in the Laz alp, around 1950; photo: private documentation of M. Kovačič, Studor.

# Dairy\* alps active in 2017

Region	Dairy alps
North-eastern Julian alps (12)	Krstenica, Laz, Velo polje, Konjščica, Praprotnica, Uskovnica, Zajamniki, Konjska dolina, Goreljek, Javornik, Zadnji Vogel, Bitenjska planina (preserved only in the Bohinj region)
South-eastern Julian alps (16)	Lom-Podkuk, Medrje-Sleme, Polog, Pretovč, Stador-Razor (the Tolmin region); Božca, Hlevišče, Kašina, Kuhinja, Leskovica, Zaslav, Idrsko alp and Zaprikraj (the Kobarid region); Duplje, Krnica and Mangrt (the Bovec region)
Western Julian Alps and Prealps (6)	Confin, Coot/Kot, Cuarnan, Lussari/Višarje, Montasio/Montaž, Plan dai Spadovai

\*Alps which are still processing milk into cheese and eventual other dairy products (whey cheese, butter, whey), data for the alpine pasture season 2017



## **(1) The Laz alp in the Bohinj region (Slovenia)**



The Laz alp, photo by France Stele, 1980 (ZRC SAZU)





The Laz alp, photo by Saša Roškar, 2011





Gregor Gartner and Anica Kovačič, the Laz alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2012



## **(2) The Sleme and Medrje alp in the Tolmin region (Slovenia)**



The Sleme alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2017





The Medrje alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2017





Gathering of the whey cheese from the cauldron, Sleme alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2011



Milking parlour, Sleme alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2011



## The Confin and Ungarina alp in Julian Prealps (Italy)



The Confin alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2017






The Ungarina alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2017



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Jersey cattle, the Confin alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2017





Polenta, a traditional dish in the, the Confin alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej



#### **(4) The Montasio alps in the Western Julian Alps (Italy)**



The Pecol alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2011





Modern milking parlour, the Pecol alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2016





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Malga Montasio è situata sull'omonimo altipiano tra i 1500 ed i 1800 metri sul livello del mare nello splendido contesto delle Alpi Giulie, circondata dalle maestose catene del Canin e del Montasio in un sito di interesse comunitario e si estende su un territorio di 1064 ettari di cui la metà dedicata al pascolo, con annessa latteria, un punto vendita di prodotti lattiero-caseari e ristoro agriturismo. Sull'altipiano, largo mediamente 1 km e lungo circa 4 km, si possono effettuare varie attività sportive tra cui trekking, nordic walking, mountain bike ed escursioni sul Re delle Giulie.

Malga Montasio si raggiunge da Chiusaforte – Sella Nevea – Altipiani del Montasio oppure da Tarvisio – Cave del Predil – Sella Nevea – Altipiani del Montasio.

Tutta strada asfaltata raggiungibile con autovetture e camper.



**MONTASIO**  
CONSORZIO PER LA TUTELA  
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Traces of the 2013 Tour of Italy still present, the Pecol alp, photo by Špela Ledinek Lozej, 2016





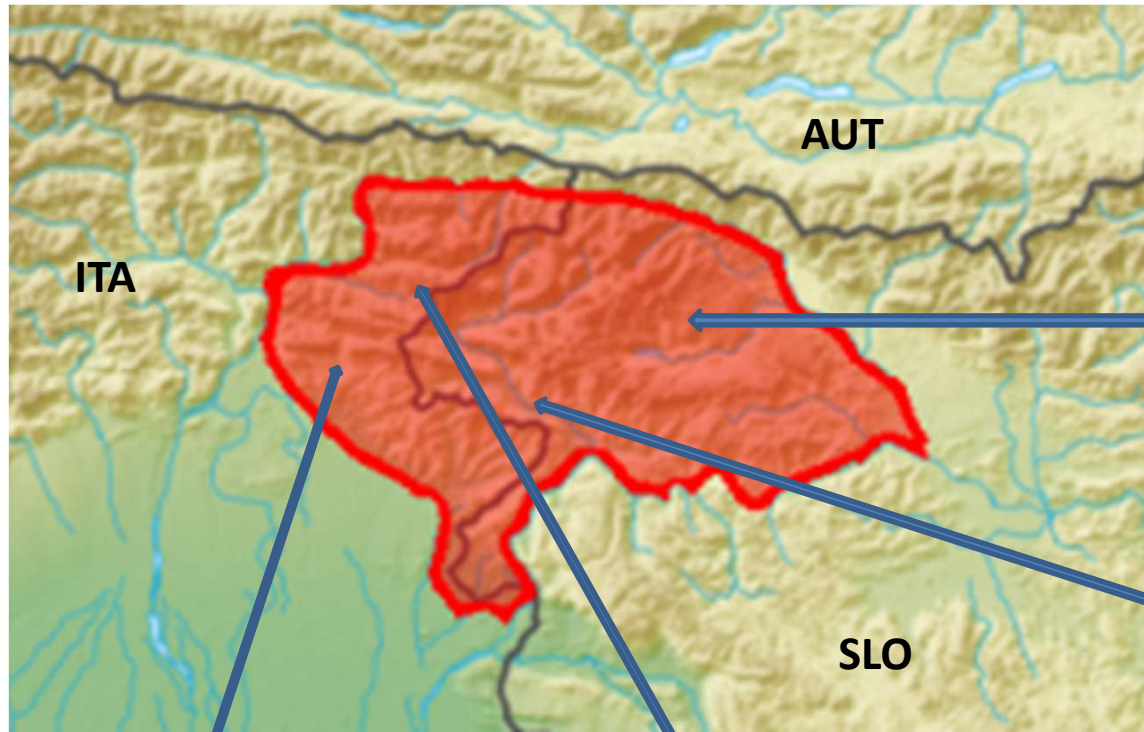
Cattle drive from Montasio alp to the Nevea pass, photo by Špela Ledinek  
Lozej, 2016





The main tourist facility, the Pecol alp, photo by Š. Ledinek Lozej, 2016





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## Conclusion


- (1) The Laz alp in the Bohinj region (Slovenia): Lingering on dissolving past regime and individual solutions
- (2) The Sleme and Medrje alp in the Tolmin region (Slovenia): Adaptation of past common property regimes to new requirements
- (3) The Confin and Ungarina alp in the Gemona region of the Julian Prealps (Italy): Public property of the alps and individual entrepreneurship
- (4) The Montasio alps in the Western Julian Alps (Italy): Regional interventions and tertiarization of the alp





The Laška seč lower alp, foto Andrejka Ščukovt and Maja Evelyn Kristan, 2015





**Thank you for your attention!**

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