



## **SWG AKIS**

# **Strategic Working Group on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems**

**Athens Meeting**

**28<sup>th</sup> of February to 1st of March 2017**

# 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](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

- ▶ Establish knowledge centers – bring different actors into one place
- ▶ Innovation broker – broaden the meaning of the „advisor“ in Estonia. The broker as part of NRN? At least strongly connected to the NRN
- ▶ (Re)Arrangement on information systems/databases – everyone should know where to look for information
- ▶ Involvement in AKIS should be included in the salary/a mandatory part of work
- ▶ Researchers (and others) could get credit/extra points for involvement in AKIS when applying for grants, projects. Involvement in AKIS results in more impact

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- ▶ **Students (in all ages) visiting enterprises should become a norm**
- ▶ **BSc and MSc students participating activities under RDP measure 1 – creating a habit of cooperation from early on**
- ▶ **Wider usage study groups/workshops, group advising – enhances the connection between farmers**

# Strengthen farm advisory services within MS' AKISs

- ▶ The involvement of advisors in planning and carrying out applied research project
- ▶ Vouchers for small enterprises to use advisory services
- ▶ A scholarship for students studying advisory services
- ▶ A curriculum in advisory services – international curriculum?
- ▶ Advisors as co-supervisors of thesis

# Incentivize interactive innovation projects

- ▶ Hackathons / Innovation camps – creation of new ideas, projects and groups; also among students → includes the use of „seed money“
- ▶ MAA should involve students (vocational, BSc, MSc)
- ▶ Enhance the connection between farmers (e.g. study groups, workshops)
- ▶ Enhance communication between different type of projects (different funding)

# Support digital transition in agriculture

- ▶ Support for investments to go digital
- ▶ Special attention to S(M)E-s, enhance cooperation between S(M)E-s
- ▶ Creation of easy and simple applications
- ▶ Involve experts in IT
- ▶ Make PPP more effective to promote the use of big data. Bring together MS-s different needs and competences
- ▶ Align public and private data
- ▶ Even up the collection of data in different MS
- ▶ Do data protection regulations work against digitalisation?

# Support digital transition in agriculture

- ▶ A smart device, e.g. tractor, is bought using public money → mandatory to demonstrate it to others (e.g. using RDP measure 1)
- ▶ Give credit/bonus for using big data (vs penalise for not using big data) when applying for some kind of support