

Meeting of the SWG SCAR AKIS Strategic Working Group on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems

The role of education and training in the EU AKIS

Webinar

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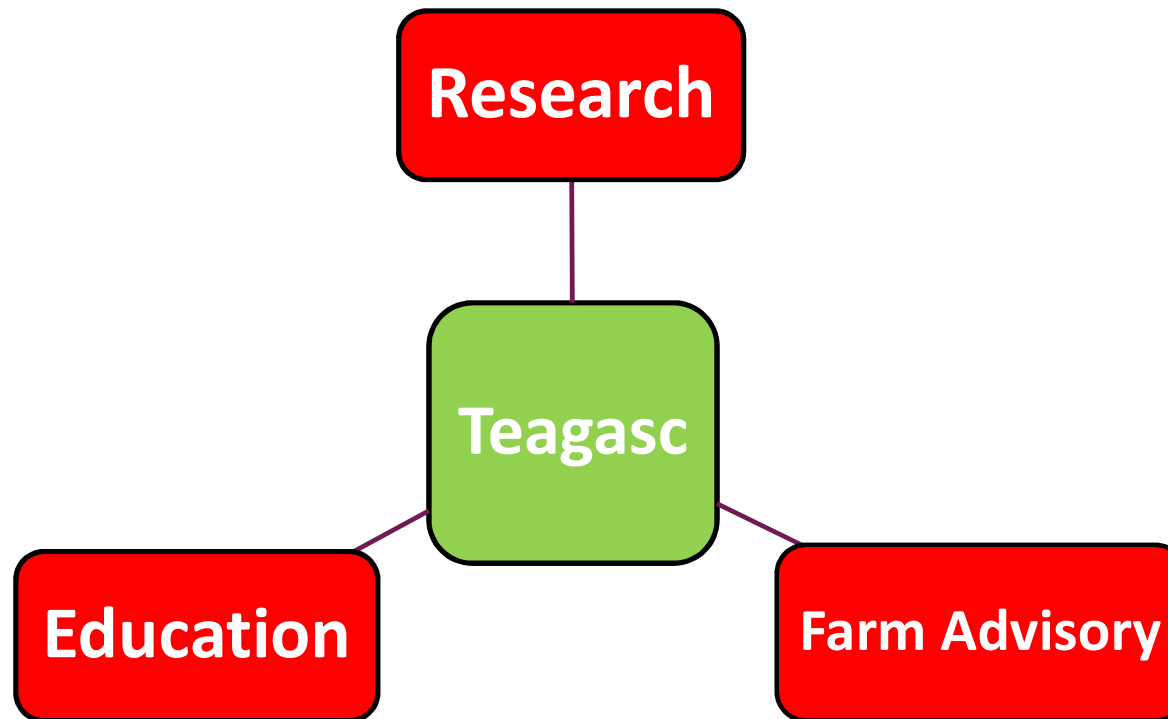
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The links between Education/Training and the AKIS in Ireland

- **Teagasc – Agriculture and Food Development Authority**



Teagasc is the key provider of Agric. Research, Farm Advisory, Vocational Agricultural Education and is a major partner to higher education delivery. Teagasc has extensive networks with the agri-food sector and wider AKIS

Examples of Teagasc Education/Training connection to AKIS

- Teagasc Farm Advisory Services – involved in Teagasc Education delivery.
- Key Teagasc farm advisory tools (farm planning, profit monitoring, grass measurement, sustainability, discussions groups etc.) incorporated in Teagasc Education curricula and learner resources.
- Teagasc KT /Research - deliver technical CPD for Teagasc Education staff.
- AKIS visibility to learners: significant Teagasc research projects now based on some Teagasc College farms - KT Specialists link with College farm enterprises & facilitate intercollege staff discussion groups.
- Teagasc is a substantial partner to higher education (professional graduates/postgraduates for the wider AKIS).
- Teagasc learners exposed to wider AKIS (ICBF, DAFM, HSA, industry etc.)

What are the priorities of change for the future?

- Sustainability - integrating AKIS role/goals with Ed curricula.
 - making Research/KT initiatives visible to learners.
 - Actively involving Education in AKIS programs.
- Smart Technologies/ Farm Digitalisation(as above).
- Alumni support programmes – connecting young farmers to AKIS.
- Formal recognised CPD/lifelong learning frameworks for farmers

Discussion:

All comments and suggestions very welcome!



**Thank you for your
attention!
and for your active participation
and commitment!**

Report available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/knowledge-and-innovation-unlocking-potential-food-and-farming-2019-sep-26_en (more paper copies can be asked to Inge.Van-Oost@ec.europa.eu)

