



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



SPAIN

Main actors of AKIS:

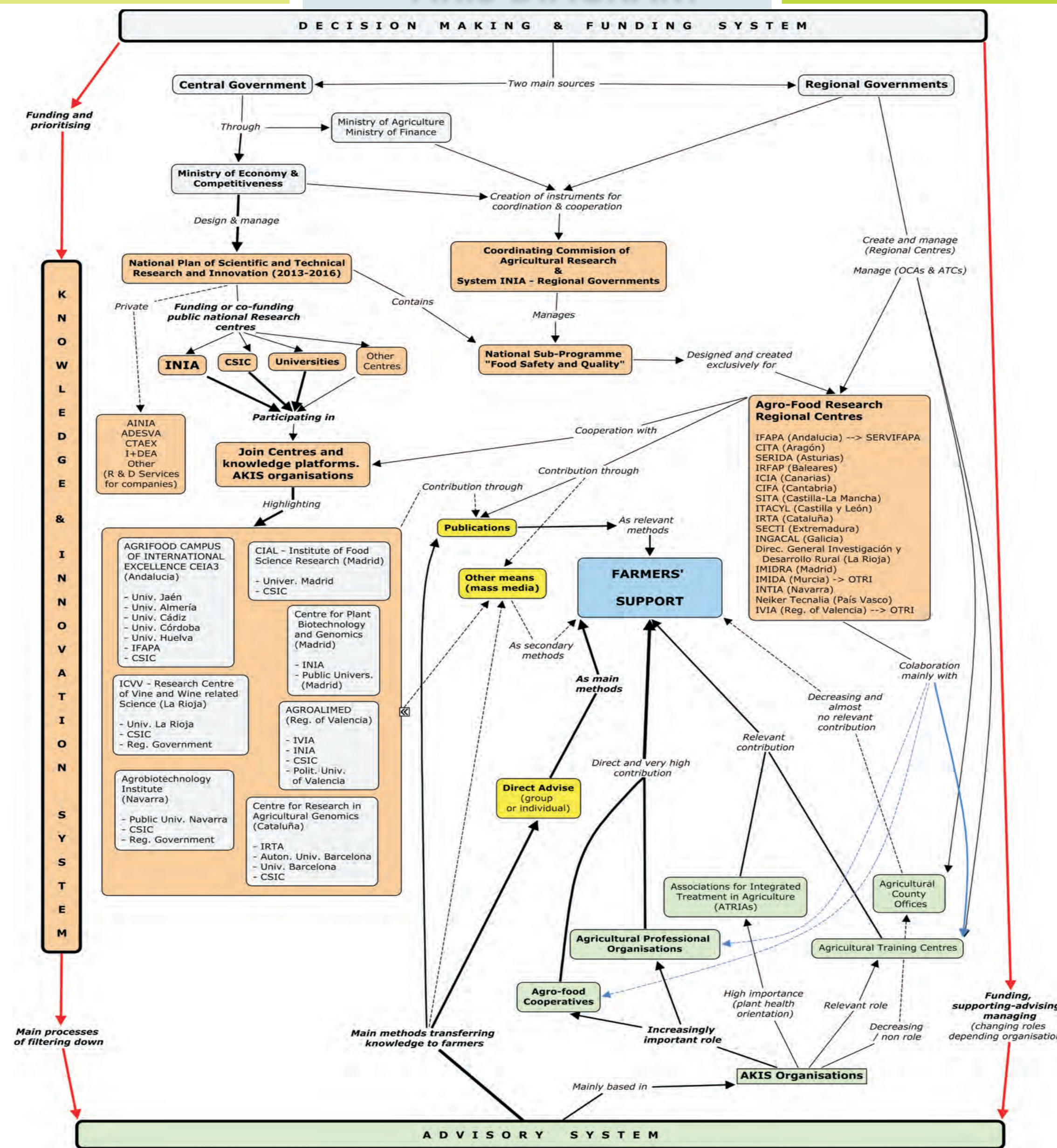
The Spanish political and territorial organisation is based on decentralised system, in which regions have much power as decision makers. AKIS structure is highly complex, consisting of many sectoral institutions and organisations. We may highlight:

- political and administrative organisations responsible for policy creation (Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance and representatives of 17 regional governments),
- research and education sector (INIA, research institutes, universities),
- other sectoral organisations (technology centres, farmer unions, agro-food cooperatives, associations for integrated treatment in agriculture, agricultural training centres, etc.)

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

these actors (institutions and public and private organisations) cooperate, firstly, on the base of formal agreements or contracts in order to carry-out joint projects, and secondly, through the creation of organisational structures established for a better and more flexible management

AKIS DIAGRAM



Main sources of funding the advisory services:
mixed funding

Main supplier(s) of advisory services:
FBOs

Main clients:
it depends on service provider, but for FBOs the main clients are medium and small and very small (subsistence) farms

Main topics of advice:
it depends on client, i.e. for medium farms the advice is related to a set of issues such as stable design, renewable energy, cross-compliance, book-keeping, taxes; for small and very small (subsistence) farms the advice tends to be concentrated on book-keeping, taxes and cross-compliance

Main methods:
in general individual, group and mass methods



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