



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



SLOVAKIA

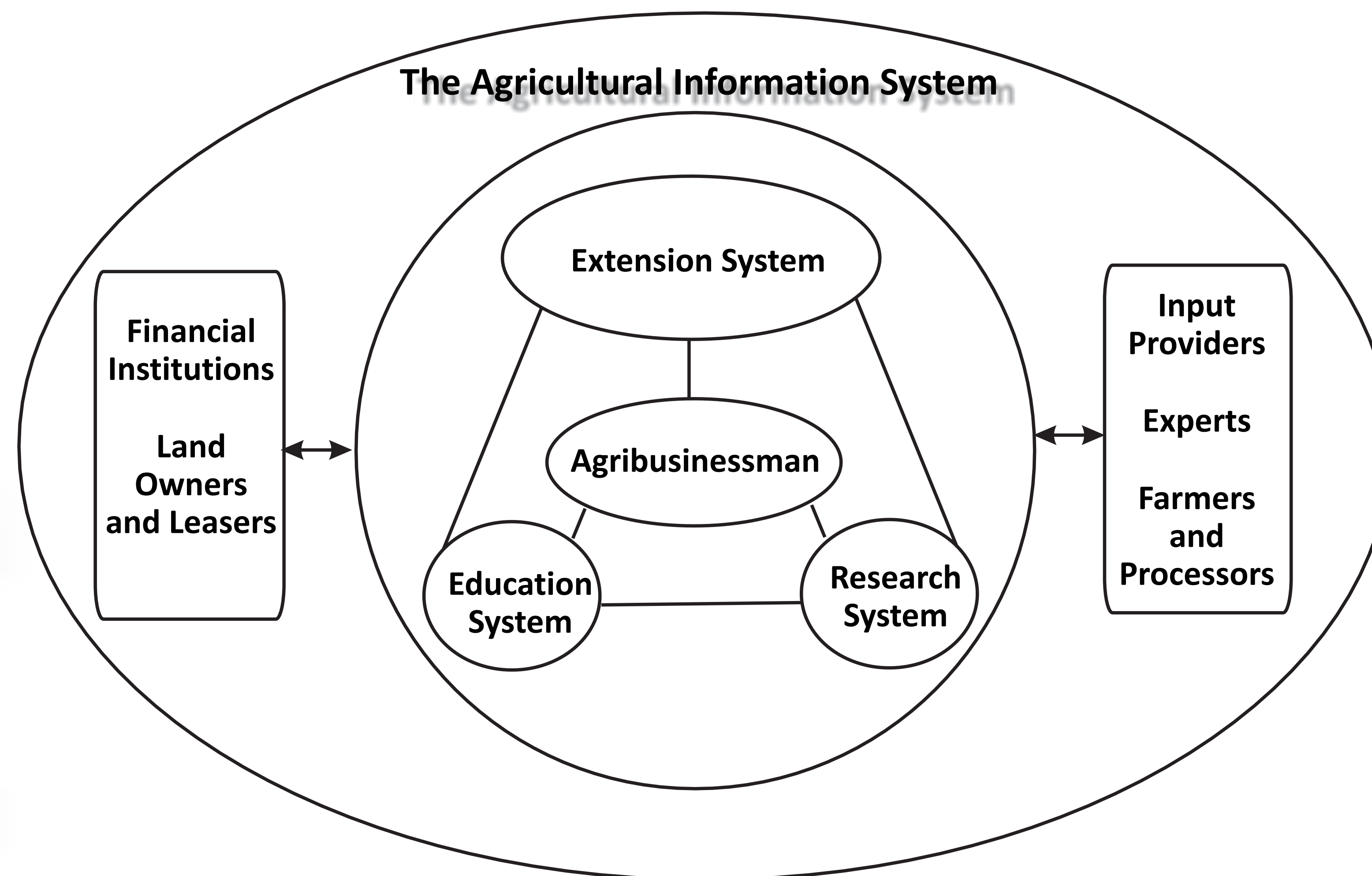
AKIS DIAGRAM

Main actors of AKIS:

- (1) **administration bodies** (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and its two agencies – Agricultural Paying Agency and Rural Development Agency);
- (2) **research** (five research institutes)
- (3) **Slovak Commerce and Agriculture Chamber;**
- (4) **education** (three universities);
- (5) **National Forestry Centre;**
- (6) **Extension - Agroinstitut** (which has education function);
- (7) **Institute for Forestry Extension and Education;** (institutions and organisations for dissemination knowledge and information);
- (8) **NGOs**

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

the specific national agreements about knowledge exchange do not exist among the AKIS players; there are agreements on the targeted budgetary allocations; Into these agreements are incorporated paragraphs which are referring to responsibility of respective institutions towards of support and facilitation of agricultural extension, knowledge and information exchange sharing and transfer of innovations and new technologies within the existing institutional frameworks



Main supplier(s) of advisory services:

public organisations (Agroinstitut and Institute for Forestry Extension and Education)

Main clients:

- (1) medium commercial farms
- (2) large commercial farms
- (3) small commercial farms

Main topics of advice:

depends on client and advisory provider, mainly topics of advisory concerns: cross-compliance, plant and animal production, environment, rural development

Main methods:

depends on clients, but mainly there are using individual and group methods

Main sources of funding the advisory services:

in general advisory services are mixed funding; in Slovak Republic does not function any special funding scheme, a part of the services is co-financing by farmers or rural businessmen, in addition to the provided EU funds



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