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# Roles and tools supporting advisors in the AKIS - Austria

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## *'Fostering an effective and integrated AKIS in Member States'*

Inspiring examples on the roles and tools supporting  
advisors in the AKIS in **AUSTRIA**

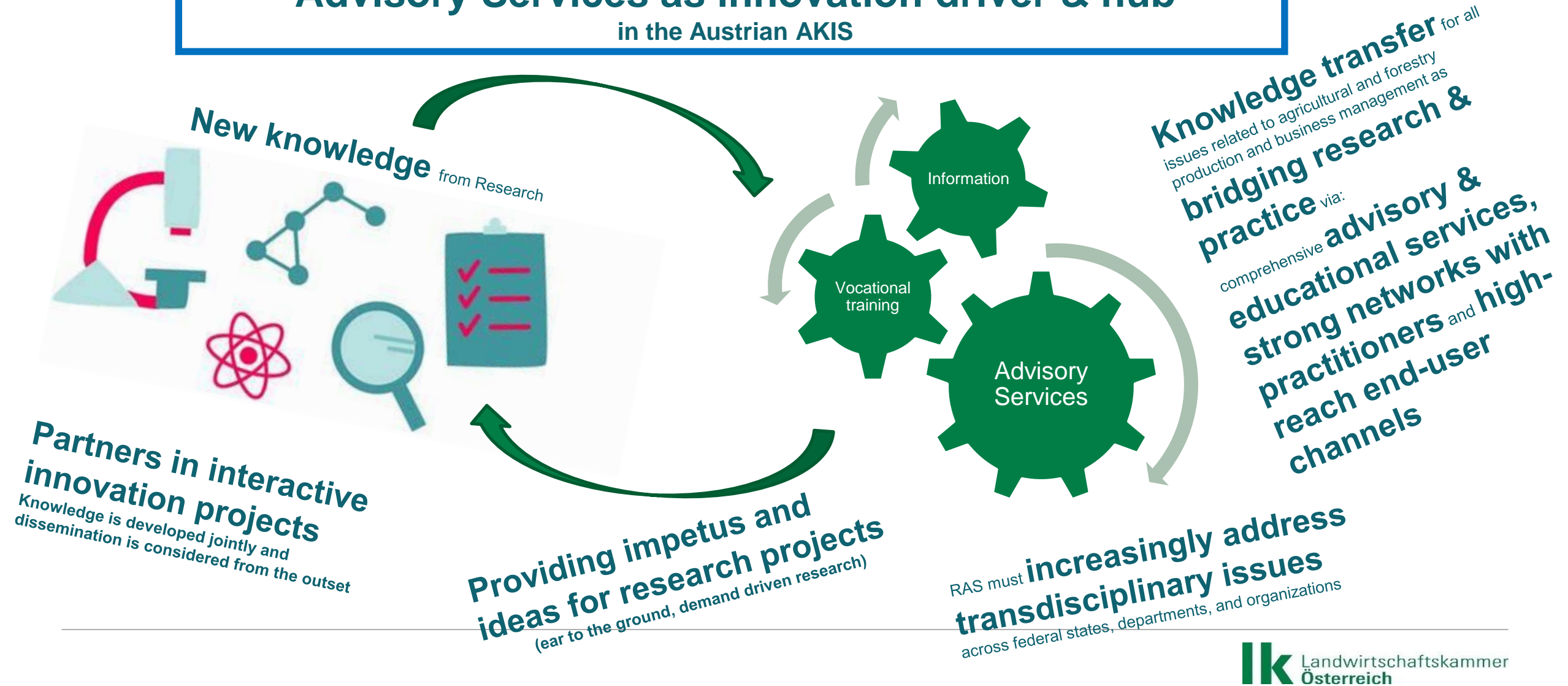
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# 1. (New) Role of advisors in the AKIS

## Advisory Services as innovation driver & hub in the Austrian AKIS



## 2. How are advisors in Austria supported by the national CAP Strategic Plan in integrating into the AKIS and assuming their role?

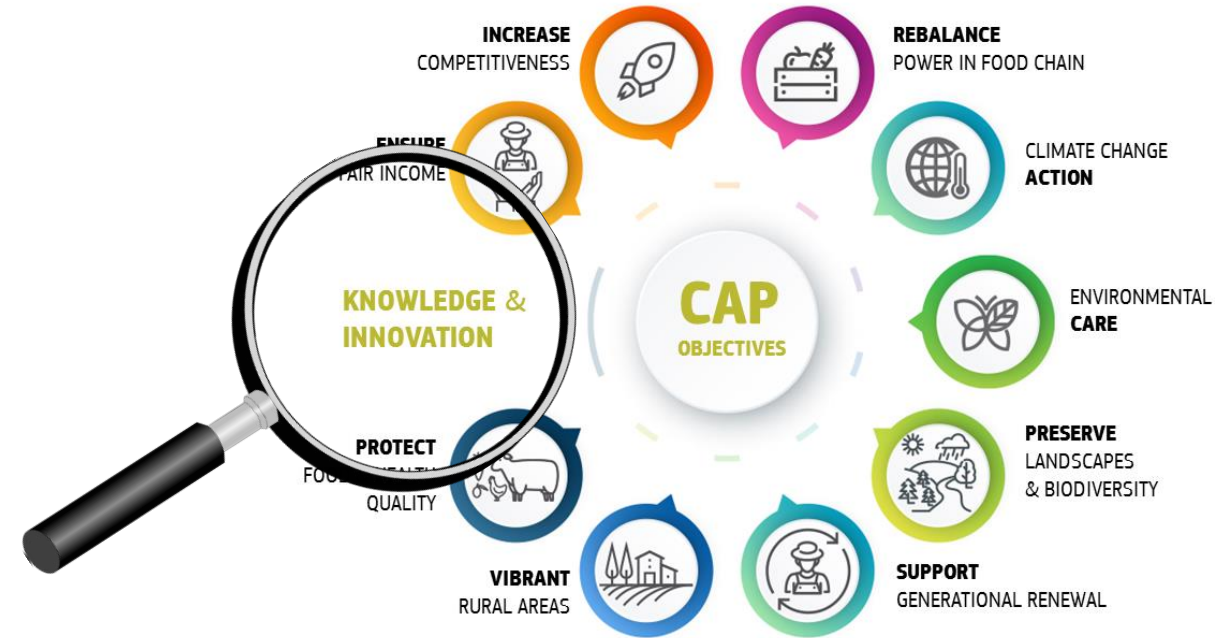
### Cooperation:

#### EIP-Agri: mandatory participation of advisors in projects of OGs

(member of OG, eligible for funding, often as lead partner)

→ fosters increased cooperation and networking between research and advisors way beyond respective projects

**National CAP Network:** will carry out diverse activities targeting at integrating advisors in the AKIS; e.g. capacity needs assessment for advisors; setting up an “AKIS Community of Practice (CoP)” with advisors as key members; national focus groups and idea labs on diverse topics following the multi-actor-approach including advisors; ...



**Advisory Services Funding: innovation support service activities** are decidedly **eligible for funding:** e.g. capturing grass roots ideas; exchange and networking with other AKIS actors; as well as the development and initiation of AKIS-related and interactive innovation projects; ...

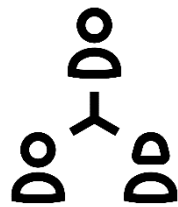
# 3. Practical examples of further activities for integrating advisors in the AKIS (1)

**Service point for (international) innovation projects** (est. in the chamber of agriculture in 2020) **networks national advisors with (inter)national partners and project ideas,** through services such as:



## **Network building & Brokerage**

- Projects
- Potential partners
- Funding bodies



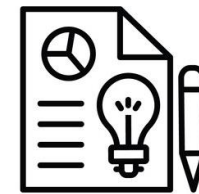
## **Networking**

- within the organisation



## **Identification & Analysis**

- Demands/ideas
- Funding opportunities



## **Consulting** (project life cycle)

- Acquisition
- Applications
- Implementation
- Accounting
- Utilization



## **Capacity building**

- Trainings
- Coachings

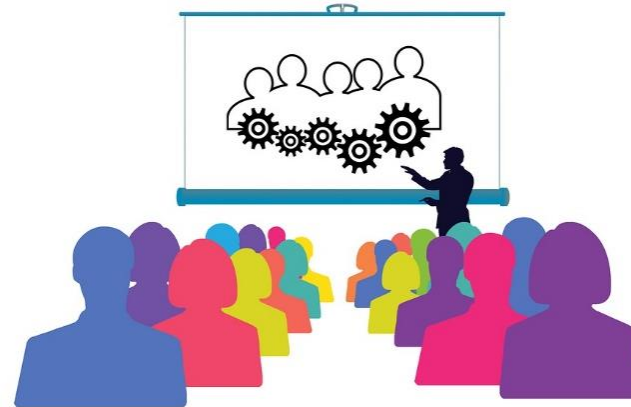
# 3. Practical examples of further activities for integrating advisors in the AKIS (2)

## “Continuing Training plan for agricultural advisors and teachers”

<https://www.haup.ac.at/weiterbildung/fortbildungsplan/>

key tool anchored in the Austrian AKIS to support:

- dissemination of current / new knowledge;
- lifelong learning and integration in AKIS of agricultural and forestry educators and advisors



**Nationwide implementation** by the College of Agricultural and Environmental

Pedagogy: ~150 technical and methodological trainings with ~ 4,500

participants each year

**Annual Training program** is planned together with representatives from advisory services and continuing education based on actual knowledge needs

- implemented in cooperation with research institutes
- new knowledge is quickly passed on to multipliers (advisors) and
- the exchange between education and training, advisory services and research is accelerated

# 3. Practical examples of further activities for integrating advisors in the AKIS



## “Speeding up Innovation”

→ event series for AKIS-Networking

Jointly organized by the agricultural ministry (research department) and the chamber of agriculture (advisory branch)

networking of representatives from national research institutions with agricultural advisory, training and education service providers

further develop and accelerate the transfer of knowledge between research and practice in selected thematic areas is discussed on the basis of selected examples of research projects

initiate dialogue and discussion on effective knowledge transfer instruments and the overall functioning of the respective micro-AKIS





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