



Αμάθεια

"Greek Society for the Protection of Indigenous Animal Breeds (agricultural and domestic)"

- "AMALTHIA" is a non-profitable NGO, founded in 2006.
- It is an association of individuals and legal bodies.
- Main objective is the protection of biodiversity and the natural environment.
- It operates in accordance to Greek State, and European Union laws.
- Today 11 Associations and Societies together with many individuals and are members of "Amaltheia".



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NEEDS & PROBLEMS

Funding is the biggest obstacle that “We” face in order to achieve our goals, especially during the current recession.

Legislation & bureaucracy consists a major obstacle, since it favors modern breeds and does not allow changes.

Ignorance from a big part of the farmers / breeders about the value of their breeds and the way to preserve / improve them.

Consequences of economic crisis, rising of animal feed prices, reducing consumption of animal products, climate changes, losses from predators etc



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Providing coordination and support on European and other programs.

Representing Our (Amaltheia) interests at the National and European decision making centres.

Supporting the collaboration between partners for potential common project



PROJECTS

- 16 projects (2012 -2022)
- Identification of 7 indigenous breeds recognized by the state that were considered extinct. (Sykia cattle breed in Halkidiki, Kea cattle breed in Makronissos, Argos sheep breed, Evdilos-Ikaria sheep breed, Katafigion sheep breed, Roumlouki sheep breed, Lefkimmi-Corfu sheep breed).
- Creation of breeding nuclei for the breeds of Cattle of Sykia and Kea, but also for the Cattle populations of Rhodope, Prespa, Crete, Agathonisi and Nisiro. Also, for sheep breeds of Argos, Evdilos-Ikaria and Lefkimmi-Corfu, for the population of Ulokeros goat, the black pig in Ilia and the Greek donkey.
- Collaboration with Universities for the identification and classification of Greek breeds and populations through examination of genetic material (Cattle AUA – LMU, Horses Texas USA – AUA, sheep and goats AUA – LMU, pigs AUA – LMU)
- Studies on the population of Samothrace wild goat and sheep, feral free horses living in the Axios delta etc.
- Creation of educational material approved by the Ministry of Education in order to inform young people at Primary and Secondary education.
- Participation in exhibitions, conferences, info days etc