COUNTRY REPORT FOR 2009-2010 of

Greece

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

## Actions undertaken during the past 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.

Participation in the Seminar on Breeds at Risk: Criteria and classification, London 16-17 February 2010

Review and update the Efabis database.

#### Actions planned for the next year

Organise the work on the monitoring of the animal populations 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

The work towards the support of the Breeders associations was continued.

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 under the measures for the conservation of AnGR in the frame of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013.

Meetings with relevant bodies in order to establish the national gene bank. Participation in the Genebanking and Cryopreservation Workshop, in Lelystad, 1-3 June 2010.

#### 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 done in collaboration with the National Focal Point of Cyprus. The document will be out in the end of August – September.

Participation in the 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the CGRFA in Rome, 19 – 23 October 2009.

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

Establish a Working Group on Animal Breeding and Genetic Resources. The aims of the WG is to formulate proposals on the organisation of the animal breeding sector at national level. Among the other objectives the WG is to develop the national plan for the AnGR

# 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.

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.