



SWG AKIS

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

- ▶ Improve / innovate communication / dissemination activities
- ▶ Integrate dissemination and communication activities from different projects / initiatives (OGs, R&I projects, NRN initiatives, Interreg,...)
- ▶ Better links between R&I projects / advisors / farmers and EIP-AGRI
- ▶ Better links between NRNs with EIP-AGRI (National EIP units?)
- ▶ Incentives for researchers to disseminate knowledge / participate in innovation projects
- ▶ Thematic and/or subsector competence centers (virtual)
- ▶ Cross-border / regional dissemination / knowledge sharing initiatives
- ▶ Include farmers / farmers representatives and other innovation actors in R&I policy design

Don't change what is working – OGs / TN / Multiactor / EIP !

Strengthen farm advisory services within MS' AKISs

- ▶ Support private / independent advisory services (associations, producer organisations, advisory companies)
- ▶ Integrate advisory services in multiactor innovation projects
- ▶ Strengthen technical advice through links with research / higher education institutions
- ▶ Cross-fertilization / demonstration initiatives / cross-visits (multi-actor)
- ▶ Promote the digitisation of advisory services
- ▶ Promote international links between advisory services (and links with EIP-AGRI)
- ▶ Improve advisory support programs / measures (and focus on real farmers needs)
- ▶ Promote farmers capacity development in agriculture innovation systems (through advisory and training)

Incentivize interactive innovation projects

- ▶ Increase the CAP budget for innovation (currently around 1% in PT)
- ▶ National, Regional & EU innovation / knowledge sharing “summits”
- ▶ Mirror AKIS groups / innovation subgroups in NRN
- ▶ Decrease bureaucracy / increase flexibility in innovation projects
- ▶ International OGs / or at least international activities in OGs
- ▶ Decrease flexibility / diversity in MS – use best practices (budget size, number / type of partners / duration / selection criteria /...)
- ▶ Promote excellence through competitiveness (less and better) & peer evaluation
- ▶ Disseminate success / recognize the best projects (prizes?)
- ▶ Serious approach on the “sustainability” of projects / initiatives
- ▶ Promote valorization of results (Services, IP, Startups,...)

Support digital transition in agriculture

- ▶ **Make digitisation a priority in innovation programs / projects (OGs, ...)**
- ▶ **Digital Innovation Hubs (and promote links to advisors)**
- ▶ **Digital Living Labs**
- ▶ **Acceleration programs for start-ups (national and EU level)**
- ▶ **Digital startups investment fund?**
- ▶ **Include startups in multiactor innovation projects**
- ▶ **EU Knowledge web platform(s) (?)**
- ▶ **Train farmers / advisors on digital competences**
- ▶ **Promote EU level b-learning initiatives**
- ▶ **Promote inclusiveness (dissemination / “community” projects / ...)**