

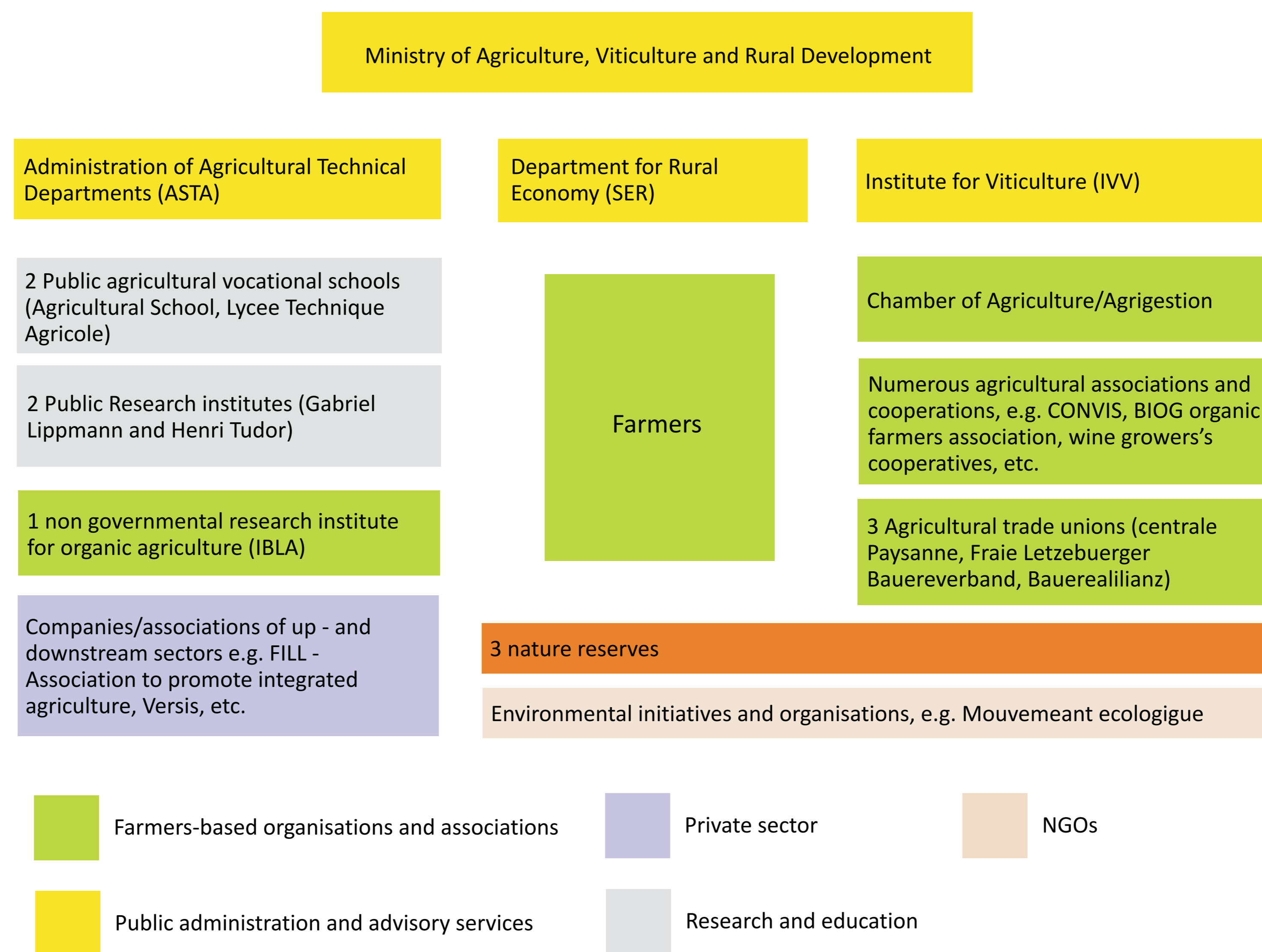


Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



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AKIS DIAGRAM



Main actors of AKIS:

- 1) **public sector** (Ministry of Agriculture and its agencies providing advisory services),
- 2) **research and education** (four public research centres and technical college of agriculture),
- 3) **agricultural chamber** regarded as FBO and several other FBOs (all offering advisory services),
- 4) **private advisory companies**,
- 5) **NGOs**

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

- linkages between AKIS actors are formal (thanks to Coordination Committee - established by Agricultural Chamber),
- there are also informal links between them in spite of regular meetings,
- between public institution the cooperation is formal and intensive,
- cooperation with public service centres for some institutions and organisations is intensive for some and less for others,
- for some downstream companies it is necessary to improve cooperation with public advisory services

Main supplier(s) of advisory services:

three main providers of advisory services: (1) public, (2) Chamber of Agriculture, (3) FBOs

Main clients:

Depending on service provider:
 (1) public (in general all tax-payers),
 (2) Chamber of Agriculture mainly large, medium, and small commercial farms,
 (3) FBOs – large commercial farms, agricultural producer groups, and young farmers

Main topics of advice:

depends on client and service provider:
 1. general: plant and animal production, book-keeping, taxes, environment,
 2. Chambers of Agriculture provides advise on plant production for large commercial farms, and cross-compliance for medium commercial farms; rural development for small commercial farms,
 3. FBOs – plant production for large commercial farms and producer groups of animal production (for young farmers – cross-compliance)

Main methods:

Depending on client and service provider, Agricultural Chambers and FBOs are using mainly individual methods

Main sources of funding the advisory services:
 for public – public funding (available for each farmer free);
 for Agricultural Chamber and FBOs – co-funding (partly public and private and other sources)



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