



Press release #1

EuroSheep –your views on sheep health and nutrition count!

The thematic network EuroSheep continues the dynamic knowledge exchange between European sheep sector stakeholders that was initiated by SheepNet. The knowledge and expertise exchanges in EuroSheep focus on 2 main topics: nutrition and health management, based on the industry's current needs.

The first key step in the project is therefore to identify farmers' needs and challenges regarding the health and nutrition of their animals. An online [survey](#) has been devised to collect those needs and challenges. This information will be crucial for EuroSheep, which will then provide solutions, best practices and tips and tricks that can answer those needs. So please complete the survey, your opinion matters and is very important.

EuroSheep, which is funded by the EU, started in January 2020 and will last for 3 years. Eight countries are involved namely Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, France, Italy, Hungary, Greece and Turkey, and represent 80% of sheep production in Europe. The planned events are open to all countries, so do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to take part or be informed.

The objective of EuroSheep is to exchange existing knowledge between stakeholders at all stages of the supply chain in EU and Turkish sheep production, focusing on 2 main themes: flock health management and nutrition management.

The first step of the project is to identify **YOUR main challenges and needs** to improve flock profitability through flock health and nutrition management practices, and it is really important for EuroSheep to gather the views of the producers and the sheep industry at the European level. To this means, we have developed a survey (<https://tinyurl.com/eurosheep-en>), targeted at sheep farmers, but also at vets, advisors, consultants and researchers, to collect the challenges YOU face and the needs YOU have in terms of nutrition and health on your flock. The survey is covering a series of common nutrition and health challenges you may face for the adult sheep, replacement and lambs on your flock, for you to prioritise. There is no right or wrong answer, it is just crucial that we gather as many needs as possible, to be able to answer properly what the producers and farmers are facing.

We would be grateful if you could complete this [survey online](#). Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 lockdown, it will be impossible to conduct this survey face-to-face. So please use the online version, it can be done either on laptop or on mobile phone.

Once we have gathered all these challenges and needs, the next step for EuroSheep will be to provide solutions, best practices and tips and tricks that answer and reflect what the sheep producers in Europe need. This will be done through national and international workshops, events and webinars.

EuroSheep held its first project meeting in Thessaloniki in Greece at the end of January 2020, where the project's partners devised the work plan for the next 3 years. Unfortunately, with the current COVID19 emergency, these plans are changing, but we will keep you informed of any development.

EuroSheep is a thematic network funded by the European Union, to improve the viability of sheep production by improving technical performance with better management of nutrition and health issues. Although the network is composed of eight countries (namely Ireland, UK, Spain, France, Italy, Hungary, Greece and Turkey), EuroSheep is open to all countries, stakeholders and sheep producers. Many national and transnational workshops, publications and events are planned, so do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to take part or be informed!

Please, take a few minutes to fill in the survey. Your views are crucial to this project (<https://tinyurl.com/eurosheep-en>)



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