

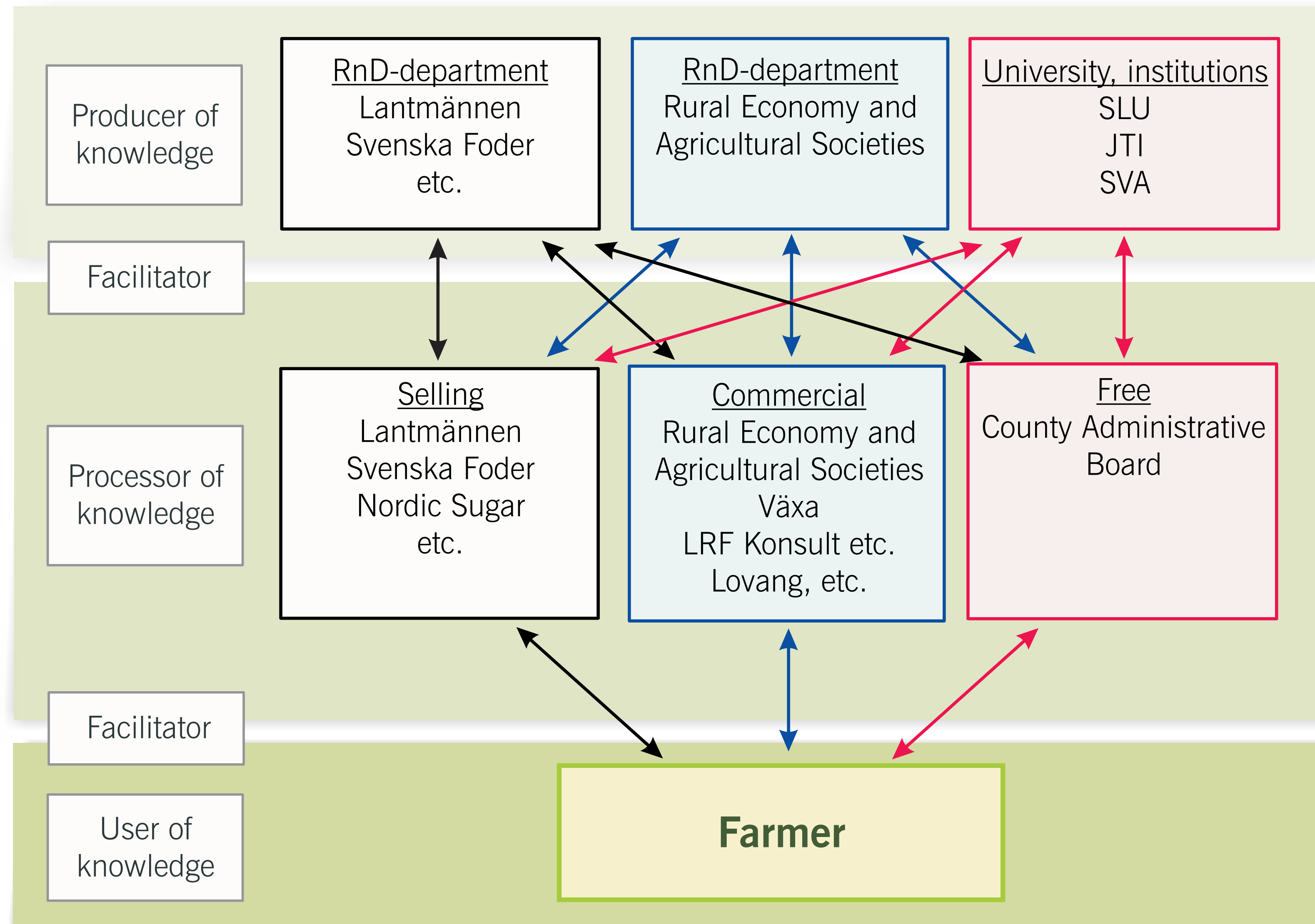


# Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



## SWEDEN

### AKIS DIAGRAM



**Main supplier(s) of advisory services:**

FBO – LRF Konsult, and in some counties CAB

**Main clients:**

- (1) large commercial farms;
- (2) medium commercial farms;
- (3) young farmers

**Main topics of advice:**

book-keeping, taxes, rural development, business diversification, environment

**Main methods:**

various methods, but the main are individual and group

### Main actors of AKIS:

**(a) producer of knowledge:** Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) under Ministry of Rural Affairs; Swedish Institute of Agricultural and Environment Engineering (JTI), National Veterinary Institute (SVA); Swedish Board of Agriculture;

**(b) transmitter of knowledge:** actors within three groups of Swedish Advisory System – selling advisory services (e.g. farmers-owned coops Lantmannen, Svenska Foder), commercial advisory services (e.g. LRF Konsult, the Rural Economy and Agricultural Societies and Vaxa), free advisory services (free of charge services as a part of County Administrative Boards (CAB) activity, the Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF) offers free services for its members or commercial);

**(c) user of knowledge:** farmers (as receiver or requester)

### Cooperation between AKIS actors:

in general, is going well; between producers and transmitters there are two facilitators: Partnership Alnarp and the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry – which usually arrange meetings, seminars, discussion platforms; between transmitters and farmers – facilitators are usually producers' and farmers' organisations (LRF) organise meetings and trainings

### Main sources of funding the advisory services:

mixed funding: a large part of public funding comes from the program “Skills acquisition support” and Rural Development Programme and few other programmes, but around 50% advisory costs are paid by farmers



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