

## Facts & Figures



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Budget for advisory

10.445.189 €



Number of farms

69 933

## A brief history of national/regional farm advisory policies

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- The number and diversity of service providers increased.

The state has always had a substantial role in ensuring farm advisory services in Latvia, and these services are seen by the state as a tool to support national agricultural and rural policies.

The principal agricultural advisory organisation – the Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre – was founded in 1991, and it continues to carry out targeted advisory measures commis-

sioned and funded by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Gradually, the number of public, private and non-governmental agricultural advisory service providers (state agencies, input suppliers, farmers' co-operatives and associations, etc.) has increased, and the advisory landscape has become more pluralistic.

## Key objectives of current Regional farm advisory policies

- Improve farmers' knowledge and skills.
- Foster sustainable farm management.

The objectives of the current advisory policy are:

- To improve farmers' knowledge and skills - less than a third of farm managers have formal agricultural education, and advisory services have a key role to play in addressing farmers' knowledge gaps and therefore raise farms' competitiveness;
- To foster sustainable farm management - provision of farm advisory services is aimed to improve farmers' knowledge on production efficiency and environmental aspects of farming (such as biodiversity, environmental impacts of farming, environment- and climate-friendly farming practices, etc.).

# Overview of advisory public policies and of their impact on regimes

The table below showcases the main advisory policy tools and their impacts on the advisory regimes in the region/country of study. Agrilink partners identified the most relevant policy tools as well as their funding, competent authority in charge

and type of instrument. The effects of the policy tools in the advisory regime of the regions/country are described in terms of boundaries, identities, attributes, financing and control.

	Main national policy tools	Policy tools linked to EU policies	
What?	<p><b>Latvia Rural Development Programme 2014-2020</b></p>	<p><b>Implementation of EIP Agri</b></p>	<p><b>Implementation of EU-FAS</b></p>
How?	<p><b>Funding:</b> National and EAFRD.</p> <p><b>Authority:</b> Ministry of Agriculture.</p> <p><b>Type of instrument:</b> Funding schemes corresponding to specific measures.</p>	<p><b>Funding:</b> National and EAFRD. The planned public expenditure in the programming period 2014-2020 is EUR 21.663.034.</p> <p><b>Authority:</b> Ministry of Agriculture.</p> <p><b>Type of instrument:</b> support to EIP operational groups and collaborative projects for the development of innovations</p>	<p><b>Funding:</b> National and EAFRD. The planned public expenditure in the programming period 2014-2020 is EUR 10.445.189; EUR 1,500 per farmer.</p> <p><b>Authority:</b> Ministry of Agriculture.</p> <p><b>Actions</b> Financial support to advisory suppliers, selected in calls for tender, for farmers' individual consultations.</p>
Impact	<p><b>Boundaries:</b> Improved economic effectiveness as part of a unified national approach.</p> <p><b>Identities:</b> Increased independence and diversity of advisors, and collaboration between them.</p> <p><b>Attributes:</b> Back-office and front-office activities, and knowledge transfer activities of advisory services are supported.</p> <p><b>Financing:</b> Calls.</p> <p><b>Control:</b> Functioning control and monitoring system.</p>	<p><b>Boundaries:</b> Fosters a nationally unified cross-sectoral approach.</p> <p><b>Identities:</b> Supports knowledge and innovation creation in multi-actor environments.</p> <p><b>Attributes:</b> Supports innovation networks.</p> <p><b>Financing:</b> Calls.</p> <p><b>Control:</b> Functioning control and monitoring system.</p>	<p><b>Boundaries:</b> Improved economic and environmental effectiveness as part of a unified national approach.</p> <p><b>Identities:</b> Increased independence and diversity of advisors, and collaboration between them.</p> <p><b>Attributes:</b> Support for back-office and front-office activities necessary for individual consultations.</p> <p><b>Financing:</b> Calls</p> <p><b>Control:</b> Functioning control and monitoring system.</p>

