

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

## AKIS Strategic plans for the CAP post 2020

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**The Netherlands**

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on Agricultural Research



# A) Characteristics of your AKIS: SWOT

- **High level of research and education, with a large numbers of (private) advisors. Large number of initiatives, not very connected**
- **Main barrier is translating the research and innovation ideas to farm level, how support knowledge flows between farmers, how to reach all farmers, how to connect all different (temporary) projects and initiatives to a long lasting AKIS system.**
- **Change: Better connection to private advisors by certification system and more public funding. More work by CAP-network to support and connect different activities. Involvement of education in training**
- **Organization: for the development of the national strategic plan a Program team is formed from Provinces, water bodies, ministry of agriculture and ministry of infrastructure and water.**

## B) CAP AKIS plans: strategy and planned **priorities**

**Starting from Art 102 in the Commission proposal, and in order to tackle the cross-cutting objective on K&I&D, please explain:**

- **Public funding (with vouchers) is connected to certification, training and networking. Education gets a role in training advisors. Research is connected to advisors and farmers by EIP, knowledge groups, masterclasses and demonstrations.**
- **We see a important role for the CAP network to organize meetings, have digital platforms and training sessions to connect advisors, researchers and farmers interactive. With all intervention in CAP, we seek a way to link this to AKIS (f.i. all projects results should be made available to the whole |AKIS**
- **Dutch AKIS system already support advise, innovation and knowledge flows, we just need them work together better.**

## C) interventions planned for your future AKIS

- What are the **main CAP interventions you plan** for your national AKIS with regard to:
  - A.** We put farmers in the lead and organize the support they need. Vouchers for advice and project subsidies for groups of farmers to have knowledge flow and advice tailor made for the farms. Use demonstration on farms and 'farm scans' and support for long term farm development. Not only technical advice but also on organizational and social aspects or f.i. the future of the farm
  - B.** Strengthening farm advisory services within the AKIS by certification, training, networking, and spending public money
  - C.** Strengthening interactive innovation and EIP Operational groups. There is already a large number of groups, with lots of interest. We also want to organize EIP groups on national scale (not only regional funding)
  - D.** Supporting digital transition in agriculture. Lot of work is done on precision agriculture (demonstration farm, investments), on digital knowledge platforms, and data handling. We are very interested to learn how other countries support this
  - E.** All topics in the CAP national strategic plan are important, so there is a competition for the money. We have to stress the importance of knowledge, innovation, networking and AKIS. Risk is that colleagues don't see the need for knowledge and innovation for topics like climate, biodiversity and f.i. soils. They connect AKIS with technical farm advice for f.i. income support.



## Discussion:

All comments, questions and suggestions very welcome!



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

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