



Innovation for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Production in Europe



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.

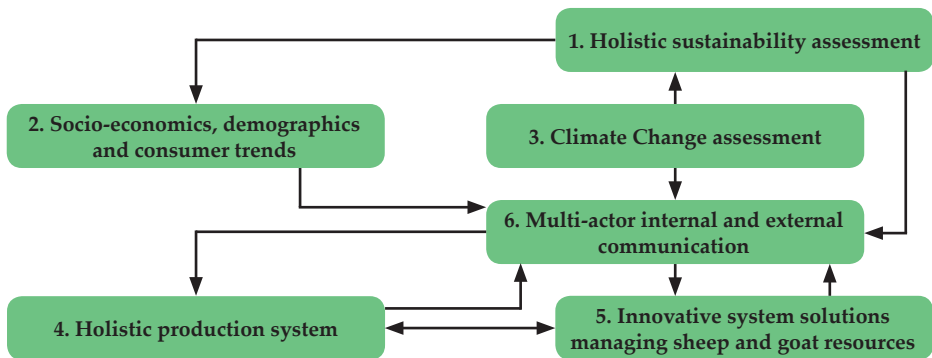
WHAT WE WILL DO

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.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES



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.

INDUSTRY



ACOP: Agricultural Cooperative of Pieria Sheep and Goat Farmers
Katerini, Greece



AHDB: The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board
Kenilworth, UK



CABRA: Federacion Andaluza de Asociaciones de Ganado Caprino de Raza Pura
Granada, Spain



FRIZARTA: Agricultural Livestock Cooperative of Western Greece
Agrinio, Greece



NSA: National Sheep Association
Malvern, UK



PROAGRIA: ProAgria Association of Rural Advisory Centres
Vantaa, Finland



BC3: bc3 Basque Centre for Climate Change – Klima Aldaketa Ikergai
Bilbao, Spain



INIA: Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria
Madrid, Spain



NIGDE: Niğde University
Niğde, Turkey



UNIVPM: Universita Politecnica delle Marche
Ancona, Italy

AESLA: Asociacion Español de Criadores de Ovino Selecto de Raza Lacauene
Spain



ARDIEKIN: ARDIEKIN, S.L.
Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain



CAPGENES: Capgènes
Mignaloux Beauvoir, France



ICEA: Istituto per la Certificazione Etica ed Ambientale
Bologna, Italy



OVIARAGON: Carnes Oviaragón SCL
Zaragoza, Spain



RRAP: Red Rock Agricultural Pastoral Tarim Limited Sirketi
Gaziantep, Turkey

RESEARCH



ATAUNI: Ataturk Universitesi
Erzurum, Turkey



CSIC: Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas
Granada, Spain



INRA: Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique
Toulouse, France



ORC: Organic Research Centre
Newbury, UK

OTHERS



EAAP: European Federation of Animal Science
Rome, Italy



AGRAMA: Asociacion Nacional de Criadores de Ganado Ovino Selecto de Raza Manchega
Albacete, Spain



ASSAFE: Asociación nacional de criadores de ganado ovino de raza Assaf
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CNBL: Comité National Brebis Laitières
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