

**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 collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development and Food in order to develop the work related with the characterisation and monitoring of the animal breeds.

Review and update the Efabis database. Installation of the Greek version of EFABIS Database.

Actions planned for the next year

In the next year, 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 work towards the support of the Breeders associations was continued. The establishment of two new associations of horse breeds and one of sheep breeds is under development.

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

Development of schemes to support breeders of small population regarding the genetic management of their populations.

Actions planned for the next year

Continuation of the efforts to develop sustainable breeding schemes.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

Evaluation of the progress of the implementation of the ongoing conservation programmes.

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

Development specific measures for the conservation of AnGR within the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, under Agri environmental measures.

Within the HeritageSheep project (AGRIGENRES), the collection of semen for cyo conservation of 3 breeds was performed. Furthermore, in this framework meetings with relevant bodies to increase the awareness on the breeds were organised.

Participation in the Annual national exhibition of local Farm Animal Breeds.

Actions planned for the next year

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

Enhance efforts to establish national genebank for AnGR.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year

Translation of the GPA in the Greek language. The process is on going in collaboration with the National Focal Point of Cyprus.

Organisation of several activities to promote the conservation and use of local breeds.

Participation in the Global Workshop for NCs and the 5th session of ITWG – AnGR in Rome, 26-30 January 2009.

Participation in several scientific conferences, workshops related with the management of AnGR.

Participation in several projects related with the origin, characterisation, conservation and sustainable development of farm animal genetic resources.

Actions planned for the next year

Collaboration with the Ministry of Environment on issues related with the livestock genetic diversity indicators for the preparation of the Greek Report on the Status of Biodiversity.

The Ministry of Rural Development and Food is planning to organise a workshop including all stakeholders in order to establish a national plan for the AnGR.

During the next year is planned to organise in a regular basis activities (workshops, publication of leaflets etc) focusing in the genetic diversity of FAnGR in Greece.