

Prospects for Farmers' Support:

Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



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

AKIS DIAGRAM

Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development

Farmers

Administration of Agricultural Technical Departments (ASTA)

2 Public agricultural vocational schools (Agricultural School, Lycee Technique Agricole)

2 Public Research institutes (Gabriel Lippmann and Henri Tudor)

1 non governmental research institute

Companies/associations of up - and downstream sectors e.g. FILL -Association to promote integrated agriculture, Versis, etc.

for organic agriculture (IBLA)

Department for Rural Economy (SER)

Institute for Viticulture (IVV)

Numerous agricultural associations and cooperations, e.g. CONVIS, BIOG organic farmers association, wine growers's cooperatives, etc.

Chamber of Agriculture/Agrigestion

3 Agricultural trade unions (centrale Paysanne, Fraie Letzebuerger Bauereverband, Bauerealilianz)

3 nature reserves

Environmental initiatives and organisations, e.g. Mouvemeant ecologique

Farmers-based organisations and associations

Public administration and advisory services

Private sector

NGOs

Research and education

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)

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:

- general: plant and animal production, bookkeeping, taxes, environment
- 2. Chambers of Agriculture provides advise on plant production for large commercial farms, and cross-
- 3. FBOs plant production for large commercial farms

Main methods:

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





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