



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



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AKIS DIAGRAM

Main actors of AKIS:

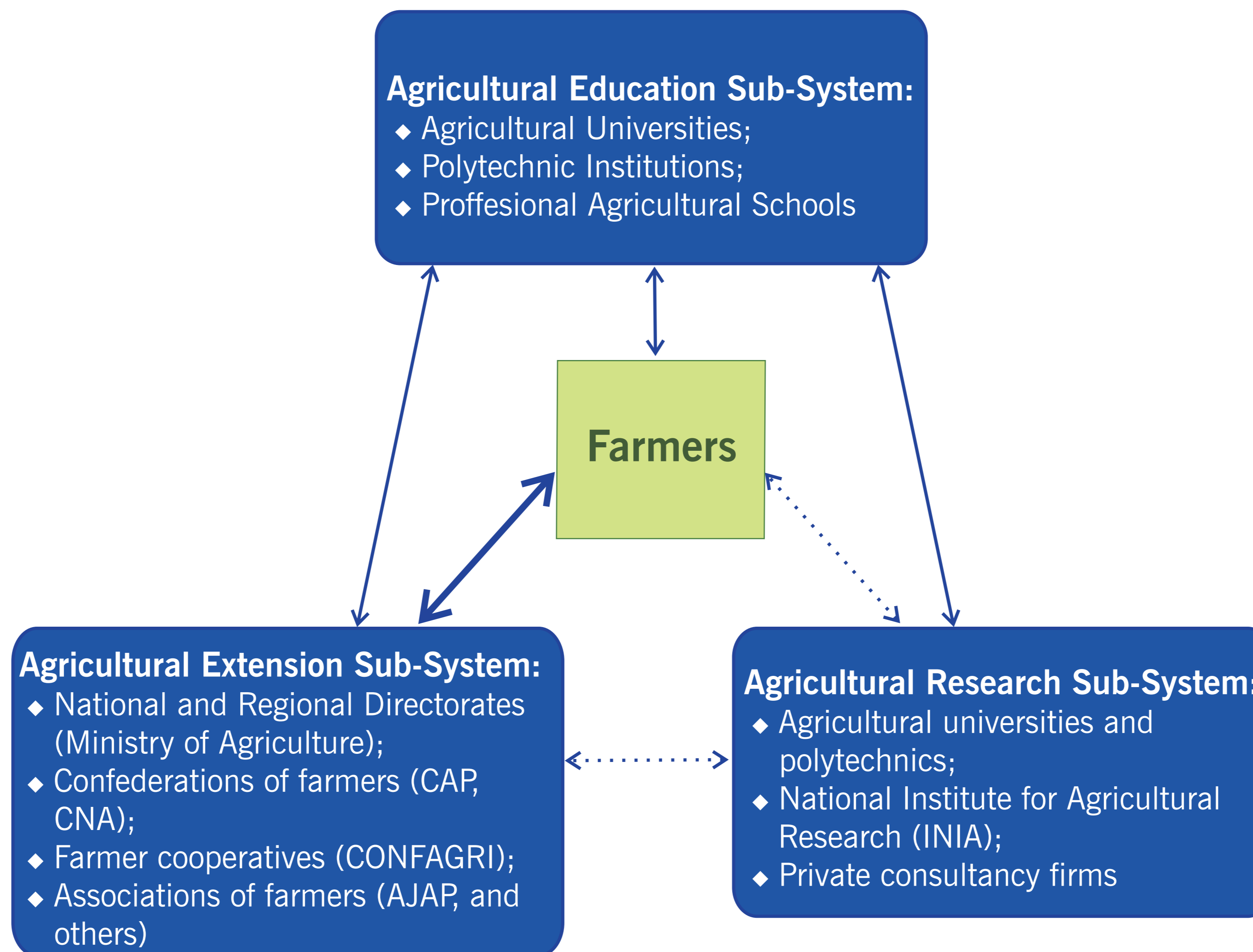
The Portuguese AKIS involves a set of actors performing a variety of functions, namely:

- policymaking;
- regulation,
- monitoring and evaluation;
- research;
- education;
- training;
- information,
- extension and consultancy work.

In Portugal, remnants of the public extension system can be found in the Regional Directorates.

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

very weak



Main supplier(s) of advisory services:
FBOs

Main clients:
depends on service provider, but each organisation has more or less defined target client, i.e. for FBOs: young farmers, small and medium commercial farms

Main topics of advice:
depends on clients and service provider, but for FBOs, as a main provider: plant and animal production, cross-compliance book-keeping, taxes, business diversification, environment

Main methods:
mainly individual and group

Main sources of funding the advisory services:
mixed funding; but each organisation involved as a provider of agricultural advisory, develops efforts to attract funding, through contracts with the government, training programmes supported by public money or charging for service delivery



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