

Empowering advisory services and knowledge transfer

by good policy design and governance of AKIS:

1. To support innovation processes in agriculture, policy measures should take into account the diversity of AKIS and ensure that measures target the appropriate level (national/ regional)
2. The AKIS concept should be promoted for national and regional-level use as a diagnostic tool for public actors and policy makers. Utilising the AKIS concept will enable them to identify strengths and weaknesses of national and regional AKIS, and associated communication / interaction gaps
3. Institutionalised research structures continue to emphasize academic outputs; policy should encourage research practice which values knowledge exchange and end user orientation: EIP Agri in RD and Horizon 2020

by support for specific actors (advisors, farmers, networks)

4. Long-term support is required to maintain advisory services that provide public goods where there is no other funding mechanism. Minimum advisory service infrastructure or public support of private advisory services is needed

5. Support training/education and the smart development of certification schemes for quality of advisory services: EUFRAS offers CECRA

6. Policy makers should support the small-scale farmers by designing medium term approaches for small-scale farm development

7. Rural multi-actor networks are complementary to classical advisory services, increasing interactions within a regional AKIS

8. Providing financial support for rural multi-actor networks merits specific attention from an institutional perspective



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