

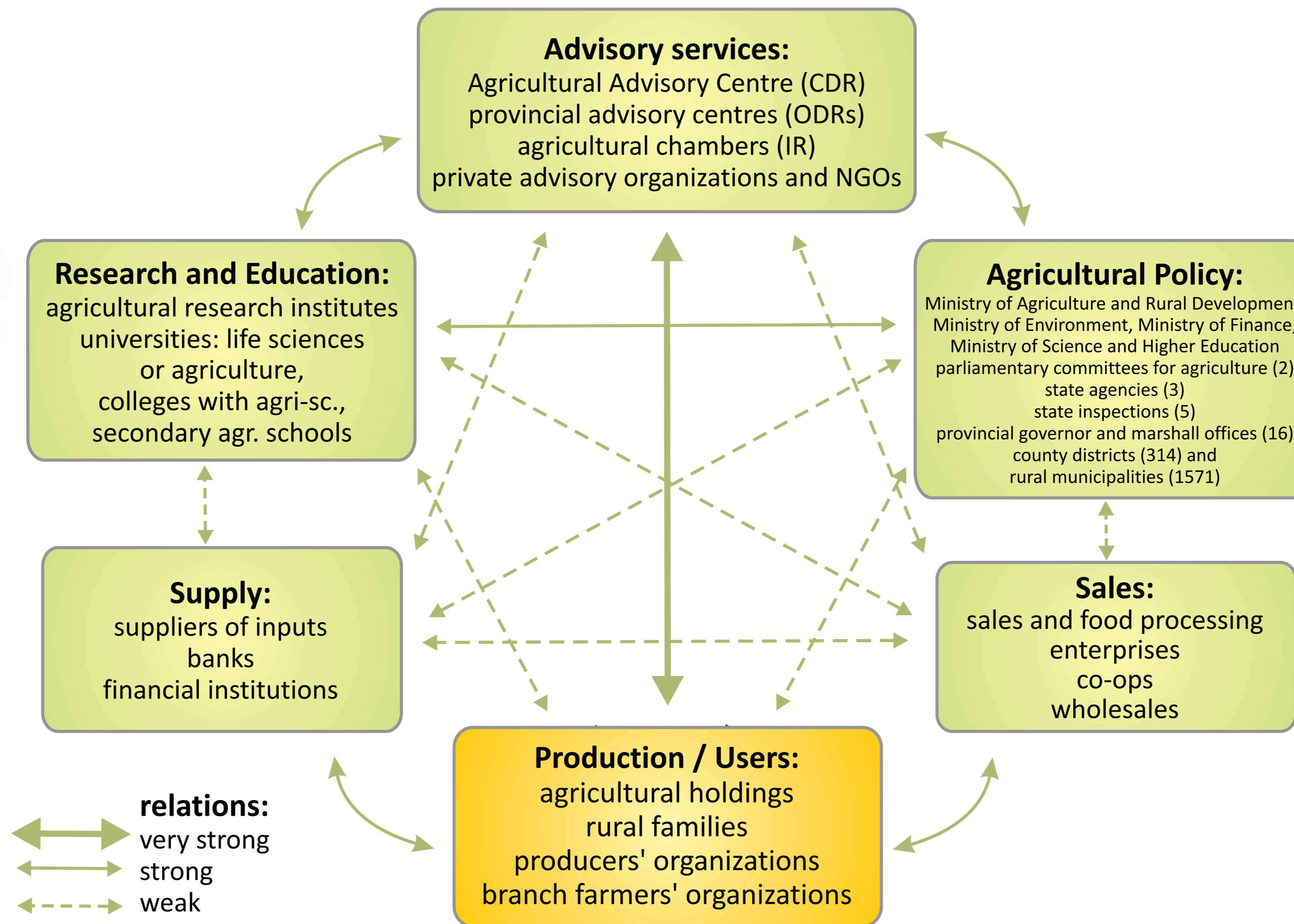


Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



POLAND

AKIS DIAGRAM



Main sources of funding the advisory services:
mixed funding – state budget (approx. 56%), funds from other provincial units of public sector (15.2%), EU funds (1.2%), and from service takers – 25.0% (beneficiaries – farmers, businessmen and farmers' organizations)

Main actors of AKIS:

(A) Agricultural advisory organisations – Provincial Advisory Centres (16), Agricultural Chambers (16), Agricultural Advisory Centre (1), private advisory organisations and NGOs (163);
(B) Research and Education – Research Institutes (13), Universities of Agriculture or Life Sciences (10), Colleges (15), Secondary Agricultural Schools (45);
(C) Agricultural Policy – Ministries of: Agriculture and Rural Development, Finance, Science and Higher Education, parliamentary committees for agriculture (2), state agencies (3), state inspections (5), provincial governors (16), county districts (314) and rural municipalities (1571);
(D) Sales – producers' organisations, co-ops, food processing enterprises, wholesalers and retail sellers;
(E) Supply – suppliers of input, banks, financial institutions;
(F) Production – the last receivers of advices: farmers, agricultural holdings, producers' organisations, farmers unions and rural families

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

- **very strong:** farmers <-> advisory,
- **strong:** farmers <-> supply, farmers <-> sale, advisory <-> research/ education, advisory <-> agricultural policy, agricultural policy <-> research/education
- **weak:** research <-> supply/sales, research <-> farmers, advisory services <-> supply/sales, agricultural policy <-> supply/sales/farmers, supply <-> sales

Main supplier(s) of advisory services:

Provincial Advisory Centres (ODRs) – public organisation

Main clients:

(1) medium and small commercial farms
 (2) young farmers

Main topics of advice:

medium and small farms – plant and animal production, book-keeping, cross-compliance, taxes, environment and rural development; young farmers – plant and animal production

Main methods:

- individual - face to face, in farm and at the desk
- group - producer groups, young farmers groups, focus groups



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