

Fundación Monte Mediterráneo

One of the main aims of the *Fundación Monte Mediterráneo* (FMM) (www.fundacionmontemediterraneo.com), founded in 1993, is to make the *Dehesa San Francisco* - an ecologically certified agro-silvo-pastoral farm - a contribution to the preservation of the “last barrier before the desert” [AMARO, Fernanda dos Santos Azinheira : a fronteira que nos separa do deserto / Fernanda dos Santos Amaro In: Guia agro-pecuário. - Lisboa : Europa América, 1992. - p. 51-56]. Agriculture, livestock farming and forestry are symbiotically linked to the preservation of biodiversity, because the preservation of such cultural landscapes, which are becoming increasingly important, especially in the course of climate change, can - with ecological and sustainable management - mitigate climate change.

Livestock, forestry management, agricultural and human intervention are instruments to preserve biodiversity, soil, areas of high ecological value and produce healthy food. Agriculture, livestock and forestry are, therefore, not an end in itself, but rather a productive cooperation between nature and mankind. As a matter of fact, it is a win-win-win situation:

- Preserve biodiversity including mitigation of climate change (mitigate threat of erosion, bushfire, etc.)
- Produce healthy food
- Give decent life to the livestock raised ecologically and sustainably

The farm has its own training center on the site where different trainings, awareness courses, etc. take place. Main issue is always to focus on the sustainable management of natural resources, intelligent water management, species-appropriate livestock management, circular economy, preserve/improve biodiversity.

Another two stone houses can put up groups up to 6 respectively 8 persons (e.g.: trainees): bunk beds.

Since 1996 FMM hosts trainees and participants in Erasmus+, Erasmus, (former Leonardo da Vinci), students in practice, etc.



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Fundación Monte Mediterráneo (www.fundacionmontemediterraneo.com) offers practical work placements for four students.

The work placement should last three months – June to August 2025.

We offer accommodation in a rural stone house with two bedrooms (bunk beds) on the site. Self-catering.

The schedule is 6 workdays per week: 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

You will assist the local workers in their jobs of attending livestock (pigs, sheep, cattle, horses, donkeys), fixing and maintenance of infrastructure (stone walls, fences, roads, etc.) and look after the horticulture garden.

We are planning a cork harvest (mid-June to mid-August). Mid-June, our sheep will be “shipped” to the mountains in North Spain: transhumance.

I would try to arrange a visit to our sheep herd in Leon province.

You can apply for financial support at the Erasmus office in your university (<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/de/opportunities/opportunities-for-individuals/students/traineeships-abroad-for-students>)