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AKIS in the future CAP strategic plan of the Czech Republic

According to the European Commission's legislative proposal, future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) strategic plans are expected to include a description of the organisational set-up of the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) in each Member State.

In the Czech Republic, a specialised working group (WG) established by the Ministry of Agriculture was mandated to undertake a comprehensive analysis in this regard. The following the needs assessment conducted in 2019 (including outcomes of the AgriLink project) confirmed that it is essential to boost knowledge exchange and to foster innovation processes. It was revealed that the current Farm Advisory Services (FAS) do not respond to the needs of farmers.

Moreover, training of advisors and advisory services do not cover the most pressing topics related to sustainability of agriculture and provision of public goods in accordance with the CAP objectives. In addition, links and knowledge flows between research and practice (including the European Innovation Partnership) are not sufficiently operationalised. As a next step, respective policies are to be designed to close the main gaps (see in the additional information).

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The WG recommended the following improvements towards more interaction and cross-fertilisation among actors:

- Certification of the advisory organisations;
- Funding of the FAS within the new CAP;
- Training of advisors in new types of skills, such as facilitation, leadership and other soft skills;
- Advisory services covering new topics reflecting global challenges;
- Incentives for researchers for their impact on practice;
- Establishment of a common depository for research outputs;
- Popularisation of agricultural research and media communication.

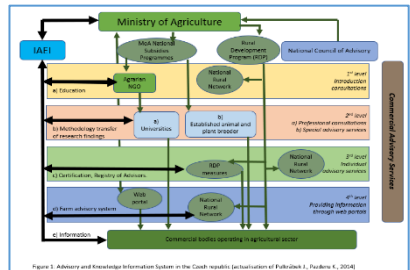


Figure 3. Advisory and Knowledge Information System in the Czech Republic (adaptation of Poláčková J., Páduašová K., 2004)

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