



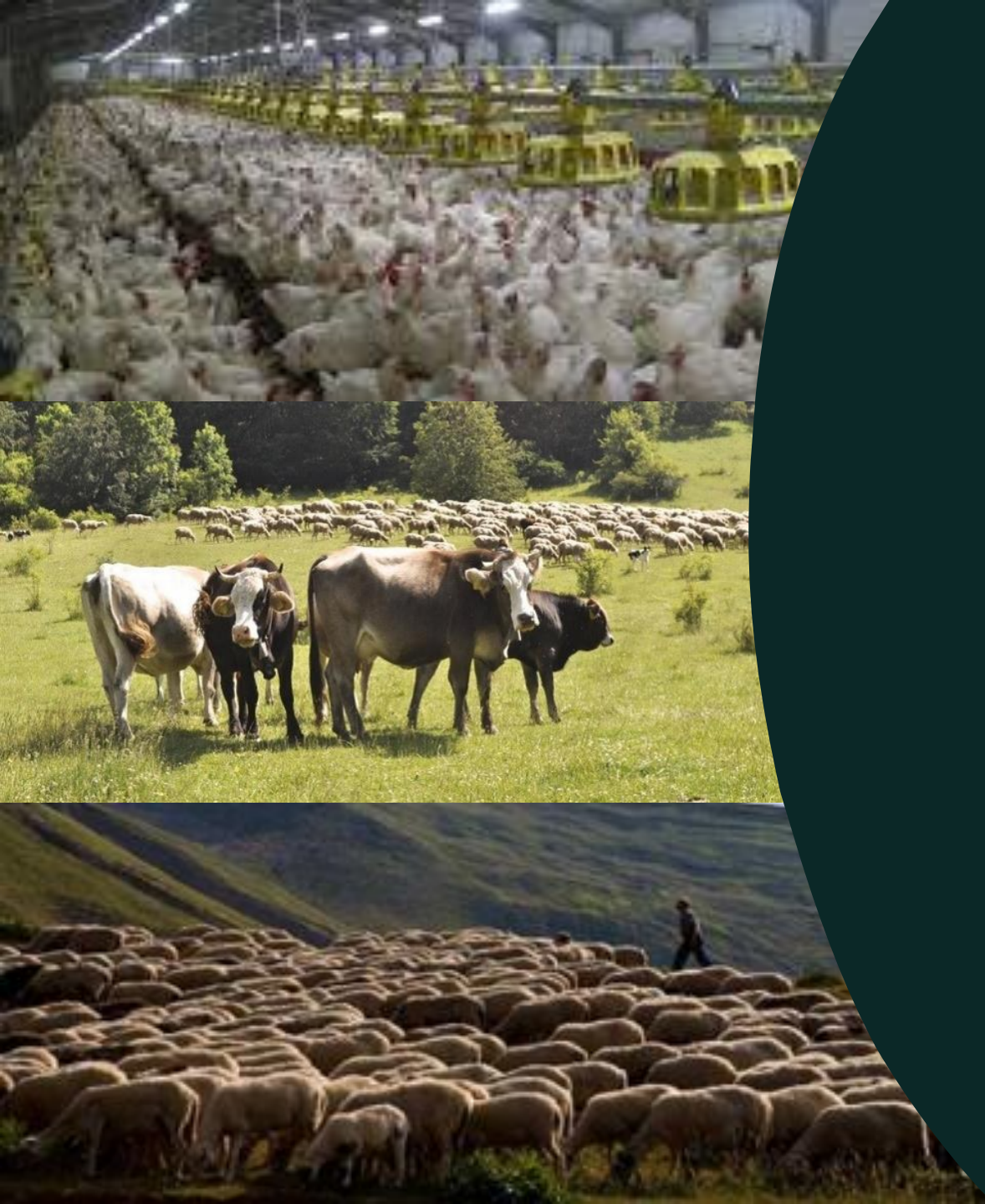
The role of Region of Epirus in the agri-food sector

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Agriculture

- Fresh fruits and vegetables, olives and olive oils are continuously gaining ground at the national and international market.
- Grape cultivation – Production of wines with unique and regional-specific characteristics





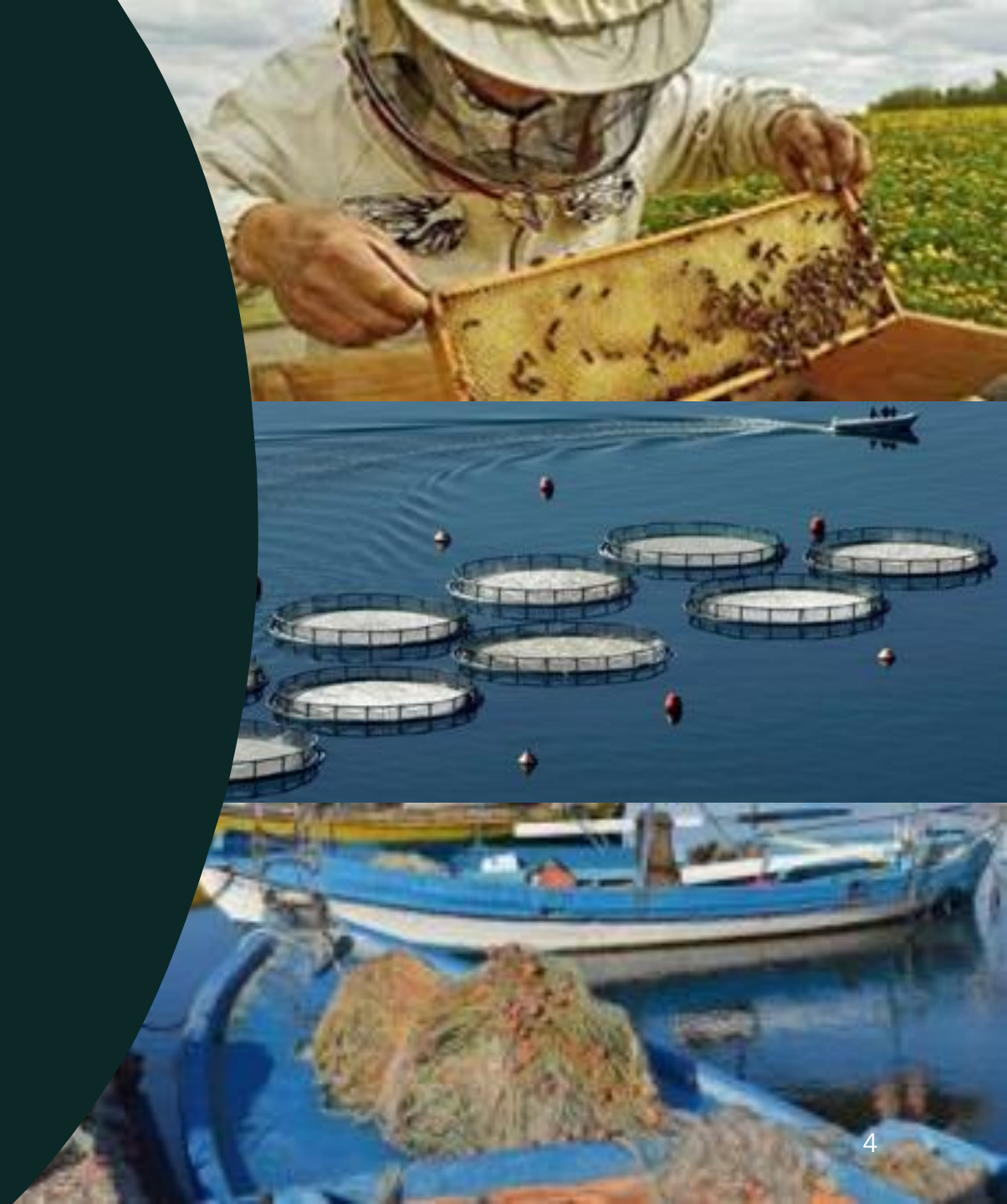
Livestock

- The region is known for sheep and goat breeding and provides 45 % of the meat supply for the Greek market.
- The poultry farming sector in Greece is one of the most dynamic sectors of the agricultural economy. Poultry production is concentrated to the largest extent (>70%) in Epirus

Fishing and aqua culture, beekeeping

Also, Epirus is known for:

- fish farming (trout, sea bass, sea bream)
- the excellent quality honey thanks to the rich flora of Epirus.
- species fished such as sardines and shrimps





Agricultural processing sector

- Dairy products: cheeses such as feta, galotyri, kefalograviera, metsovone, tsalafouti: PDO products, kashkaval of Pindos: PGI product
- Wines: PDO-PGI
- Olive oil
- Traditional pasta

Objectives



Identify local products that belong to the local tradition



Explore the production of new, innovative products



Strengthen livestock farming
Enhance the competitiveness of local agriculture

Objectives



Promote its agricultural products/boost exports



Document the aromatic and medicinal plants of Epirus, revive their cultivation



Support sustainable use of natural resources/ improve infrastructure

Initiatives



Implementation of research projects in collaboration with universities and research organizations



Composition of the application dossier for the certification of several products in collaboration with Agricultural University of Athens



Implementation of EU projects in agrifood sector

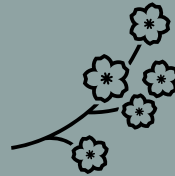


Cooperation of the Research & Innovation Office with the MA of Regional Operational Programme of Epirus and the SMEs

Initiatives



Participation in National, European and International Food Fairs and Exhibitions



Promotion of gastronomy and local culinary traditions and protection of Geographical Indication products



Maintenance of a flock of local sheep breed for research/ supply local farmers

Outcomes



Establishment of a Producers' Market/ operation of a Portable Dairy /increase in livestock farmers' income

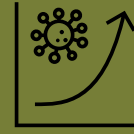


Registration of agricultural products as PDO, PGI.



Preservation of a local sheep breed- Orino Ipirou (Mpoutsiko)

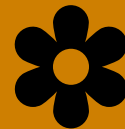
Outcomes



Export growth in the agricultural sector



Development of tourism, especially gastronomic tourism



Creation of a database with the metabolomic profile of large number of plant species from the Region of Epirus

Conclusion

Region of Epirus plays a crucial role in the development of the agri-food sector, combining tradition with innovation to strengthen the local economy and promote the area's high-quality products.



Thank you for your attention!!!

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