



EU CAP Network brokerage event 'Partnering for innovation with impact in agriculture and rural areas'

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AKIS explained

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Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS)

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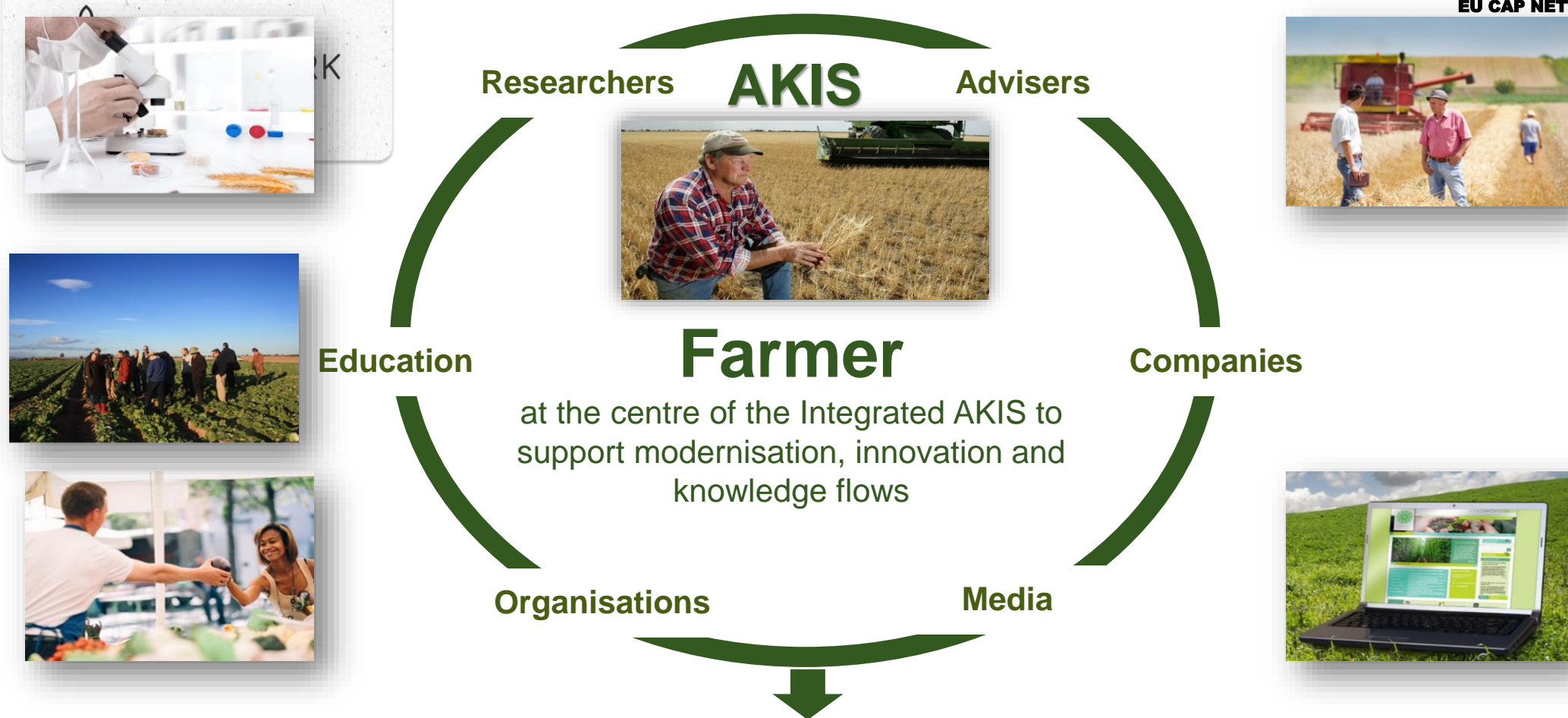
What is an Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS)?

What: combined organisation and knowledge flows between persons, organisations and institutions who use and produce knowledge for agriculture and interrelated fields); (Art. 3 (9) & 114 Reg. (EC) No 2021/2115).

Who: Farmers, foresters, advisors, researchers, farmers' organisations, NGOs, networks, media, policy makers, etc.: **all produce and need knowledge.**

Why: The aim is to create a regional/national innovation ecosystem by improving knowledge flows between all AKIS actors and by **strengthening the links between research and practice.**

How: Member States to include an **AKIS strategy in the CAP Strategic Plans.** Flexibility to choose the interventions that best match the needs.



A good AKIS strategy will bring together actors on a structured and regular basis for continuous interaction to accelerate knowledge and innovation exchange and implementation in practice.

What is an Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) about?

- Key part of the CAP cross-cutting objective, strategic approach to AKIS aims **to better connect relevant actors and improve the exchange of knowledge**
 - Integration of AKIS is a novelty in the CAP Strategic Plans 2023-2027 and requires **MS to develop comprehensive AKIS strategies** and designate AKIS coordination bodies
- Strengthening **interactive innovation** across themes, sectors and borders
 - **Advisors' crucial role within the AKIS**
 - **Horizon Europe tools** (R&I projects, thematic and advisory networks, SCAR AKIS) and **CAP tools** are to be strong and established in **complementarity**.



Actions under the CAP and Horizon Europe

CAP



- ✓ EIP Operational Groups
- ✓ Innovation support services
- ✓ Advisory services



National CAP
networks



RESEARCH



Dissemination
of results



Horizon 2020/Europe

- ✓ Multi-actor projects
- ✓ Thematic Networks
- ✓ Advisory Networks



Involvement of Operational
Groups recommended



Farm advisory services within the AKIS

- › Advisors integrated within the AKIS to cover **economic, environmental and social** dimensions and to deliver up-to-date technological and scientific information developed by R&I
- › **Impartial advice** and provision of **innovation support**, e.g. for preparing and implementing EIP OG Operational Group projects
- › fostering farm advisors' competences and knowledge: regular **training for advisors**

Strategic Dialogue conclusions on AKIS

- Innovation, technology and knowledge play a key role in the transition of the agri-food sector. To fully leverage this potential, **generation, access to and better sharing of knowledge and skills must be facilitated.**
- **Independent advisory services** will be crucial in that process.
- **Public-private partnerships and increased investments in research and innovation are vital.**
- EC and MS should better leverage existing **funds to facilitate effective dissemination of skills and safe technological advancements.**
- EC and MS should **support and strengthen innovation hubs and experimental settings** where AKIS actors can collaborate to pilot and assess the effectiveness of technologies and knowledge, while showcasing these in real-life settings.

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Knowledge and innovations stemming from the **EU R&I programmes need to be widely accessible and used in practice.**

MS need to put substantial efforts into **strengthening AKIS** and match resources with the needs faced by the sector **to better support farmers in their transition to sustainability.**

CAP will promote further actions to strengthen the **role of independent and competent advisors** and develop **attractive training** offers that respond to the need of farmers.

Learn more

- Report: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT - Preparing for future AKIS in Europe
- AKIS in Member States: <https://i2connect-h2020.eu/resources/akis-country-reports/>



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All information on the brokerage event is available on the event webpage:

<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/eu-cap-network-brokerage-event-partnering-innovation-impact-agriculture-and-rural-areas>

