

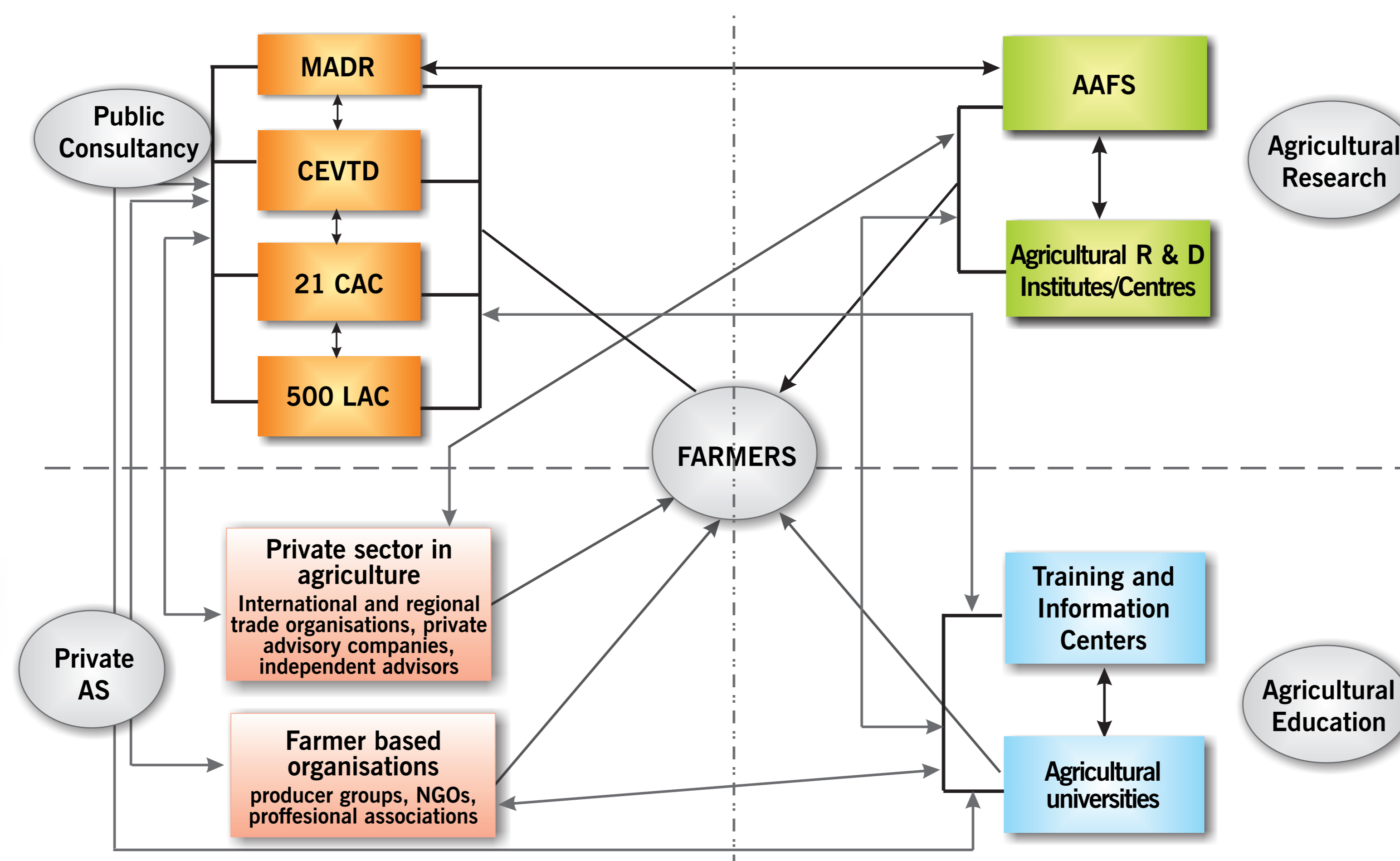


Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



ROMANIA

AKIS DIAGRAM



Main actors of AKIS:

In Romania the AKIS system integrates farmers, agricultural research, agricultural education, agricultural consultancy and the private sector, in order to best use the knowledge and information from various sources for the purpose of agriculture development. Each AKIS subsystem is in its turn part of more general systems, such as the education, science policy, agricultural and rural development policy etc. The government's policies regulate each subsystem and play an important role in the existing interactions between subsystems.

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

the agricultural advisory system is organized according to a pyramid-like structure

Main supplier(s) of advisory services:

Chamber of Agriculture

Main clients:

depends on service provider, i.e. for Chamber of Agriculture the main clients are: medium and small commercial farms, semi-subsistence and subsistence farms, part-time farmers, agricultural producer groups, young farmers and female farmers

Main topics of advice:

depends on type of client, i.e. for medium and small commercial farms, semi-subsistence farms, producer groups, young and female farmers there is full range of advices; for subsistence farm – only advices connected with rural development; for part-time farmers – business diversification and renewable energy

Main methods:

in general, individual, group and mass methods

Main sources of funding the advisory services:

mixed funding;

the financing of the activity of county agricultural chambers is from the state budget and from own chambers' revenues, coming from specific services provided to farmers and economic operators; the types of services, the fees that are asked for each type of service, as well as the modalities of cashing and utilisation of funds are approved each year, by the county council decision



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