



Innovation for Sustainable  
Sheep and Goat  
Production in Europe

## Innovations for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Systems

### Round Table Discussions

to establish

### Innovations and Policy initiatives to improve the sustainability of Sheep and Goat Systems

**Venue** Woodhall Hotel and Spa, Trip Lane, Linton, Wetherby, West Yorkshire

#### Day 1 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Morning - Optional Farm visit to Yorkshire Dairy Goats (with regional training delegates). The bus will leave the hotel at 08.15. Lunch will be provided at Yorkshire Dairy Goats. Please be on time.**

13.00 -14.00	<b>Registration and Lunch</b>
14.00-14.30	<b>Welcome to the iSAGE project and aims of the meeting</b> Georgios Arsenos -Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Coordinator of the iSAGE project
14.30 – 15.15	<b>Trends in the European Sheep and Goat sector- Production and Consumption</b> Duncan Wyatt- Lead Analyst (Red Meat) AHDB
<b>Coffee</b>	
<b>Round table Discussions</b>	
15.45	<b>Strategies to Improve consumer perception and consumption of sheep and goat products</b> <b>Discussion led by</b> Raffaele Zanolli-UNIVPM Ancona (Italy) and Stefano Orsini-Organic Research Centre (UK)
	<b>Strategies to enhance biodiversity and landscape</b> <b>Discussion led by</b> Cledwyn Thomas EAAP
18.00	<b>Demonstration of on-farm tools to help decision making</b> <b>Followed by</b> <b>Dinner</b>

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## Day 2 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

<b>09.00 – 12.30</b>	
	<b>Regional challenges to the UK sheep sector (including impacts on Greenhouse Gas emissions from sheep systems)</b> Led by Phil Stocker National Sheep Association (UK) and Agustin Del Prado (BC3 Spain)
	<b>Innovation strategies – recommendations from the isage farm case studies</b> Led by Georgios Arsenos, University of Thessaloniki, (Greece), Marion Johnson Organic Research Centre, (UK) and Wendy Jones NSA (UK)
	<b>Optimal Breeding strategies to enhance animal resilience</b> Led by Georgios Banos and Enrique Sánchez-Molano, SRUC (UK).
	<b>Summary and Conclusions</b> <b>iSAGE recommendations and guidelines for the European sheep and goat farming sector. Next steps</b>
12.30	<b>Lunch and depart</b>

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