

# Mediterranean biodiversity as a tool for the sustainable development of the small ruminant sector

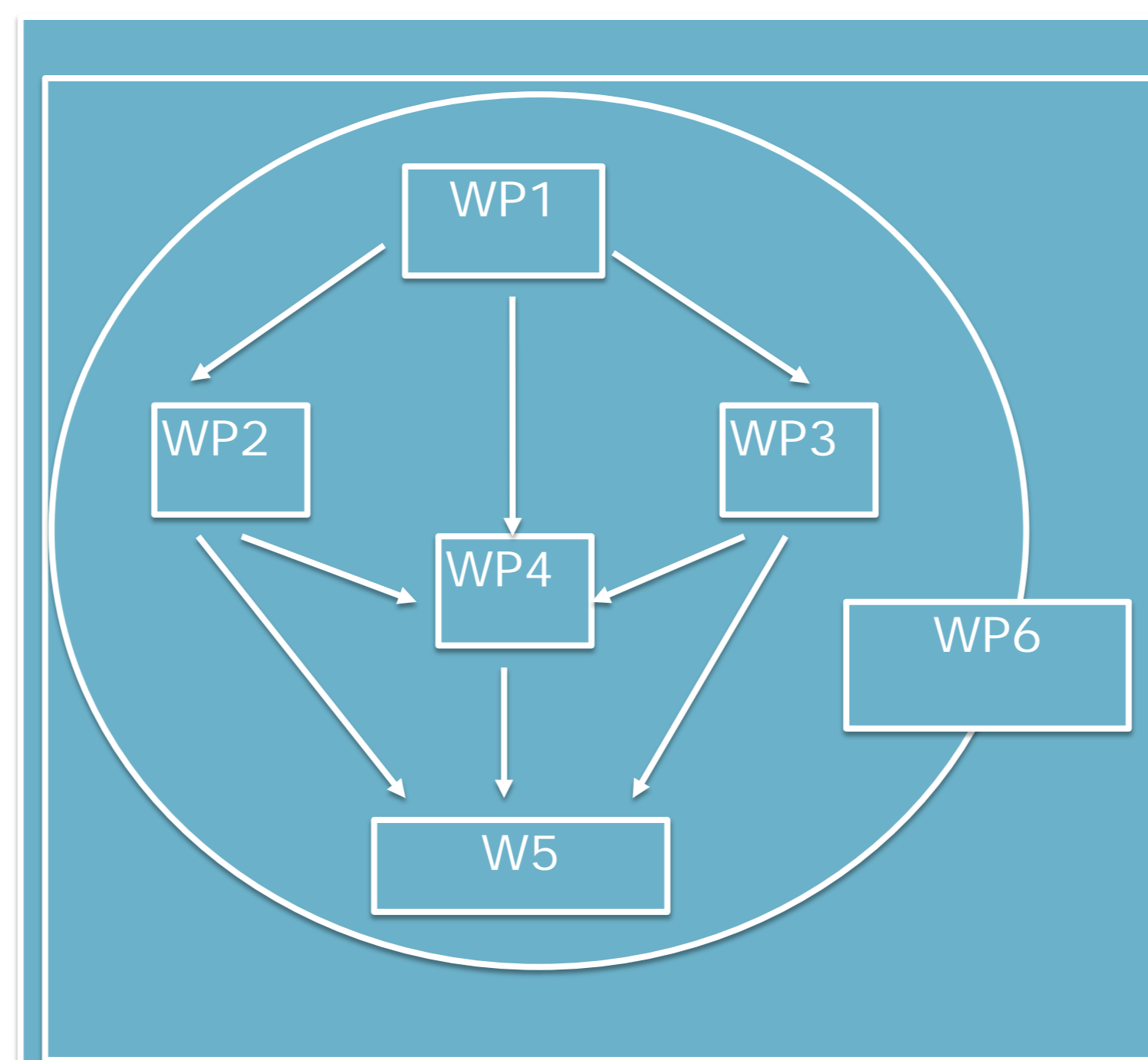
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## Aims – Objectives:

- Sustainability of pastoral and rangeland production systems (sheep and goat sector)
  - Components of the production systems
  - Assessment of the sustainability (environment, economical, social)
  - Role of local authorities / organisation at territorial level
  - Distribution of products, supply chain, trends of the market
  - Positive synergies in breeds-products interactions



WP1: Components of the Production System  
 WP2: Collective organisation at territorial level  
 WP3: Supply chain and Market analysis  
 WP4: Assessment of the sustainability of the system  
 WP5: Mediterranean Platform  
 WP6: Project Coordination and Management

## Methodology:

Case studies in France, Morocco, Cyprus, Greece

In selected geographical areas personal interviews of farmers with a detailed questionnaire on the farming methods, management of breeds, production aspects, labelling and promotion of products, and farm economics.

Analysis of data is in progress. In session 20b, first results on the value chain analysis are presented.

Region, Country / (no of interviews)	Species	Breeds	Production System	Products	Remarks
Fez-Boulemane, Morocco (75)	Sheep	Timahdite Beni Guil, Ouled Djellal, Safra Crosses from D'man and Beni Guil / Sardi	Agro-silvo –pastoral Pastoral Oasianery	Meat (no label)	Lamb labeling processes in eastern Morocco
Corsica, France (30)	Sheep	Corsican (an obligation for PDO)	Low intensity rangeland/grassland Forage crop intensification	Dairy products – Brocciu (PDO whey cheese) Milk lambs	On farm processing cheeses (important fraction)
Cyprus (163)	Sheep Goat	Chios and fat-tailed breeds and crosses Damascus, Machaeras, other local breeds and crosses	Agro-pastoral (mixed system)	Dairy products - Haloumi cheese, anari cheese, yogurt Milk lambs /kids	Increased interest for haloumi from small dairies or prepared on-farm
Ipeiros, Greece (32)	Sheep Goat	Katsika, Kalarritiko, Boutsiko and different crosses Local breed	Agro-pastoral (transhumance)	Dairy products - Feta (PDO) and other PDO cheeses Milk lambs /kids	Enhance collective action and professional organization

