



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



SLOVENIA

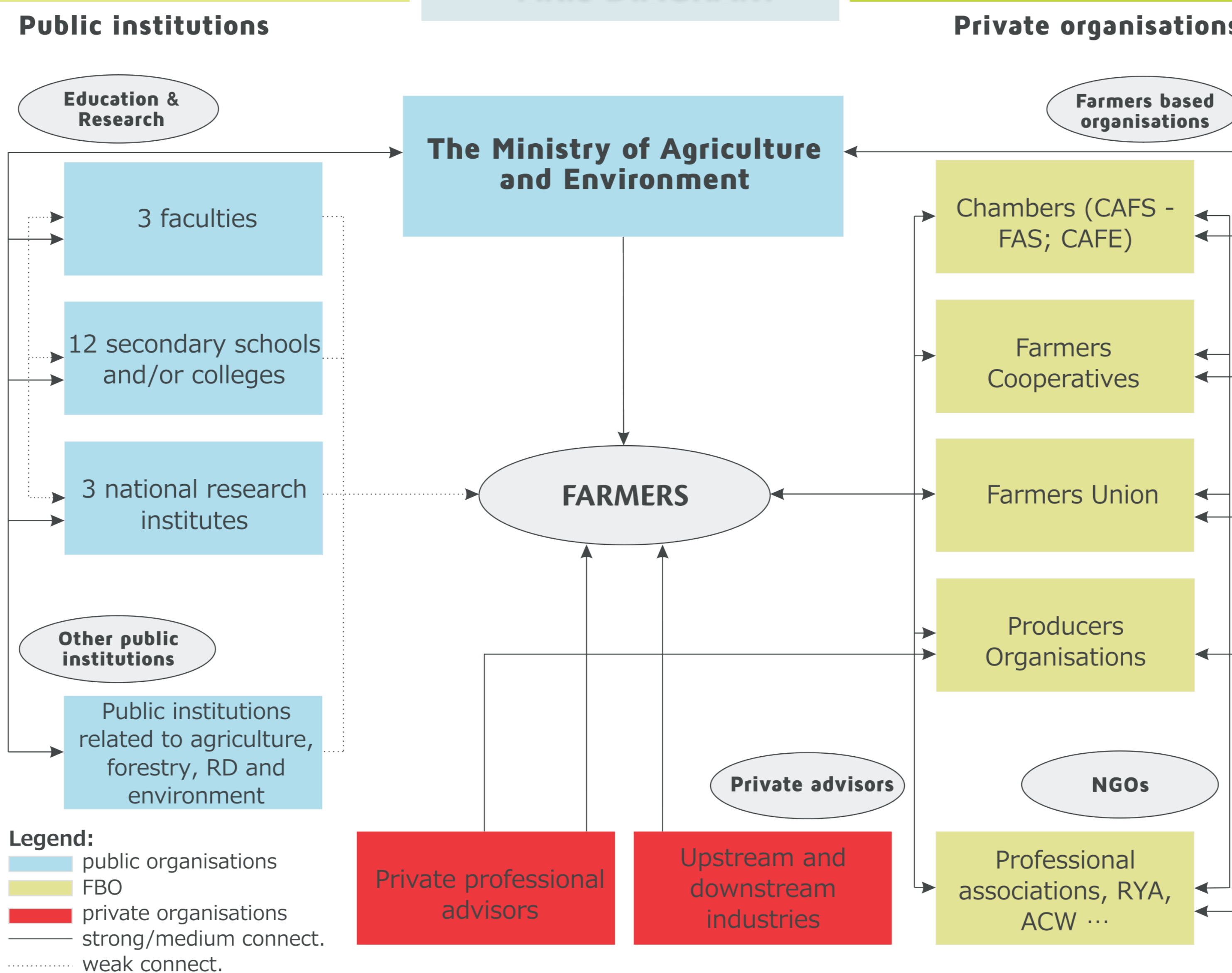
Main actors of AKIS:

- structure of AKIS institutions in Slovenia is diverse;
- there are six groups of actors:
 - the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment,
 - research and education institutions,
 - public institutions providing advisory service,
 - FBOs,
 - private companies,
 - NGOs;
- knowledge and innovation transfer from research institutions is going through FAS and interest organisations to end user – farmers

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

- cooperation rather not satisfying;
- there exist some bilateral written agreements on co-operation between institutions but they are not fully implemented in practice – at least there is no long term system tool;
- the most research cooperation is between faculties and research institutes;
- as far as support to FAS advisors (in solving farmers' problems) are concerned, all faculties and institutes provide support - if they are asked for;
- also it is common practice that each year researchers prepare seminars for FAS advisors

AKIS DIAGRAM



Main supplier(s) of advisory services:
Chamber of Agriculture

Main clients:
 (1) small commercial farms;
 (2) semi-subsistence farms;
 (3) part-time farmers

Main topics of advice:
 depends on client:
 • for small commercial farms – cross-compliance, plant and animal production and environment;
 • for semi-subsistence farms and part-time farmers – stable design, business diversification, and cross-compliance

Main methods:
individual, group and mass methods

Main sources of funding the advisory services:
 FAS is funded from different sources according to annual plan of service agreed by government; nevertheless majority of funding is provided from national funds, though its share and total amount for public service is gradually lowering down



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