



**Ministry of Environment  
and Food of Denmark**  
The Danish  
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# The Danish AKIS 2019 and post 2020

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## Setting the Scene.

**The Danish Agricultural sector is characterised with a high degree of horizontal integration.**

**Farmer owned from input supply and distribution to dairy and slaughterhouses.**

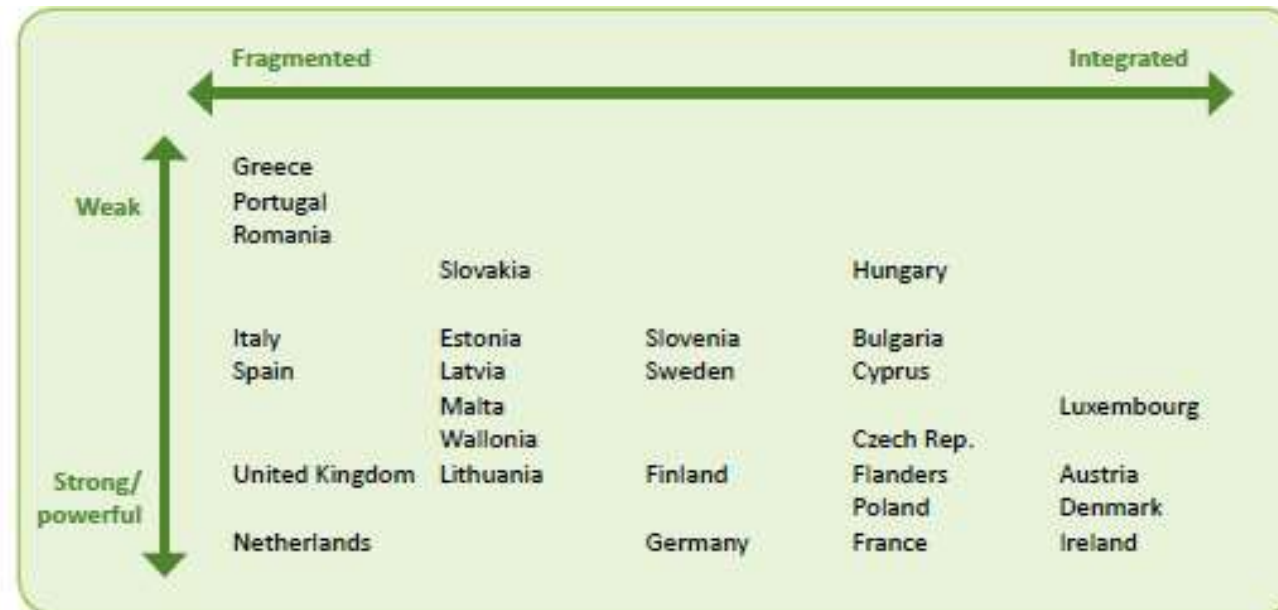
**Some 35.000 agricultural holdings. However, less than 1/3 are full time holdings.**

**Average farm size was 76 ha. and increasing app. 2 ha. annually.**

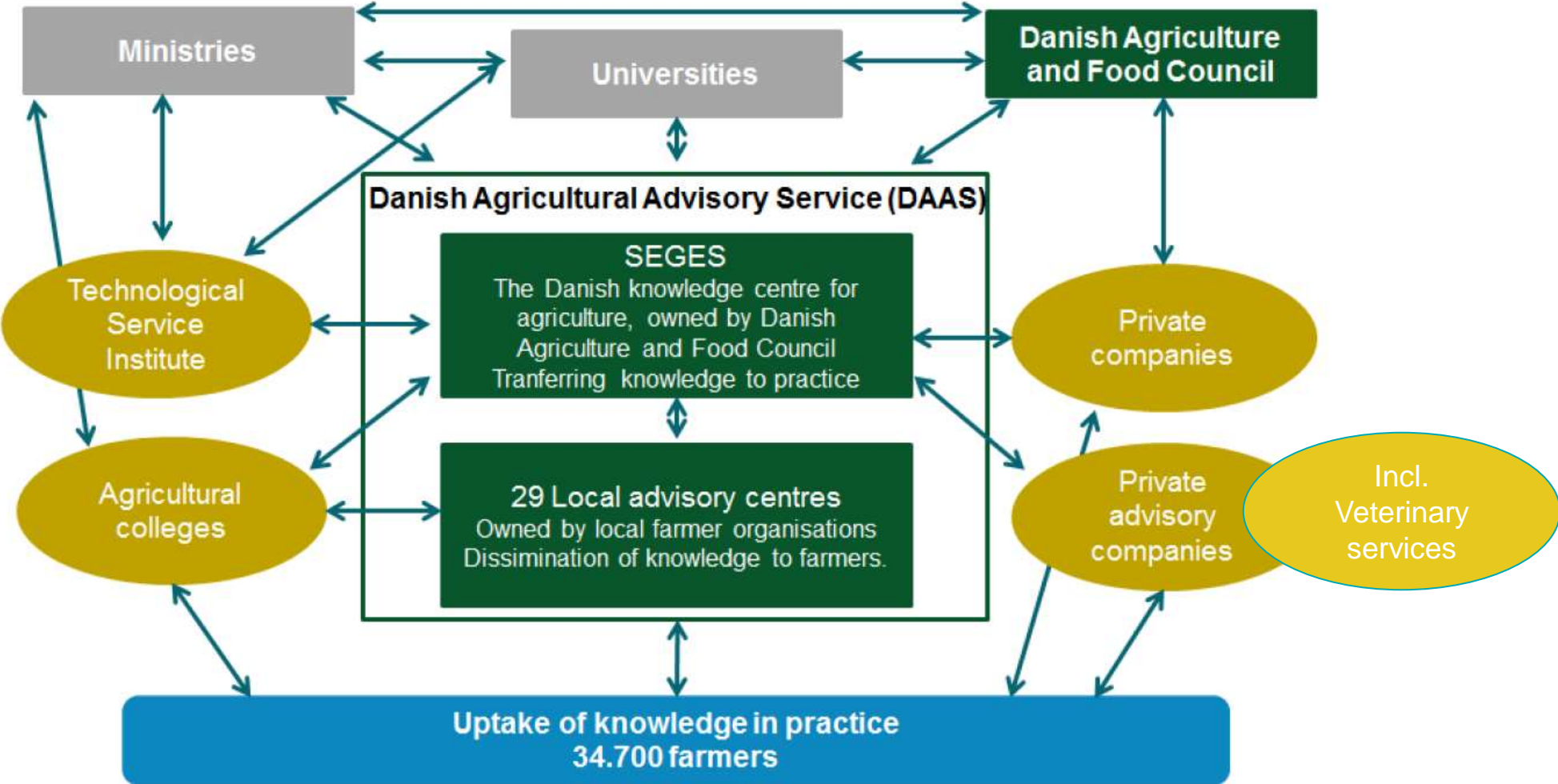
**Innovation – annual increase in productivity 3.6 pct.**



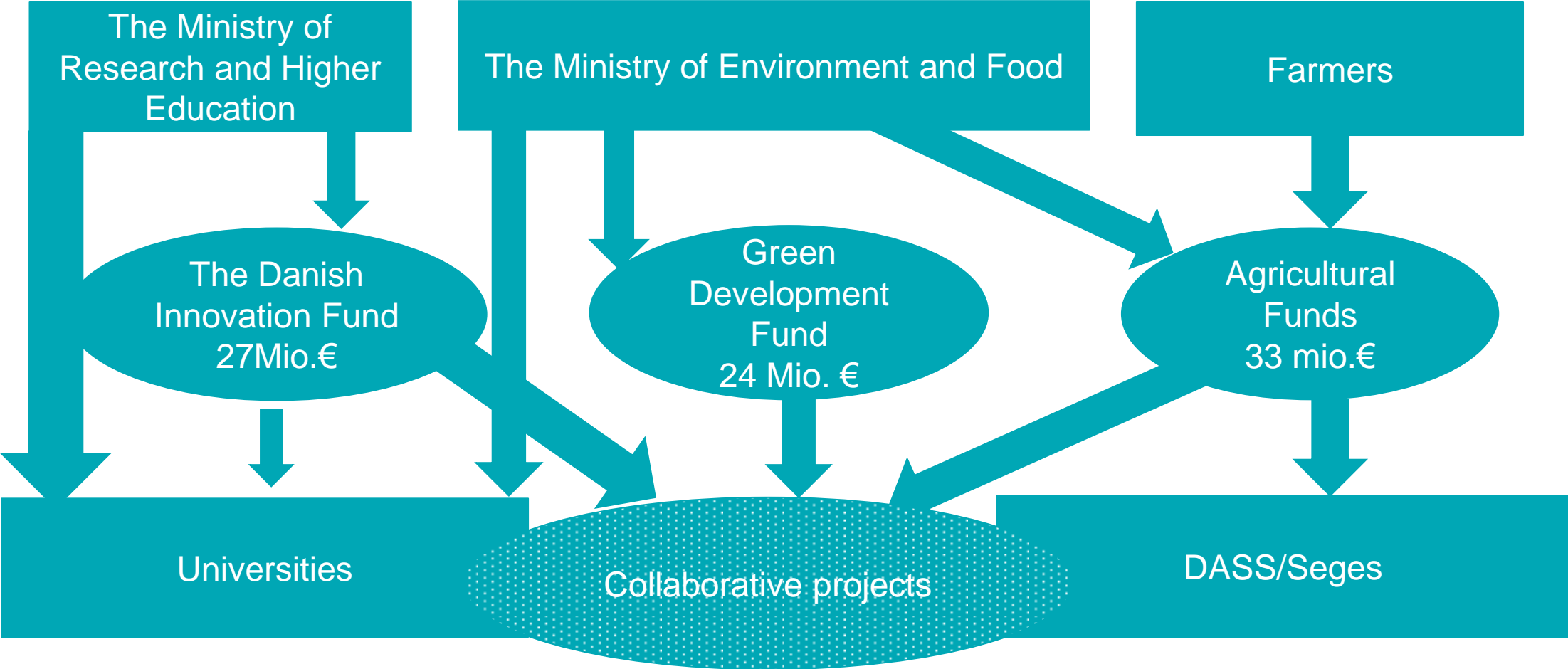
# The 2014 Pro AKIS evaluation of National AKIS Systems.



# The Danish AKIS System



# The Research and Innovation Funding Streams.



**The Danish AKIS System is considered to be a strength.**

**Existing – farmer lead – advisory services foster cooperation and sharing of knowledge.**

**Broad coverage of independent advisory service**

**Existing - Countrywide - farmer lead - on farm experiments and tests (national OG)**

**Existing - Joint research committees between farmers/adviser and researcher/universities.  
(national OG)**

**Existing - Joint research project and research facilities between farmer/advisers and  
research/universities.**

**Existing – national funding mechanisms for collaborative research and innovation.**

**No apparent bottlenecks hindering knowledge flows.**



# Possible Future CAP interventions

To build on national systems hence limited scope for specific interventions in relation to:

- On strengthening farm advisory service
- On strengthening links between research and practice
- On interactive innovation

However, continue national funding and foster collaborative research.

Support for digital transition through investment support for implementation of new technologies.

Key questions still under discussion:

Role CAP network?

Operational groups do they need CAP-funding?

CAP funding may inflict additional administrative costs/burden?

