

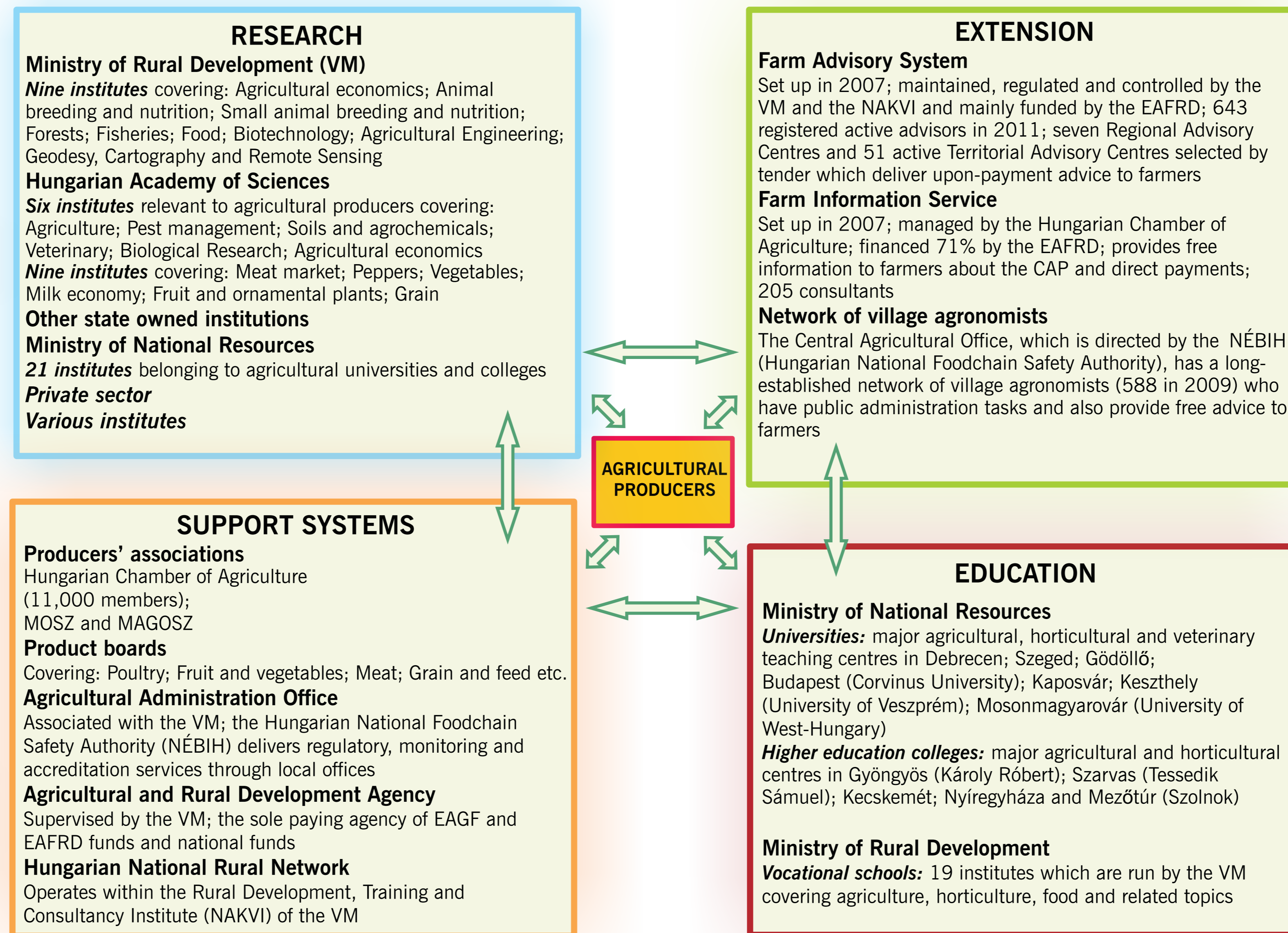


# Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



## HUNGARY

### AKIS DIAGRAM



### Main actors of AKIS:

- (1) Research institutions** (state institutes, Hungarian Academy of Science, private institutes);
- (2) Extension** (Farm Advisory System, Farm Information Service, Network of Village Agronomists, Commercial Services);
- (3) Education** (universities, higher education colleges, vocational schools);
- (4) Support system** (producers' associations, product boards, Agricultural Administrative Office, Agricultural and Rural Development Agency, Hungarian National Rural Network)

### Main supplier(s) of advisory services:

there are four main advisory providers – free consultancy (village extension service and Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture), subsidized consultancy (Farm Advisory Service), commercial consultancy; input providers (private sector); but **the dominant is public organisation** (free consultancy)

### Main clients:

depends on agricultural service provider, in general medium and small commercial farms

### Main topics of advice:

depends on client and advisory provider, but for medium commercial farms the main topics of advisory are: cross compliance, plant and animal production; for small commercial farms – plant and animal production

### Main methods:

mainly individual and group

### Cooperation between AKIS actors:

The AKIS in Hungary has rather fragmented and un-coordinated structure; research institutes and universities are usually dealing with theoretical issues and basic research; commercial companies focus on their business (e.g. marketable products and linked innovations); the National Rural Development Training and Advisory Institute (NAKVI) co-ordinates the agricultural secondary schools and providing general professional supervision on adult education and lifelong learning within agriculture and rural development; the NGOs focus on many courses; The co-operation within AKIS is weak

### Main sources of funding the advisory services:

mixed funding, but depends on service provider, i.e. Sub-regional Advisory Centres have a yearly quota for a certain number of individual contracts with producers; producers pay for the service, then can claim back 80% of the contract value; one farmer can receive max. EUR 1,500 during a seven year period (with a limit of EUR 700 per year) and can use the service up to three times during the seven years



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