



# Creating a CAP AKIS toolbox - Input from Swedish stakeholders

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# General remarks

- ▶ The tool-box needs to be flexible, simple to use and easy to change during the programming period as the conditions and needs might change
- ▶ The tool-box should include all part of the food chain
- ▶ An strategic AKIS plan is welcomed
- ▶ Important to include the entire AKIS in the strategic plan, including access to capital, attracting labour, legal conditions etc.
- ▶ A strategic plan of the AKIS should include how it could connect to the national and regional innovation systems, e.g. Smart specialization strategies
- ▶ At the start of the programming period – there should be a ready M&E system with a baseline from which the effect of the interventions on innovation can be measured.
  - ▶ CIS-survey includes also micro enterprise

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

- ▶ EU-level industry PhD-students? Stimulating international cooperation platforms.
- ▶ Stimulate interaction and networking with researchers, advisors and practitioners with the entire food chain and other sectors and “non-traditional” research areas through networks, clusters and cross-sectorial funding opportunities (project funding and through the NRN)
- ▶ Possible to finance testing facilities (entire food chain), demonstration/monitoring farm
- ▶ Possible to finance up-scaling of products and ideas
- ▶ “Bridging” and “scanning” projects encouraged
- ▶ Vouchers for researchers to work as advisor, advisors to work as researchers. This opportunity should also be open to those working in the food chain.

# Strengthen farm advisory services within MS' AKISs

- ▶ Allow for vouchers for farmers and food business to buy advisory service
- ▶ Enable funding for advisory development projects – methodology and sectorial, broadened and deepened.
- ▶ Analysis of available back-office support and “blind spots” that needs to be strengthened, including innovation brokering
- ▶ Increase the advisors capacity to give “holistic” advice to farmers
- ▶ Increase the innovation “scouting” ability of advisors and their knowledge of the regional and national innovation system
- ▶ Stimulate actors from the regional and national innovation system to serve the food sector

# Incentivize interactive innovation projects

- ▶ **Open calls with selection criteria that supports project including the best mix of competences to obtain the objective of the project (in line with the CAP-objectives)**
- ▶ **The benefit of the projects should be to strengthen the innovation rate and competitiveness of the agriculture sector**
- ▶ **Projects should be found in all parts of the food chain**
- ▶ **Stimulate cross-sectorial projects to enhance innovation**
- ▶ **Advance payment has to be allowed**
- ▶ **Broaden EIP-Agri to rural business to also ensure social inclusion and sustainable rural development**
- ▶ **As a complement to the innovation project support - Open vouchers – open in usage for advisory service, testing, commercialisation och new products etc.**

# Support digital transition in agriculture

- ▶ Ownership of data needs to be discussed and strategically managed, including access to open data
- ▶ “Block chain” solutions throughout the chain should be encouraged
- ▶ Capacity building in how the possibilities of digitalisations can be utilised and how the business strategy could be adopted accordingly
- ▶ Investment support for digitalisation complemented with capacity building/advisory service voucher
- ▶ Broadband should be available to all