



SWG AKIS

Strategic Working Group on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems

Athens Meeting
28th of February to 1st of March 2018

CAP post 2020 Communication

"The future of food and farming"

Objective of the presentations:

- ▶ Considering the EC communication on the CAP*
- ▶ And considering the Concept note coming from the reflections from SCAR AKIS Tallinn meeting
- ▶ Which specific obligations would you request in the CAP AKIS plan to ensure results?
- ▶ How will you create your CAP AKIS toolbox, to:

PS: This exercise is a brainstorming aiming to trigger creativity, new ideas, inspiration and cross-fertilisation. The aim is not to have a presentation of what is already in place (AKIS description) in your country but to imagine some future characteristics enabling efficient AKISs. Your presentation does not engage your country and your organisation at the Political level. The SWG AKIS is a think tank.

*https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/sites/agriculture/files/future-of-cap/future_of_food_and_farming_communication_en.pdf

Enhance knowledge flows within the AKIS and strengthen links between research and practice

- Exchange of experience from the Horizon 2020 project and disseminate information on multi-actor approach among the stakeholders (especially advisory services, researchers)
- Providing in one place information about multi-actor projects and knowledge reservoirs under Horizon 2020
- Developing data bases with appropriate searching tools, to collect and disseminate information on farmers needs and available solutions,
- Forum to hold discussion between advisors and researchers on specific problems and solutions
- Thematic working groups of advisors, researchers and farmer organisations to exchange information on needs and opportunities, including information about works of the Focus Groups (EIP Network)

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- Change in the rules for assessment of research institutes and more flexibility for researchers at universities to encourage dissemination of results of their work and enhance co-operation with advisory services
- Creating opportunities for researchers and advisors to meet, talk and work together (networking, thematic groups/meetings, joint projects such as: operational groups, exhibitions, demonstrations, articles in magazines , ...)
- Promoting good practices in co-operation between research and practice
- Enhance activity of the National Innovation Network (SIR) and co-operation with the EIP Network
- Specialised trainings for advisors carried out by researchers
- Appropriate resources to finance above mentioned measures in a flexible way

Strengthen farm advisory services within MS' AKISs

GOAL: Well educated and inter-connected advisors using in their work adequate tools, equipment, methods, information , providing high quality services adequate to needs, on time and supported by researchers.

- Training for advisors - technological knowledge as well as soft skills
- Developing and providing tools (especially e-tools) supporting advisors' work
- Providing necessary equipment
- Networking also cross-border
- Providing appropriate access to data and information (from research, EIP, Horizon 2020, one-window- if possible, public data....)
- More practice in carrying out multi-actor project
- Support from the research organisations

Strengthen farm advisory services within MS' AKISs

- Stressing on demonstration in advisory work
- Supporting co-operation among farmers and other inhabitants of rural areas
- Possibility to provide advice and to farmers if necessary, under the RDP

What about filling in applications?

Incentivize interactive innovation projects

- Disseminate information on multi-actor approach projects under Horizon 2020 among the stakeholders (especially advisory services, researchers)
- Enhance the activity of CEEC's in the Horizon 2020 projects
- Networking OGs and other farmers, advisors, reserchers
- Developing the National Innovation Network (SIR) and co-operation with the EIP Network
- Support brokering

Support digital transition in agriculture

- Exchange information on solutions applied
- Developing knowledge reservoirs and e-tools
- Training for trainers (advisors) and for farmers
- Demonstration farms
- E-tools more often used by advisors may convince farmers
- Trainings and workshops for farmers

BUT support for development of e-tools needed also from other ESI Funds