iSAGE will improve the overall sustainability and innovative capacity of the sheep and goat sector in Europe.

This will be achieved by:

- Enhancing the efficiency and profitability of the sector.
- Meeting the needs of consumers.
- Increasing its societal acceptance and improving the delivery of ecosystem services.

iSAGE is coordinated by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. It has a strong and multi-lateral consortium consisting of 33 partners from 6 EU countries and Turkey.

Nineteen industry partners represent approximately 16,000 sheep and goat farmers with approximately 5.5 million sheep and goats. The project will last 4 years from March 2016.

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iSAGE will develop new socio-economic, animal welfare and sustainability assessments for the whole supply chain.

These assessments will be used to:

- Understand the potential future barriers that may limit the innovative capacity and development of the sector.
- Define future opportunities that may provide a niche market to compete with other type of animal products.

The work is done through 6 closely related work package

At the core of iSAGE is a participatory approach centred on a multi-actor internal and external communication activity to build the project from the farmer level.
iSAGE will provide solutions to re-design sheep and goat systems that will result in:

- Increased efficiency and profitability of animal agriculture.
- Improved overall sustainability and innovative capacity of the sector.
- Enhanced consumer acceptance.
- Increased societal acceptance.
- New efficiency traits to be incorporated into breeding schemes enabling selection of animals more adapted to environmental changes.
- Increased level of animal welfare.
- Improved social well-being and rural development.
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