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**Mapping national policies impacting the farm advisory regime in Greece**

The accession of Greece in the EEC/EU in 1981 triggered the bureaucratisation of a centralised but sufficiently operational public extension service, making room for farm input suppliers to almost monopolise the provision of advice. The decentralisation Acts in 1990s resulted in the abolishment of advice provision by public services. Since then, calls for reorganisation did not improve the advisory landscape, which is characterised by pluralism, weak linkages and lack of coordination among AKIS actors. Currently the key objectives of the relevant national policies focus on:

- the country's alignment with European policies, aiming at the establishment of an integrated system to support and monitor the provision of advice;
- the use of advisory services in order to improve financial and environmental sustainability at farm level;
- advisors' training in order to ensure advisors' ability to provide farmers with impartial and valid advice.

The National Rural Development Plan is the main tool to reach these objectives and transform the advisory landscape. However, the transformation process remains uncertain because of:

- the prolonged waiting period before starting the implementation of important policy measures, such as OGs/EIP Agri and FAS;
- a crisis in identities with regard to the accession of new professions in advice provision but, mainly, the need for a new understanding of the responsibilities and the multidimensional roles that traditional actors (farmers, advisors, authorities and policy makers) have to take on for sustainability.

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