

## ERFP Country report 2010 – 2011

**COUNTRY:** Greece

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### **Strategic Priority Area 1:**

#### **Characterization, Inventory and Monitoring of Trends and Associated Risks**

Meetings with stakeholders in order to develop the work on monitoring and characterisation of farm animal breeds. Greece is participating in the ERFP WG documentation and Information (chairing the WG). On going research work related with the characterisation of AnGR. Ongoing work on the sheep population of Greece, in collaboration with the Greek Milk and Meat Organisation, the Ministry of Rural Development and Food has established 2 herdbooks for Greek Blond and Red beef. Development of breeding programmes for scrapie resistance on Chios and Frisarta sheep breeds.

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### **Strategic Priority Area 2:**

#### **Sustainable Use and Development**

Meetings with stakeholders to promote farm animal breeds and their products. Participation in relevant workshops. Research proposals on buffalos, sheep and goats.

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### **Strategic Priority Area 3:**

#### **Conservation**

(please give details for the most relevant institutions for national genebanks / cryopreservation in the table in Annex 1)

Continuation of the agro environmental measures (for animal genetic resources). Currently, 2 cattle, 1 buffalo, 10 sheep, 1 goat, 1 pig and 5 horse breeds are included in these measures in the frame of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013. Enhance efforts to establish a National Gene Bank.

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### **Strategic Priority Area 4:**

#### **Policies, Institutions and Capacity-building**

New law for the protection of biodiversity (Ministry of Environment and Climatic Change, March 2011) with reference on FAnGR (Inventory and Documentation under the Ministry of Rural Development and Food). Publish the greek translation of the GPA and the Interlaken Declaration in collaboration with Cyprus. Publication of a booklet on farm animal breeds of Greece in greek and in english (only electronically for the time). Publication of leaflets with the results of breeding programmes of dairy sheep breeds, by the relevant Animal Genetic Improvement Centers and the Ministry of Rural Development and Food. Organisation of an exhibition of farm animal breeds of Greece in the Zootechnia 2011, held in Thessaloniki, February 2011. The established WG on Animal Breeding, concluded to suggestions to the Ministry of Rural Development and Food on the organisation of animal breeding at national level. Within the proposals, the Group has suggested the establishment of a National Committee for Genetic Improvement of Farm Animals. It is planned to present the Development of the National Plan in the Annual Conference of the Hellenic Association for Animal Production, October 2011.

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**Annex 1: List of relevant national institutions for national Genebanks / Cryopreservation Experts**

institution, address, e-mail, homepage, phone / fax	contact person / expert incl. e-mail	animal species	type of genetic material	remarks