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

Actions undertaken during the past year

- **Pursuit of the Official Catalogue of Spanish's breeds.** In the Official Catalogue all the livestock breeds that are zootechnically regulated and supported have been inventoried. 6 breeds have been characterized and included in the Catalogue of Spanish Breeds of Domestic Animals (2 bovine/1 ovine/3 poultry/5 swine).
- **Definition of prototypes and characterization:** There have been approved the prototypes and the regulation of the herd book of the new breeds and the characterization and research activities are in progress with 176 official breeds and varieties.
- **Recognition and monitoring of associations of breeders** of the bovine, ovine, goat, pig, canine, poultry and equine species, for the management of genealogical books and the development of the breeding programs with 155 associations and 9 new breeders associations have been recognised recently.
- **Appointment of breeds inspectors** to supervise the associations functioning.
- **Individual identification and inscription** of the animals in the herd book and the Registry of collaborating farms.
- Development of preliminary studies in order to create a **National Observatory for AnGr** as a permanente body for the study of the AnGr situation, trends and associated risks.

Actions planned for the next year

- Creation of the National Observatory for AnGr.
- Definition of protocols for action in critical situation of AnGr.
- Update the official Catalogue with new categories and breeds.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Actions undertaken during the past year

- Establishment of a support program for the extensive production of autochthonous breeds.
- Establishment of a support program for encourage the production of animal origin quality products in particular from autochthonous breeds.
- Monitor the implementation of the breeding programs
- Encourage the use of autochthonous breeds in the production of quality products.

Actions planned for the next year

- Maintain the support to encourage the sustainable use and implement the legislation

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

- a) **Approval of national programs**, general and specific for each breed.
- b) **Reproducers evaluation and animal qualification.**
- c) **Yields control and genetic evaluation**, including criteria for ovine against TSE.
- d) **Authorization of Testing Centers**
- e) **Authorization** of collection, storage and reproduction centers, and germplasm banks.
- f) **Designation** of Reproducing Reference Center or National Bank (in Madrid) with the sign of an special agreement of collaboration
- g) **Ex-situ conservation** of breeds in danger.
- h) **Artificial insemination** and diffusion of the improvement with high genetic value semen.
- i) **Authorization of genetic laboratories**, DNA banks and filiation control, implementing the Central Veterinary Laboratory (Algete) with proper sources.

Actions planned for the next year

- Progress in conservation programmes
- Put into operation the Reproducing Reference Center or National Bank and developping activities in the official genetic laboratory.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year

- **Organization of meetings**, in committees, with all the partners implied in the management of breeds, not only public but private.
- It has been signed an **agreement between the Ministry and the National federation of Spanish autochtonous endangered breeds** in order to coordinate efforts in the conservation and recovery of these breeds.
- **Creation of communications** networks and exchanges of information, with national organizations (Universities, INIA) and foreigners (EAAP, FAO, EU).
- **Connection of policies and programs on animal genetics resources** with other national and international initiatives in the field of agriculture and the biodiversity.
- **Educative Programs** for vets, livestock breeders and the public in general.
- **Legal Frame**: norms and policies. There is a Royal Decree project to develop the national program for conservation and promotion of breeds and new regulations for the subsidies.

- **Diffusion through Internet** (Web pages, as PEGASO, FILUS, BABIECA for equine) and Campaigns of awareness and promotion.

- Define and approval the **calendar of the livestock events**.

Actions planned for the next year

- A national data base for animal genetic resources will be put into operation.

- A new Royal Decree will be published to define the national program for conservation and promotion of breeds and another one to set new rules for financing the breeder's associations activities.