

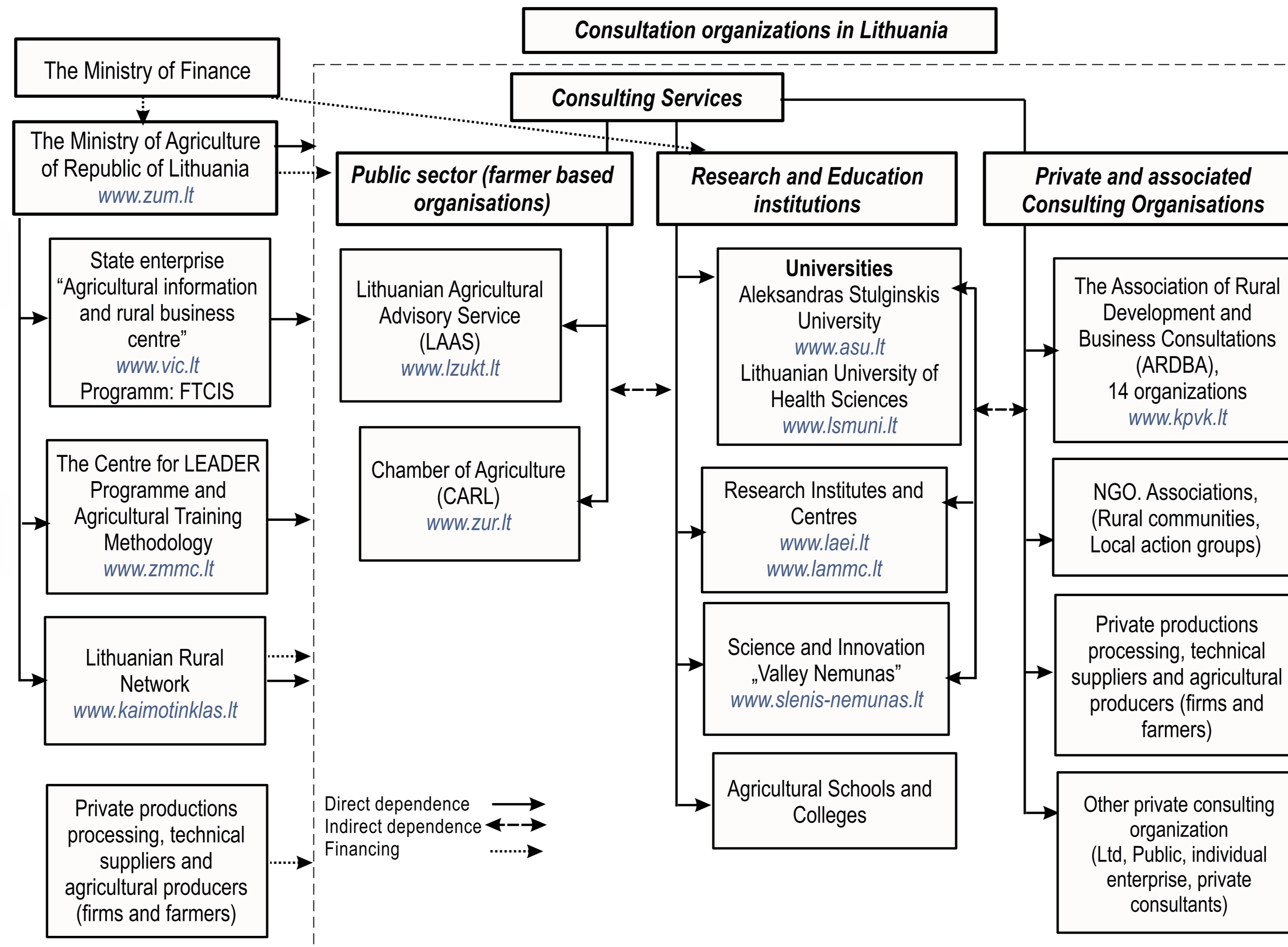


# Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



## LITHUANIA

### AKIS DIAGRAM



### Main actors of AKIS:

- (a) **public sector:** Ministry of Agriculture; Centre for LEADER Programme and Agricultural Training Methodology;
- (b) **education and research:** Aleksandras Stulginskis University; Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics; Colleges;
- (c) **private sector:** upstream and downstream industries, independent consultants; private agricultural advice companies; farmers owned advice companies;
- (d) **FBOs:** Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service; Chamber of Agriculture; Association of Village Development and Business Consultations;
- (e) **NGOs;**
- (g) **extension:** LAAS

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

Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service (LAAS), Chamber of Agriculture, Aleksandras Stulginskis University

### Main clients:

- (1) large commercial farms;
- (2) medium commercial farms;
- (3) group of producers

### Main topics of advice:

depends on main client, but in general: plant and animal production, cross-compliance, book-keeping, taxes, business diversification

### Main methods:

groups discussions, each time in different farm

### Main sources of funding the advisory services:

mixed – (a) in LAAS 13% from state, 87% from private sector: in general, private advisors are paid for the documents prepared for the EU and national support (based on individual projects), for advice on fertilizers, accounting, management and other; advisors from Universities are hired under individual projects financed by private funds, associations and the structural funds; private advisors are paid by farmers themselves; (b) in Chamber of Agriculture – advisory services are paid by state

### Cooperation

#### between AKIS actors:

in general, relations among individual AKIS participants exist, however it could be said that they are not always coordinated and/or synchronised



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