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Improving the role of advisory services for future Czech sustainable farming

A scenario workshop was carried out online in July 2021 in the Czech Republic. The objective was to discuss the future role of advice provision in supporting sustainable agriculture. The participants were farmers, advisors, researchers and representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture. The major weakness in the current advisory system is the low number of sufficiently skilled and trained advisors, their poor links to research, lack of cooperation, and lack of coordination. Participants suggested as an umbrella measure the systematic implementation of a long-term advisory service strategy, including the creation of a coordination body. To improve the role of advice, the participants also suggested: a. Advisors should be financially supported, to allow increasing the number of advisors; b. Demonstration farms should receive more support; c. Advisors should be trained in advisory skills (e.g. mediation, facilitation, guiding innovation process) and missing topics while using demonstration farms for that; d. A long-term goal is to better share the risk of advice provision between the farmer and the advisor;

To improve the advice role in the agricultural knowledge and innovation system the following recommendations were made:

- Various actors, including advisors, and technological platforms should improve their cooperation (e.g. sharing knowledge, new links between advisors and researchers, improved flow of information);
- Advisors and demonstration farms were recommended to establish networks of advisors and networks of demonstration farms;
- Land owners should be advised to require more sensitive soil management from farmers who manage the land.

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