



Seminar
'Fostering an effective and integrated AKIS
in Member States'

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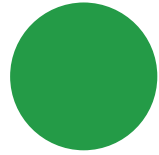
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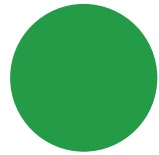
**Agricultural Knowledge
and Innovation Cluster -
*more opportunities to
create and innovate***

**Established on 13 July 2022,
in Kaunas, Lithuania**

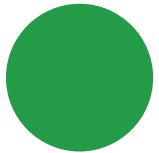
Arguments in support of Lithuania's AKIS potential



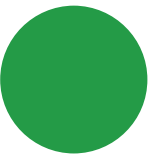
Active and strong **farmers organizations and their initiatives and needs** for agricultural innovations and knowledge.



Most **research and training institutions have the capacity and willingness to engage in innovation**, setting up **collaborative networks, new science-business partnerships and EIP Action Group project partnerships**.



Fast development of digitalization in agriculture, main IT tools for farm advisory services have been developed in the country: farm management, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and e-learning platforms etc.



In the new CAP period, **particular emphasis is placed on encouraging cooperation initiatives**, in particular their internationalisation and the continuation of projects.

AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION SYSTEM CLUSTER



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OBJECTIVES OF AKIS CLUSTER

- 1. Mobilising research, studies and knowledge-intensive business potential** in agriculture, forestry and food sector.
- 2. Contributing to the successful and effective implementation of CAP and EU objectives related to research, training, advice, knowledge exchange, competence development, agricultural innovation and digitalisation for agricultural and rural development operators.**
- 3. Creating and promoting a network of internal and external cooperation** between business, science, education and service actors, at the same time providing added value to its members in the fields of research and development, marketing, business management, human resources development and environmental protection, as well as fostering innovation and facilitating the attraction of investment, and the Partners' internal and external relations.



Cluster activities,
Strategic plan and management

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Strategic plan and management

- The Cluster Board is set up;
- The Cluster Strategy and Project Working Groups are established.



External communication and advice

- Active external communication of cluster members, discussions with socio-economic partners;
- Advice on the implementation of AKIS policy.

Cluster activities

Cooperation, networking and knowledge exchange

- **National EIP OGs Contact and Experience Fair, September 2022**
- **Practical conference “The future of regions: nature based solutions“, April 2023**
- **Knowledge exchange with the Polish Agricultural Advisory Service and Polish EIP OGs, May 2023**
- **AKIS Conference in LAAS, May 2023**
- **EU CAP Network Seminar “Fostering an effective and integrated AKIS in Member States” (EIP-AGRI), June 2023**
- **International EIP OGs Contact and Experience Fair, September 2023**



Messages to take away

- Effective and integral Lithuanian AKIS must be created by all system participants through various means. **The AKIS cluster was created to help manage the fragmentation of AKIS activities and change the passive activities of AKIS participants to reactive ones.**
- The innovation support system, in the political and infrastructural sense, has **all the necessary potential to create the AKIS support ecosystem and develop the cooperation of the CAP network, advisors, researchers, farmers/producers and local communities.** Such a cooperation model can be based on different infrastructural structures: "Innovation support services" - „Help desk", „Advisors support center" - „Back-up office", living laboratories, communities of practice etc., which serve as enabling activities of the AKIS cluster.
- Relations between organizations are competitive, **but when they join forces in the sphere in which they operate, they create so-called cooperative competition.** Its advantages are manifested by using the same infrastructure, creating and implementing innovations, and sharing knowledge.
- Cooperation can take place in all innovative, service provision activities. Therefore, the **AKIS cluster is open to everyone whose activity goals and values coincide with the goals of the AKIS cluster.**

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. The foreground and middle ground are dominated by large, rectangular agricultural fields. The fields are in various stages of growth or preparation, showing different colors: vibrant green, bright yellow, and dark brown. A dirt road runs vertically through the left side of the image. In the bottom left corner, there is a farmstead with several buildings, including a large white silo and a blue-roofed structure. The background shows more fields stretching towards a distant treeline under a clear sky.

Thank you for your attention!

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https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/fostering-effective-and-integrated-akis-member-states_en

