

European CAP Network seminar 'Fostering an effective and integrated AKIS in Member States'

AGENDA

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Over the last decade, the need to look at the concept of Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) in a broader context, emphasising the importance of agricultural knowledge and innovation exchange, has become stronger. The cooperation between researchers, advisors, farmers, and other types of actors, as well as the exchange of agricultural knowledge and the need for innovative solutions are gaining momentum, namely through the EIP-AGRI.

As emphasised in the [EU Communication on the Future of Food and Farming](#), access to reliable, relevant, and new knowledge varies widely across the EU, impacting the overall competitiveness and development potential of the agricultural and forestry sectors and rural areas. Therefore, the exchange of knowledge and the focus on innovation is a cross-cutting objective for the new CAP: a well-functioning AKIS will contribute to all the objectives of the CAP and ensure a high flow of knowledge among its actors, creating significant added value for the sector.

Within this context, advisors will be of relevance, as in the new CAP they are called to have new roles and they need to be integrated within the AKIS in an inclusive way, to be able to cover economic, environmental, and social dimensions and to deliver up-to-date technological and scientific information developed by R&I.

The overall aim of this seminar is to support Member States (MSs) in the implementation of their AKIS Strategic Plans, namely by promoting efficient knowledge and innovation flows across the EU, starting by the national level, and going beyond. The seminar will focus on exchanging experiences and inspiring examples, as well as sharing plans in organising and supporting effective knowledge creation and exchange between the different AKIS actors.

The specific objectives of the seminar are to discuss the various approaches of AKIS Coordination Bodies in supporting a well-functioning AKIS. The event will also discuss the new roles of advisors, including as innovation support providers, and what is needed for their integration in AKIS, learning from already existing experiences with the implementation of related CAP interventions.



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Interpretation from / to English, French, German, Italian and Spanish will be available in the plenary sessions.

All timings are in local time (Eastern European Time – EET)

Timing	Agenda item
Tuesday 13 June 2023	
19.00 – 20.00	Welcome reception, offered by the seminar host – Lithuanian AKIS Cluster

Day 1: Wednesday 14 June 2023	
08.15 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.20	EU AKIS policy context – <i>Wolfgang Burtscher, Director-General of DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission</i> Welcome – <i>by the Lithuanian AKIS Cluster</i>
09.20 – 10.00	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › AKIS in CAP Strategic Plans – <i>Inge van Oost, DG AGRI</i> › AKIS and Horizon work programmes – <i>Natalia Brzezina, DG AGRI</i>
10.00 – 10.20	Getting to know each other
10.20 – 10.30	Concrete examples of various AKIS coordination models in Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Elena-Teodora Miron, Horizon Europe project 'modernAKIS'</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.30	Concrete examples of various AKIS coordination models in Member States (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Helena Pärenson, AKIS Coordination Body / Managing Authority from Estonia</i> › <i>Petra Hanulikova Monika Csonkova, AKIS Coordination Body / Managing Authority from Slovak Republic</i> › <i>Ewa Grodzka, Managing Authority from Poland</i> › <i>Maite Ambrós Mendioroz, AKIS Coordination Body / Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Spain</i>



11.30 – 11.50	Introduction to the interactive session – Sarah Watson and Mark Gibson, EIP-AGRI Support Facility & Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI
AKIS coordination in practice	
11.50 – 13.15	Interactive session on AKIS coordination practices in Member States Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Who is the official AKIS Coordination Body in your country? Who else is involved? How do they work together? › How are AKIS actors organised and how will they give input to the AKIS Coordination Body (CB)? How are already existing structures and networks integrated in AKIS? › What tools, instruments, structures are developed to support AKIS CBs?
13.15 – 14.15	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14.15 – 14.35	Introduction to the interactive session – Sarah Watson and Mark Gibson, EIP-AGRI Support Facility & Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI
14.40 – 16.00	Interactive session on the involvement, roles and interactions of key actors to ensure a well-functioning AKIS Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › How are advisors already integrated into structures and knowledge flows of AKIS? How could this be further improved? › What is the role of the national CAP Network in supporting AKIS knowledge flows in your country? What could be improved? › How are researchers integrated in AKIS knowledge flows? How can they be integrated more effectively? › Who are other relevant AKIS actors besides the ones included above? How can they be included?
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.15 – 17.30	Interactive session on interlinkages between AKIS interventions Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › What are the AKIS related interventions, which are planned in your countries? › What links do you have between this and other interventions to improve knowledge flows within the AKIS? › What possible improvements could there be?
17.30 – 18.00	Reporting back from the interactive sessions Wrapping up Day 1
19.00 – 20.00	<i>(Optional) Guided tour in Vilnius Old Town, towards the location of the networking dinner</i>
20.00 -22.00	<i>Networking dinner at Vilnius Town Hall</i>



Day 2: Thursday 15 June 2023

08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.05	Introduction to Day 2
The role of advisors as integrated in the AKIS	
09.05 – 09.30	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › New roles of advisors within the AKIS in CAP – <i>Inge van Oost, DG AGRI</i> › Advisors interacting with AKIS Horizon projects – <i>Natalia Brzezina, DG AGRI</i>
09.30 – 10.10	Inspiring examples on the roles and tools supporting advisors in the AKIS in Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Jan van Esch, AKIS Coordination Body from the Netherlands</i> › <i>Els Lapage, AKIS Coordination Body / Managing Authority from Flanders, Belgium</i> › <i>Florian Herzog, Advisory services coordination, Austrian Chamber of Agriculture</i> › <i>Carola Ketelhodt, Innovation Support Service from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany</i> › <i>Patrizia Proietti, Horizon Europe project 'ATTRACTISS'</i>
10.10 – 10.30	Introduction to the interactive session – <i>Sarah Watson and Mark Gibson, EIP-AGRI Support Facility & Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI</i>
10.35 – 12.00	Interactive session: Capturing good examples on roles and tools supporting advisors in the AKIS in Member States Questions for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › What CAP interventions / actions support the integration of advisors in the AKIS, including interlinkages among these interventions / actions? › Are there any 'Innovation support services' in your country, and how are they organised (approaches and good practices)? › Are there any back-offices and knowledge reservoirs for practice ("Knowledge Hubs") in your country, and how are they organised (approaches and good practices)? › How to organise training for advisors – approaches and good practices? › How to ensure equal treatment of impartial public / private advisors and increased inclusiveness of all advisors in the AKIS?
12.00 – 12.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.30 – 13.00	Reporting back from the interactive sessions



13.00 – 13.30	Evaluation Closing remarks – Hugo Almeida, DG AGRI
13.30 – 14.00	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14.00	End of the seminar

