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Sheep Wool: From Waste to a Valuable Resource

New bilateral agreement of the LIFE IP CEI Greece project with the Egnatia Epirus Foundation for the circular economy

A new bilateral agreement has been signed between the **LIFE-IP CEI Greece project**, coordinated by the Ministry of Environment and Energy, and the **Egnatia Epirus Foundation**, aiming to promote the valorization of agri-food waste — with a focus on sheep wool — in line with the principles of the circular economy.

The initiative is of particular importance for **Epirus**, a region where livestock farming is a key pillar of the local economy and social cohesion. Each year, significant quantities of sheep wool are produced, which often remain unutilized, creating environmental and management challenges for farmers and local authorities.

The **Egnatia Epirus Foundation** already works closely with a wide range of local stakeholders, professionals, artisans and organizations in the region who are actively engaged with sheep wool and concerned with its preservation, promotion and sustainable use. Within this framework, the new bilateral agreement places emphasis on knowledge and experience exchange among the involved actors and on exploring viable and realistic ways to utilize sheep wool in Epirus, taking into account local specificities, production volumes and seasonality.

At the same time, the cooperation aims to strengthen awareness-raising, technical support and networking among producers, organizations and businesses, paving the way for future initiatives that will transform sheep wool into a secondary raw material with added value for the local and regional economy.

The bilateral agreement remains open to the participation of new stakeholders, reinforcing a broader local effort for the sustainable management of sheep wool in Epirus. The initiative forms part of Action C.5 of the LIFE-IP CEI Greece project (development of local/regional alliances for the management of agri-food waste), which promotes the implementation of the circular economy in Greece through voluntary agreements with productive and research bodies.

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About the "LIFE-IP CEI-Greece – Implementation of the Circular Economy in Greece" Project

The **LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Implementation of the Circular Economy in Greece** project aims to contribute to the implementation of the National Waste Management Plan, the National Waste Prevention Program, and the National Circular Economy Strategy. This initiative promotes a new approach to waste management based on circular economy principles by adopting best practices and behavioral changes to extend product lifecycles, convert waste into resources, and effectively implement the EU's waste legislative package.

More information about LIFE-IP CEI-Greece – Circular Greece "No time to waste " is available at the project's website: www.circulargreece.gr , and on social media:

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