

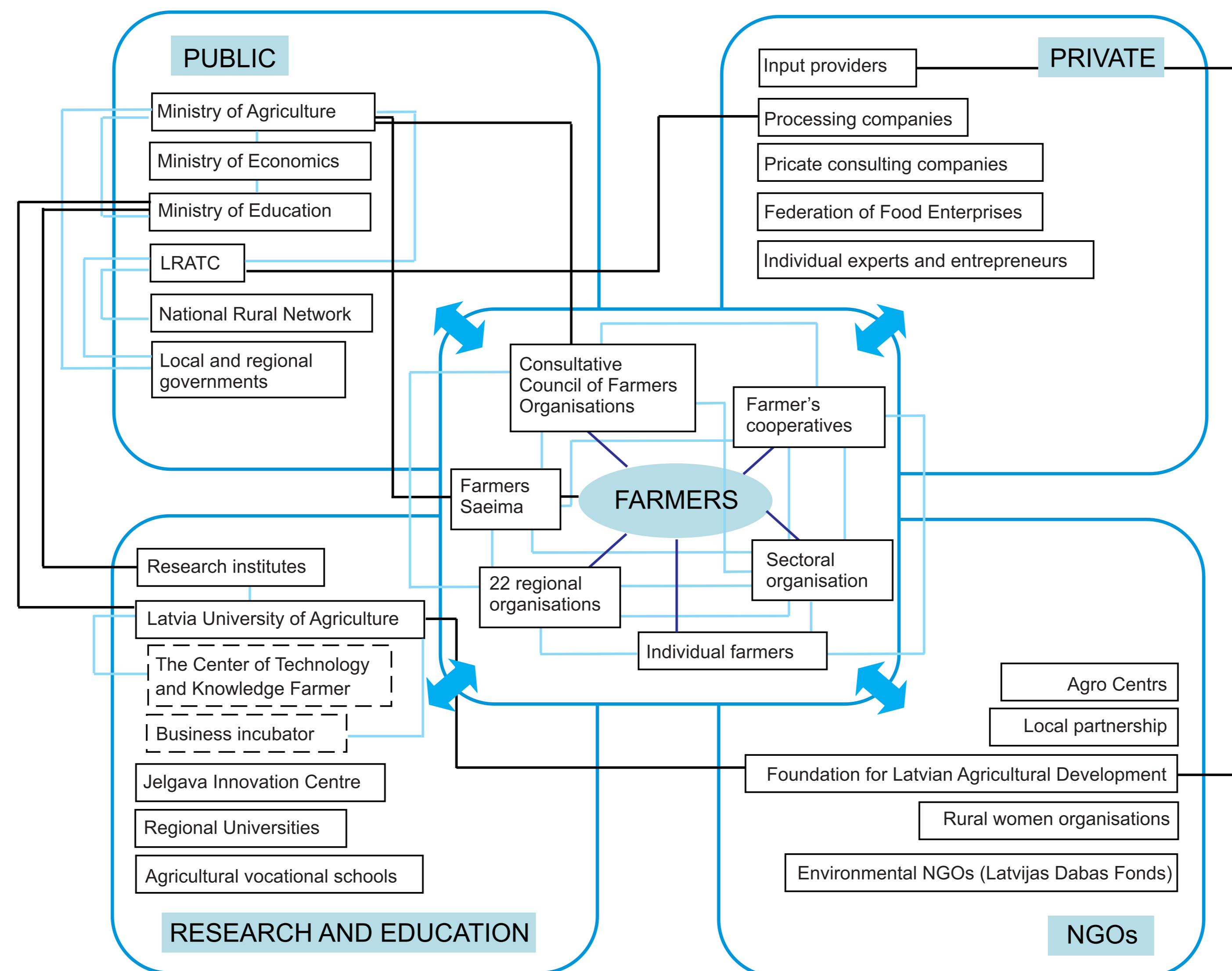


# Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



## LATVIA

### AKIS DIAGRAM



**Main supplier(s) of advisory services:**  
Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre (LRATC)

**Main clients:**  
(1) small commercial farms  
(2) young farmers  
(3) agricultural producer groups

**Main topics of advice:**  
plant and animal production, book-keeping, taxes

**Main methods:**  
various methods, but the main are conventional individual consultations on or outside farm; also telephone helpdesks, small group advices and traditional media: publications, radio and TV and group discussions

### Main actors of AKIS:

- (a) public sector:** Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Economics; regional development agencies; Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre (LRATC), National Rural Network (NRN); Centre of Technology and Knowledge Transfer and business incubator Valdeka of the Latvia University of Agriculture; Jelgava Innovation Centre (with 5 business incubators);
- (b) education and research:** Latvia University of Agriculture and 5 regional universities; vocational schools (secondary and colleges);
- (c) private sector:** input providers, processing companies, private consulting companies, experts, Latvian Federation of Food Enterprises (LFFE);
- (d) FBOs:** Consultative Council of Agricultural Organisations (CCAO); Farmers' Saeima (professional and commercial producers); farmers' NGOs; Regional farmers' organisations (22); farmers cooperatives; Latvian Association of Agricultural Cooperatives (LACA);
- (e) NGOs:** e.g. AgroCentrs (education and information); Latvian Dabas fonds;
- (f) other:** rural women organisations, local partnerships, consumer organisations;
- (g) extension:** Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre (LRATC)

### Cooperation between AKIS actors:

in general, advisory organisations operate rather independently from each other, but there are various common formal and informal cooperation, e.g. projects, education, seminars, consultations, etc.

### Main sources of funding the advisory services:

mixed: state and other public and private funding; there is introduced fee for advisory services, too



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