

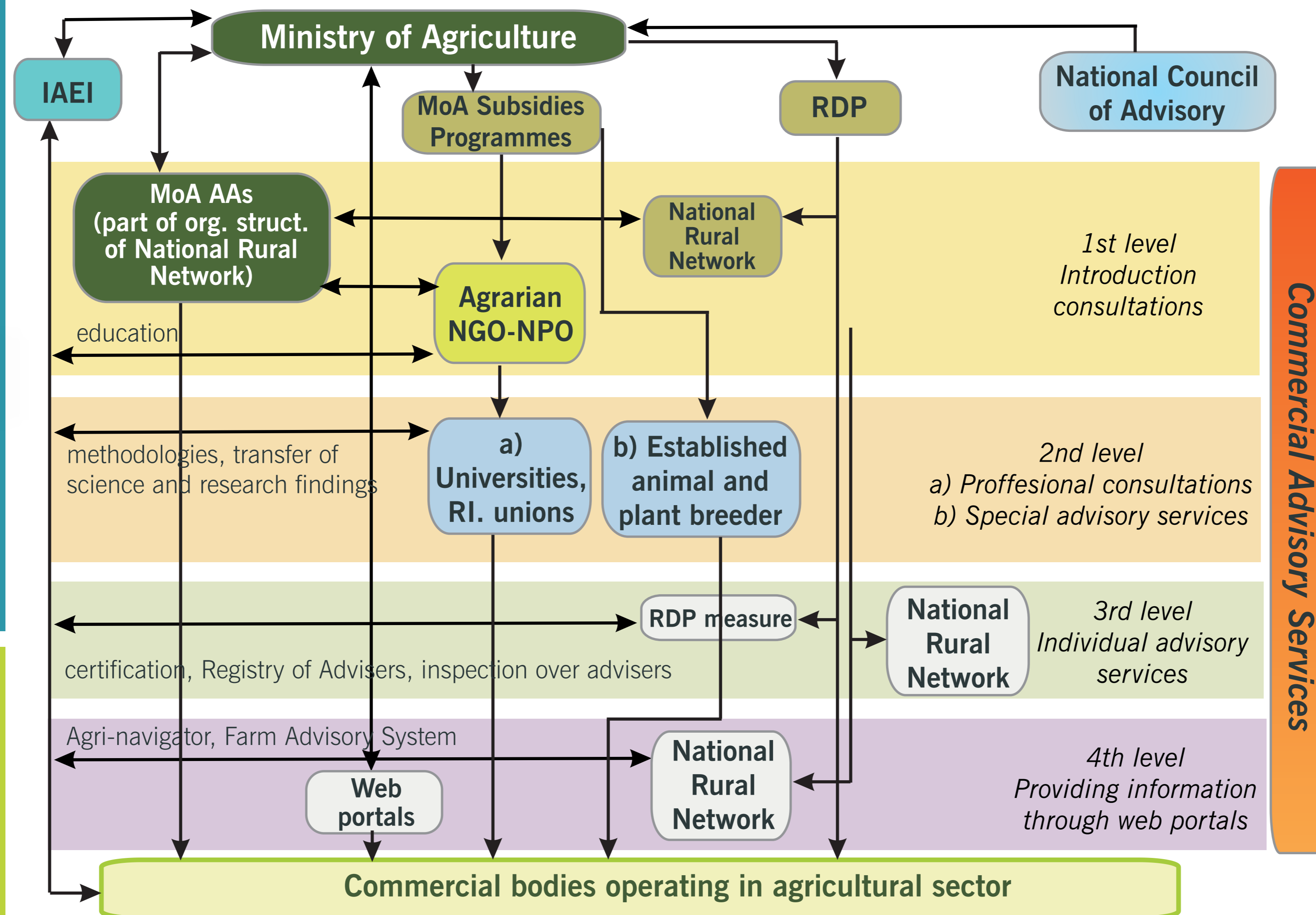


Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



CZECH REPUBLIC

AKIS DIAGRAM



Main actors of AKIS:
Four levels of AKIS actors (see scheme), within them:
Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Education, National Institute for Education, **Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information**, agrarian NGOs, **universities, research and other educational institutions**, Association of Educational Bodies for Rural Development, **private advisors**, private companies supporting agriculture

Cooperation between AKIS actors:
strong and rather formal cooperation between actors at particular levels, formal and informal cooperation between levels, personal linkages are additional benefit

Main sources of funding the advisory services:
for both main advisory providers – mixed funding; generally, different sources in each individual AKIS level (on 1st and 2nd level are designated in the form of programmes, included in national subsidies, 3rd level from RDP, 4th level from Ministry of Agriculture)

Main supplier(s) of advisory services:
private advisory organisations, agrarian NGO's, universities, research institutes

Main clients:
depend on advisory level and service provider: for private organisations – large and medium commercial farms, for agrarian NGOs medium, large and small commercial farms

Main topics of advice:
plant and animal production, cross-compliance, environment, stable design and renewable energy;
depend on client and topic:
for general information farmers use websites or NGOs, for direct problems use private advisors

Main methods:
depend on clients and advisory provider, educational bodies are using individual and group as well as mass methods; private organisations – individual and group methods



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