SheepNet
European Knowledge Exchange

Objectives of SheepNet:
TO IMPROVE SHEEP PRODUCTIVITY
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND TURKEY

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EU

Turkey

85 million sheep (dairy and meat) on **830,000** farms

31 million sheep (dairy and meat) on **127,000** farms

In the European Union,
SHEEP MEAT AND MILK PRODUCTION ARE VERY IMPORTANT FARM ENTERPRISES

HOWEVER, SINCE 2000, number of sheep farms

has declined by 50%

EU is only **85%** self-sufficient in sheep products

An increase in ewe productivity by 0.1 lamb reared per ewe joined across the EU would increase :
- meat supply by 64 thousand tonnes
- **self-sufficiency to 92%**

ATTAINABLE GOAL

The spirit of SheepNet:

MULTI-ACTOR APPROACH AND CROSS-FERTILISATION FOR SHARING IDEAS, TECHNOLOGIES EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

34 national multi-actor meetings
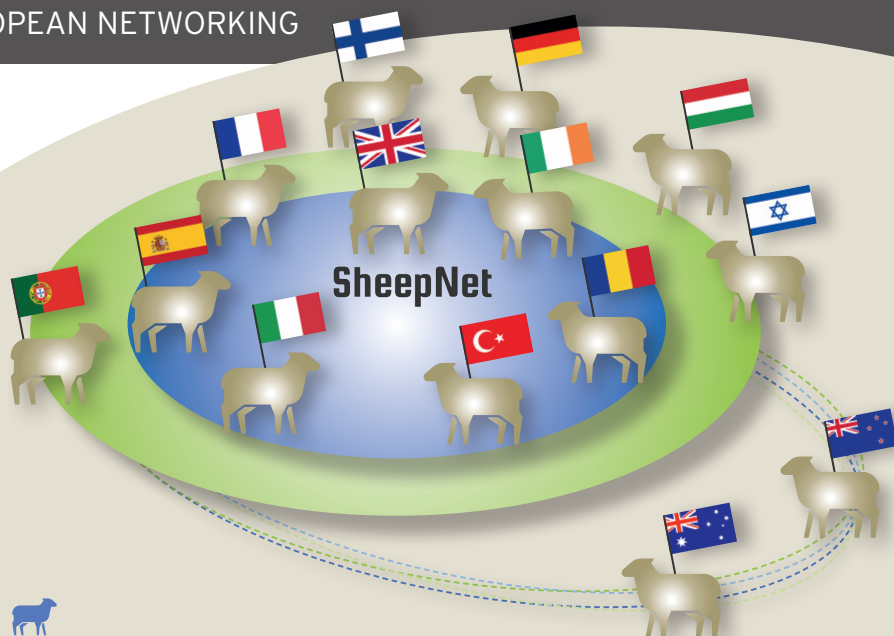**976** stakeholders participate

5 EU multi-actor meetings
337 stakeholders participate

SHARING EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE TOWARDS SHEEP PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH EUROPEAN NETWORKING

A core group of 9 technical partners in 7 countries: France, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom.

An open network joined by 5 other countries: Finland, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Portugal. **and connections with New Zealand and Australia.**

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59 innovative sheep farms involved

19 national networks connected (including 5 PEI OG)

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A RESERVOIR OF SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE TO INFORM FARMERS, ADVISORS, CONSULTANTS AND SCIENTISTS

- **19 sheep rearing systems described**
- **461 stakeholders' questions collected on sheep productivity addressed with:**
- **42 solutions (and 29 evaluated)**
- **73 tips and tricks**
- **22 factsheets**
- **3,458 scientific articles reviewed**
- **19 new research needs identified**

An extensive dissemination OF THE RESULTS

1 website with **780** technical articles, videos, solutions in **6** languages
www.sheepnet.network

120 videos with more than **9,000** views

16 press releases

99 communication articles

94 conferences and workshops

1,257 followers on **4** social networks

662 followers

622 followers

39 subcribers

57 subcribers

Partners:

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