

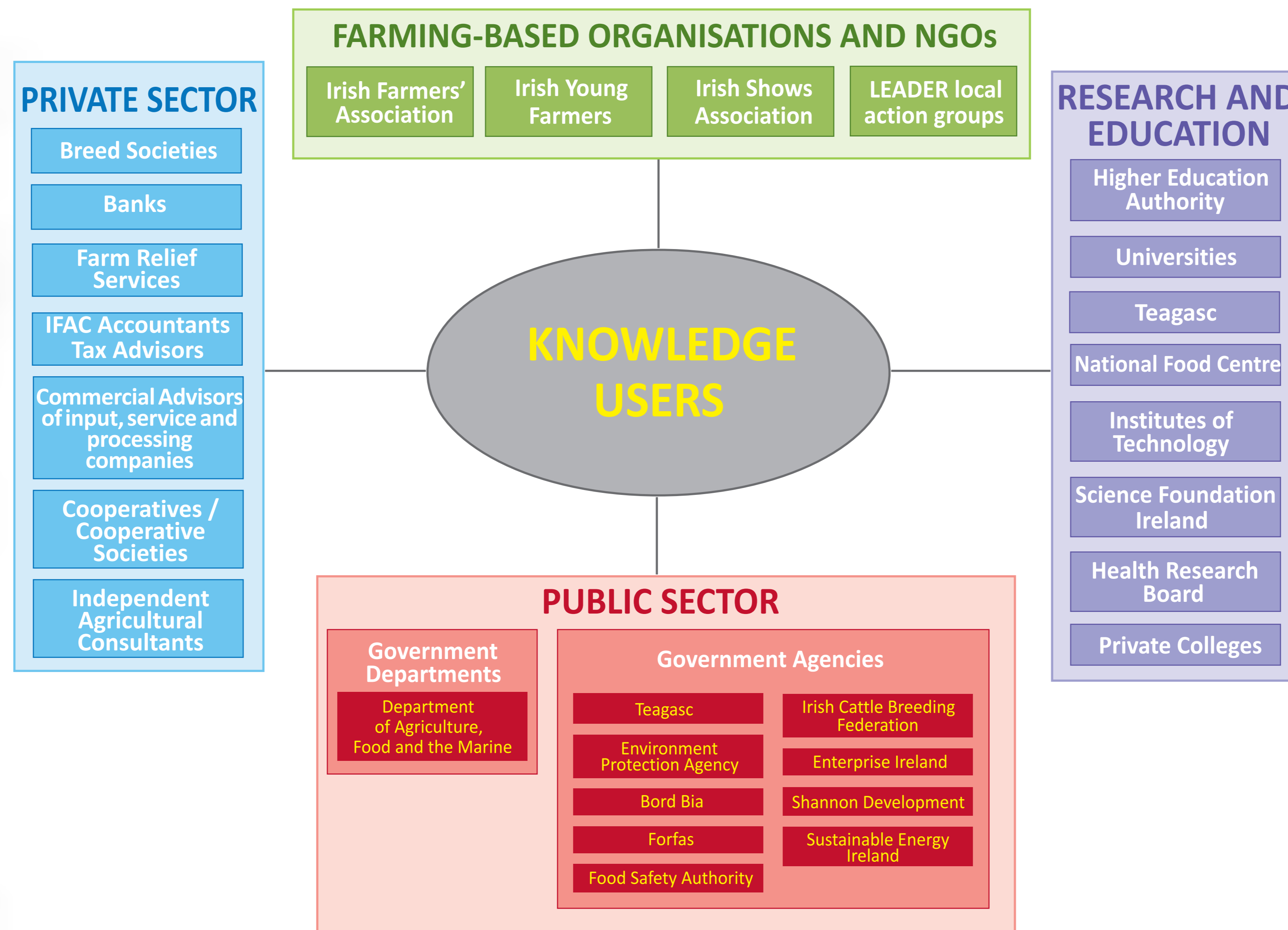


Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

AKIS DIAGRAM



Main supplier(s) of advisory services:
Teagasc

Main clients:
commercial farms, semi-subsistence and part-time farmers, young farmers

Main topics of advice:
cross-compliance, (agri-) environment, livestock production

Main methods:
various, but mainly group and mass advisory methods; e.g. farm visits, group discussions

Main actors of AKIS:

- (a) **public sector:** Government – Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine; Government Agencies (e.g. Teagasc), local branches;
- (b) **education and research:** Universities and Higher Education Institutes; Institutes of Technology, Research Foundations, Teagasc colleges/research centres, Private colleges, National Food Centre, etc;
- (c) **extension:** Teagasc; other government agencies
- (d) **private sector:** cooperatives, independent agricultural consultants, food chain actors;
- (e) **FBOs and NGOs:** e.g. Irish Farmers' Association, Irish Young Farmers, Irish Shows Associations

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

overall good levels of cooperation, although there are some strong (e.g. Teagasc advisors with Teagasc research) and some weak connections (e.g. external research-stakeholders and Teagasc extension service) between stakeholders

Main sources of funding the advisory services:
mixed funding: around 75% of Teagasc yearly budget comes from Irish exchequer and EU funding, other from own earned income



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