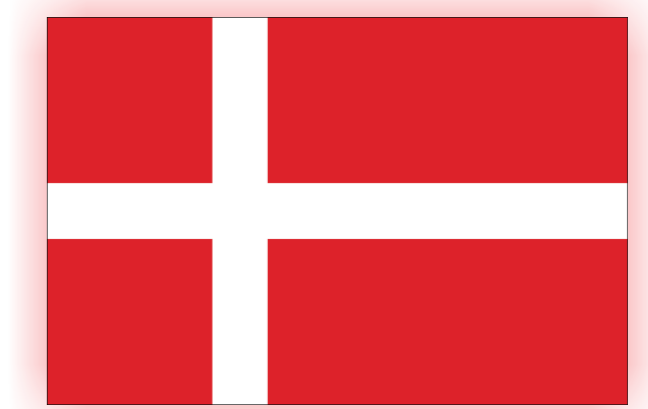


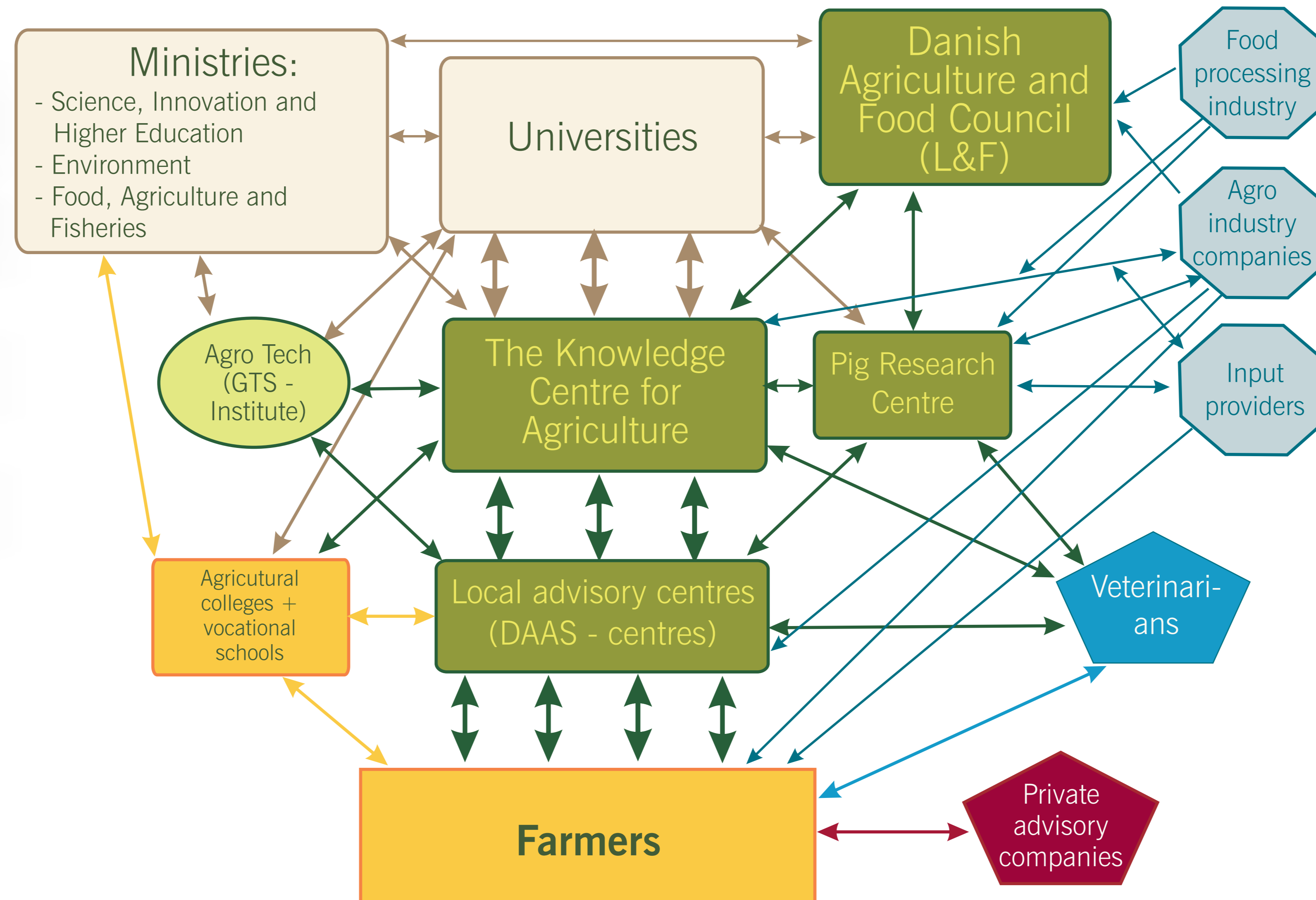


Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



DENMARK

AKIS DIAGRAM



Main actors of AKIS:

- (a) **administration:** Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries; Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education; Ministry of Environment;
- (b) **education and research:** Universities (2); Agricultural Colleges (10); Knowledge Centres (KCA); Pig Research Centre (PRC); GTS-Institute;
- (c) **extension:** Advisory Service Centres: 30 independent local ASC; Knowledge Centre for Agriculture; the farmer owned and controlled the Danish Agricultural Advisory Service (DAAS) dominated; Others: farmer owned LVK, Patriotisk Selskab and small private advisory companies; Horticulture: Danish-Dutch joint venture HortiAdvice Scandinavia;
- (d) **upstream industries;**
- (e) **Danish Agriculture and Food Council**

Cooperation

between AKIS actors: is going well, although the DAAS cooperation dominates the market of advisory services

Main supplier(s) of advisory services:

DAAS-cooperation (KCA as main co-operator)

Main clients:

- (1) large commercial farms;
- (2) medium commercial farms;
- (3) young farmers

Main topics of advice:

book-keeping, taxes, plant and animal production, renewable energy (for all three target groups) and additionally business and diversification of production for young farmers

Main methods:

large variety of methods are being used, but mainly individual and group, e.g. face-to-face and visits in the farm (40%); demonstrations, workshops, and field days, meeting with farmers at the office (30%); meeting with groups of farmers (10%)

Main sources of funding the advisory services:

private funding; public support to farmers education; agricultural sector's own funds, membership fees, direct user payment, production levies (11) and taxes on pesticides (15% in total)



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