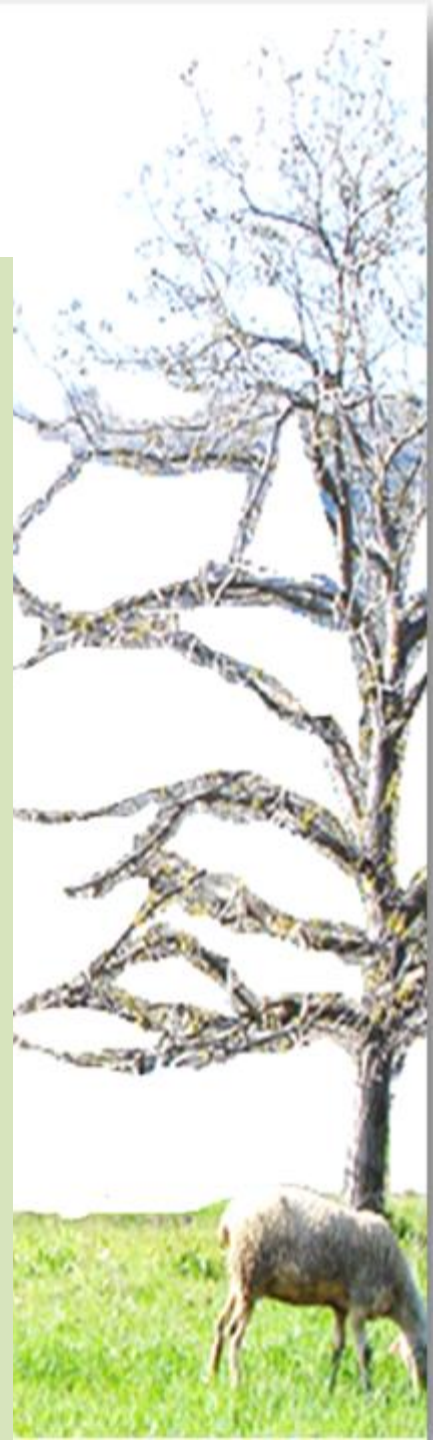
The image shows a rural landscape. In the foreground, a lush green field stretches across the bottom. On the left side, a young, slender tree with green leaves stands. On the right side, a larger, more gnarled tree with bare branches is visible. In the lower right corner, a sheep is grazing in the field. The background is a bright, clear sky.

The Hellenic Agroforestry Network (HAN) was established in July 2012 and currently has 55 regular members. However, the internet forum of this network has more than 200 members.

During the two years of its function, HAN has put forward two important actions. One was to increase the level of awareness on agroforestry practices and the economic and environmental benefits of agroforestry among local, regional and national governmental officials, forest and agronomy engineers as well as farmers. For this reason, four workshops were organised in collaboration with the Hellenic Agricultural Chamber, the Faculty of Forestry and Natural Environment, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and the National Agricultural research Foundation. Specifically, one workshop was organised on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2013 at Thessaloniki and dealt with “Agroforestry: a new land use in the frame of CAP 2014-2020”, which was attended by more than 200 participants consisting mainly of foresters, agronomists, farmers and students. Another was in Larissa, central Greece, a totally intensive agricultural area, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 2013, and dealt with the environmental benefits of agroforestry practice. The third workshop was organised in Lamia, central Greece, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013 with the support of the Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management of TEI Stereas Elladas and it was attended by several officials, farmers and students who saw agroforestry as a new job opportunity. The fourth workshop, finally, was organised in Athens, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014, and dealt with the description of the agri-environmental agroforestry measure of the new CAP. Several officers from the Ministries of Rural Development and Food and Environment, Energy and Climatic Change attended the workshop. During the discussion, several issues were raised on how to implement the measure in Greece.

The other was to convince the policy makers of the Government in Athens in order to adopt the article 23 of the EU regulation on rural development. For this reason, members of the administrative council of HAN repeatedly travelled in Athens to meet and talk to the political leaders of the responsible Ministries of the Government. As a result, HAN was asked to collaborate with the officers in charge of preparing the technical bulletin of the agroforestry measure to be implemented in the forthcoming programming CAP period in Greece.



A landscape photograph featuring a vibrant green field in the foreground. On the left, a young tree with green leaves stands. On the right, a larger, older tree with bare branches is visible. In the bottom right corner, a sheep is grazing. The background is a clear, bright sky.

*Thank you for your attention!*

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