

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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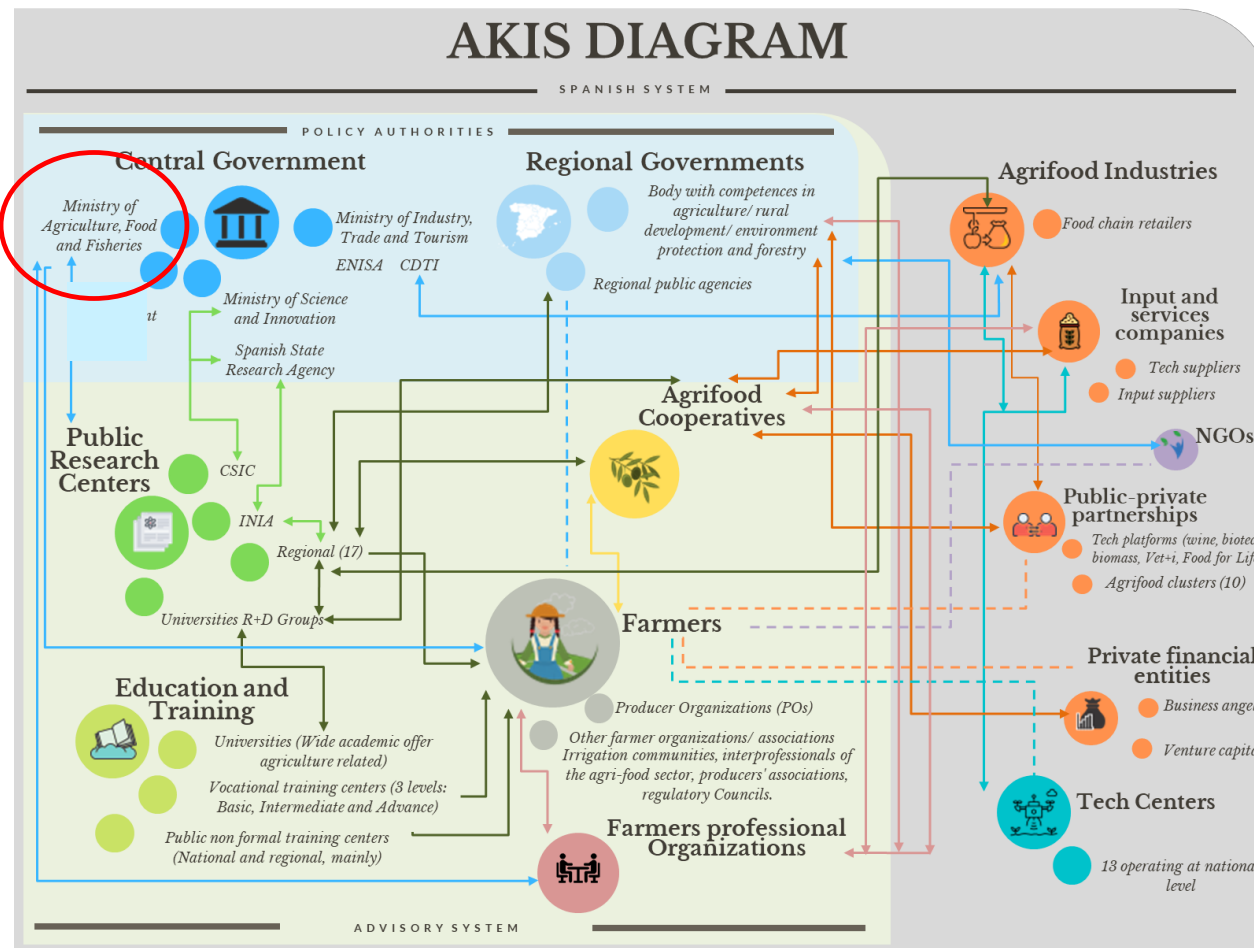
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A) Characteristics of your AKIS: SWOT

- What are the main **characteristics** of your national AKIS?:main actors



Source: i2Connect Project, Spanish Inventory

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• What are the main **characteristics** of your national AKIS? SWOT Analysis

• Strengths:

- Awareness of the key role of training, advisory system, digitalisation and innovation for the future of the sector and rural areas
- Good results of EIP-Agri measure despite the difficulties of implementation and coordination
- High number of initiatives related to digitisation of the sector at national and regional level
- Existence of farmers organisations and settled structures which can enhance AKIS development

• Opportunities

- Agrifood Competitiveness improvement if training is adapted to sector needs
- Wide territorial coverage regarding education and training
- Evolution of advisory system to a multidisciplinary point of view, with a strong role of advisor in AKIS

• Weaknesses

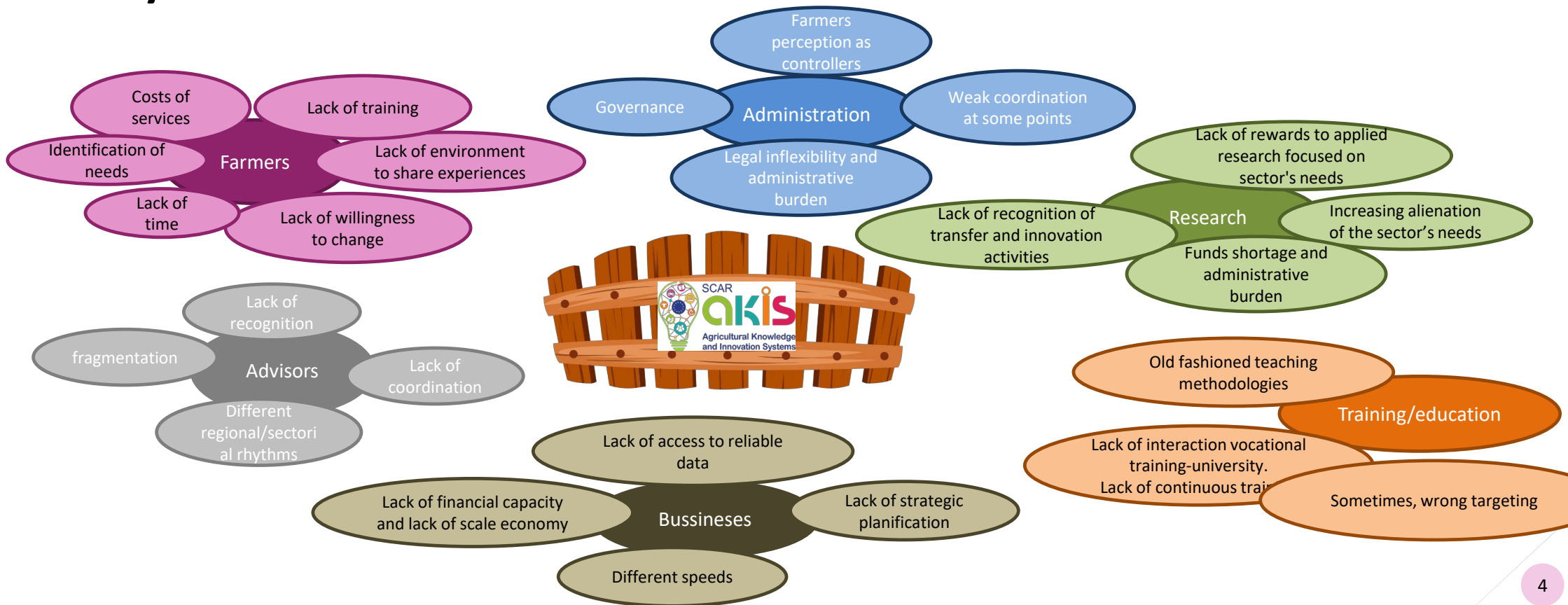
- Complex implementation of measures 1, 2 and EIP-Agri
- Low innovation investment below pre-economic crisis level
- Weak coordination among different agents and levels, absence of an integrated information and monitoring system at national level.
- Knowledge generated does not reach the end user or its implementation remains incomplete

• Threats

- Loss of practical knowledge due to lack of person to person exchange
- Low interoperability of digital tools
- Low connexion between AKIS can lead to scattered and lost of knowledge

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- Which **barriers and bottlenecks** are hindering knowledge flows in your AKIS? How to overcome them?



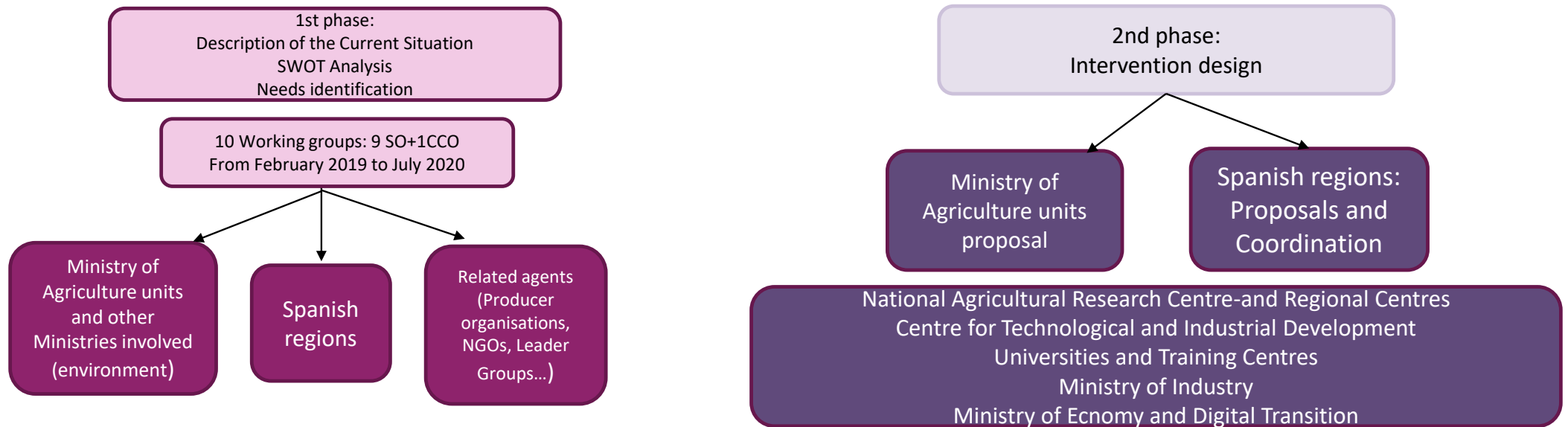
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- What should be the main **changes to implement** if you compare with the current situation?



A) Characteristics of your AKIS: SWOT

- How is the **preparation process** for the future AKIS going in your country?
How is the **interaction with non-agricultural Ministries?**



Actions under the recovery and resilienc facility: digitization, companies boostment based on innovation and technology, green deal

(i) how will the **organization and structuring of the AKIS** be improved?

- Interventions at national level focused on the SWOT analysis and conclusions and recommendations of Focus Group on Advisory within AKIS: three areas

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:

(ii) in particular, how will **advisors, researchers and CAP networks improve their cooperation** and the sharing of knowledge in an integrated manner; and

AKIS Advisors Platform: registration, searching engine for farmers, training, demonstration, exchange of experiences for advisors and related actors, contact point with researchers, farmers, trainers

how they will **provide advice, knowledge flows and innovation support services?**

- Coordinated regional and national interventions – policy level discussion-.
- Ministry of Agriculture is focused on coordination and subsidiary support
 - FairShare and i2Connect participation
 - Focus Group on Advisors within AKIS: analysis and improvement of the role of advisors, paths of evolution, training needs, improvement of their role in AKIS at national level

C) interventions planned for your future AKIS

- What are the **main CAP interventions you plan** for your national AKIS with regard to:

→Focus on target groups (S&M farmers, women, young farmers)

a. Enhancing knowledge flows and strengthening links between research and practice:

- National farm demonstration network, funding setting up, travelling costs and demonstration activities
- Networking activities among AKIS actors: meetings and workshops (targeted issues)
- Regional interventions ... local innovation centres?

b. Strengthening farm advisory services within the AKIS



AKIS ADVISORS PLATFORM

- Support for national and regional interventions
- Host or link regional platforms (on demand)

c. Strengthening interactive innovation and EIP OGs

- EIP – Agri cooperation: more budget (national level), better management (working with regional managers to set up common elements)

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- What are the **main CAP interventions you plan** for your national AKIS with regard to:
 - d. Supporting digital transition in agriculture
 - Training in digital skills for producers and advisors
 - Boost of Open
 - Financial support for digital entrepreneurs in the agri-food sector
- Any issues with the **budget** needed to come to a good result?
 - The distribution of funds between regions and ministry is still to be decided at political level.

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- **Non interventions but still part of AKIS at CAP SP:**
 - Platform (recovery funds-timeline)
 - Innovation workshops (targeted knowledge Exchange, H2020 actors)
 - Follow up of funded innovations, market approach, impact
 - Governance: coordination unit-ministries involved-regions-relevant actors
 - Agrifood-Digital competences centre: agreement with Universities
 - Financial support for Agrifood companies developments based on innovation
 - Setting up of an Agrifood DIH within the Ministry's premises
 - BigMAPA Project: Agrifood open data
 - Digital uptake observatory (Agrifood sector)

.... SPANISH DIGITAL STRATEGY FOR THE AGRIFOOD SECTOR (2019)

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- **All based on Focus Group Advisory within AKIS recommendations:**

- **Strategic approach:** improvement of the coordination at national (other Ministries) and regional (with Spanish regions) level
- **Governance:** taking advantages of existing actions and mechanisms at regional at sectorial level to made them part of the national governance
- **Maintenance of FEADER measures 1, 2 and 16** (training and information, advisory and cooperation)
 - Streamlining of management procedures
- **Improvement of structure and knowledge of advisory system:**
 - Room for every advisor interested
 - Respect to impartiality and quality of the advice
 - Establishment of a platform for knowledge Exchange and coordination among advisors
- **Reinforce of the network effect:** multi-actor events → Exchange of sector needs and R&D results
- **Boost demonstrative actions,** → National network of demonstrative holdings. Access to R&D and bussines
- **Focus on target groups:** → Specific actions for groups less represented in AKIS (S&M farmers, women, young farmers)
 - Inclusion of distributions, consumers and society
- **Reconnect and reinforce the triangle Science-Innovation-Education** (Vocational training and long-lasting training)
- Enhance **peer learning.**
- **Strengthen interaction among AKIS' actors:** → development of trust connexions, foster innovation ecosystem

Discussion:

All comments, questions and suggestions very welcome!



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

