

**COUNTRY REPORT
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Greece

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1: CHARACTERIZATION, INVENTORY AND
MONITORING OF TRENDS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

Actions undertaken during the past year

During the last year, several meetings with stakeholders were organised in order to develop the work related with the characterisation and monitoring of the animal breeds.

A network has been developed in order to review and update the information already included in the EFABIS database.

Actions planned for the next year

Within the first actions planned for the next year is the installation of the Greek version of EFABIS Database.

Furthermore, the work on the monitoring of the animal populations will be organised in order to have an update of the population numbers in a regular basis.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Actions undertaken during the past year

During the past year, the establishment of Breeders associations was promoted. Further, the support to the breeders associations in order to develop sustainable breeding programs continued.

In this framework meetings were organised in order to support the farmers to develop their work on linking their products with the breeds.

As an outcome of the work of previous years within relevant projects, the “Association of the Pastoral Farmers in Epirus” was established which aims to maintain the farming in the mountain and marginal regions and support the level of living of the farmers with the development of relevant activities and projects.

Actions planned for the next year

The work started will be further focussed towards the support of the breeders associations.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

Organisation of several meetings related with the promotion of conservation activities for local breeds, among them a Conference on the “Conservation and sustainable use of the Sarakatsaniko sheep breed” (May 2008) and a Workshop in Skyros island (May 2008) on the “Current Situation and Future Prospects of the Skyros pony”.

Other activities were organised connected with the promotion of products of the local breeds (as the day of the buffaloes and their products organised in July 2007 in the Kerkini wetland).

In total 2 cattle, 1 buffalo, 10 sheep, 1 goat, 1 pig and 5 horse breeds are supported by incentives.

Within the HeritageSheep project (AGRIGENRES), information related with the factors that pose the greatest threat to sheep farming and genetic diversity were collected.

Actions planned for the next year

During the next year is planned to organise in a regular basis activities (workshops, publication of leaflets etc) in order to support the work of the breeders associations.

The continuation of the support of the breeds that are threatened by extinction.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year

Participation in the International Technical Conference for AnGR in Interlaken, 1- 7 September 2007 - Publication of articles regarding the outcomes of the International Conference.

Organisation of several activities to promote the conservation and use of local sheep breeds which are the basis for the production of the feta cheese (PDO).

Participation in several activities with NGOs.

Actions planned for the next year

Organisation and preparation of a workshop including all stakeholders to establish a national plan for the AnGR

Continuation of the work on the organisation of the breeders associations – Financing of the breeders associations for the monitoring of the populations.