



Seminar
‘Fostering an effective and integrated AKIS
in Member States’

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**Interlinkages between
AKIS interventions to
increase knowledge flows**

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Q1. Describe how you will improve your AKIS in Member State.

- › Strengthening AKIS coordination and governance: Efforts are being made to establish a national coordination structure to integrate all AKIS actors, promote knowledge transfer, develop policies, and facilitate participation in networks and partnerships.
- › Enhancing knowledge sharing and collaboration: Various activities such as workshops, conferences, events, and **digital platforms are being implemented to foster cooperation**, disseminate research findings, and facilitate exchange between researchers, advisors, and practitioners.
- › Improving advisory services and reducing fragmentation: Steps are being taken to improve the quality of advisory services, reduce fragmentation within the AKIS system, and promote the implementation of agricultural knowledge and innovations through partnerships and thematic initiatives.



Q2. What specific tools, instruments, structures and interventions have you developed/plan to support better knowledge exchange and innovation?

- › ECOVALIA provides training, seminars, and specialized courses in organic farming, focusing on practical knowledge transfer to farmers and advisors.
- › The FAS-register project improves farming and advisory skills, building trust and government support through vouchers for farmers.
- › The GeoBox-infrastructure in Rhineland-Palatinate provides a single point of entry for agricultural information and knowledge.
- › AKIS interventions include communication platforms, coordination of international engagements, and forums for competence development of advisors.



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- › Various countries have implemented advisory services, digital platforms, and knowledge hubs to strengthen their Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS). They emphasize training, communication, coordination, and knowledge exchange among AKIS actors to support innovation and sustainability in agriculture.



Examples

- › **Netherlands:** We will try to **listen to the needs of the AKIS network** and support them. When designing new regulation we will try to adapt that to support the AKIS system.
- › **Greece:** It is planned to operate a specialised unit in a supervised Organization of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food as an open back office structure. This unit will be dedicated to supporting farm advisors and supporting vocational agricultural education/training.
- › **Ireland:** Teagasc has introduced a dedicated service for industry professionals called ConnectEd. The programme provides dissemination, communications and training opportunities to AKIS actors and rural professionals.



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