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Day 2: Thursday 17 September 2020

Part III: Main building blocks of AKIS

14:00 - 15:00

Integrating advisors in the AKIS to foster the sharing of knowledge and innovation for agriculture and rural areas

- **Introduction** to the topic – Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI
- **Inspirational speakers:**
 - Integration of Slovenian advisors in the AKIS – Anton Jagodic, Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, SI
 - Experience from an NGO delivering advice and much more – Razvan Popa, Adept Foundation, RO
 - Develop innovation support services including innovation brokering, facilitation and innovation tools and much more - Marleen Gysen, Innovatiesteunpunt, BE
- **Inputs to the topic from participants:** highlights from the **Google Document B** – Mark Gibson, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- **Group discussion** in plenary

15:00 - 15:20

Coffee break



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Integration of Slovenian advisors in the AKIS

In red you see the links with the other parts of the AKIS

Anton JAGODIC - Head of the Advisory service of the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, SI, 17 september 2020



- The Public Agriculture Advisory Service in Slovenia works in nine legal entities under the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia (CAFS)
- It covers all regions in Slovenia, all types of farmers, and all farmers' needs (including the FAS obligatory fields).
- Human resources: 315 advisors covering the fields of agronomy, animal husbandry, food technology, nature protection, economics, law
- Structure: the advisors service are organized in three levels (field advisor, specialist advisor, coordinator advisor)
- Financing: 80% public
- Slovenian agriculture: small holdings, high level of area and farmers in less favoured areas, unfavourable structure of farm owners



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What we are doing in the advisory service in Slovenia?

Advisory work Task 1 : RELATING TO THE TECHNOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY

- 1.1 Technological advice for all types of farming systems, including IPM and organic farming, Natura 2000, **agri-environment, protection of nature and the environment**
- 1.2 Activities in the field of agricultural land management (**irrigation data collection**, soil improvement)
- 1.3 Integrated plant protection (Supporting pest monitoring in the field for harmful org.)**
- 1.4 Advising on risk management (natural and other disasters, animals diseases and harmful organisms on plants)

Advisory work Task 2 : ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

- 2.1 Assistance in the preparation of farm development plans (modernization, conversion, remediation)
- 2.2 Encourage farm diversification (complementary activities, social issues)
- 2.3 Economic and tax advice (business plans), **FADN system support**
- 2.4 Short supply chains, quality schemes (public procurement of food in public institutions, traditional Slovenian breakfast and school scheme)**
- 2.5 Implementation of the Rural Development Program 2014 – 2020:
measures M1, M2, M3, M4, M6, M7, M9, M10, M11, M13, M14, M16



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Advisory work Task 3 : ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING AGRICULTURAL POLICY MEASURES, CAP

- 3.1 Implementation of agricultural policy measures
- 3.2 Direct payments – greening and 3.3 Cross compliance

Advisory work Task 4 : ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS, PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER FORMS OF PRODUCTION ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

- 4.1 **Producer Organizations** and groups (hereinafter: POs and SPs) **and other forms of integration**
- 4.2 **Associations, NGOs, agrarian communities and social entrepreneurship**

Advisory work Task 5 : Advice in the field of agricultural and agricultural-related regulations on farm level

Advisory work Task 6 : Management & coordination, development, documentation, reports, advisory tools, advisory system, **technological & metodological training **of advisors** (in connection with researchers), **AKIS stakeholders' connection****



Interaction with main AKIS actors in Slovenia

Knowledge flows work well with:

- Farms, Farmers' organizations
- Operational Groups (EIP)
- Ministries, other type public administrations involved in knowledge and innovation.
- Companies for the provision of agricultural inputs including knowledge services
- Other public services in agriculture
- Institutions for local development

• Knowledge flows needs to be strengthened with:

- Agricultural education (schools, higher institutes, universities,...)
- Research institutes, Applied research institutes/Technology centers
- Entities that provide lifelong training
- Agrifood Industry (processors etc)
- Cooperatives and Federations of Cooperatives
- Media and other NGOs



Involvement in EIP

- 13/2/2015: The European Commission officially approved the RDP 2014-2020 for Slovenia. 1/12/2017: Slovenia adopted the Regulation on implementing the measure M16
- Public agricultural advisory service:
 - Inclusion of advisors in the EIP Focus groups since 2015
 - Advisors participation in EIP workshops and conferences 2015 - 2020
 - **Organising meetings where OG and other AKIS actors are invited**
 - **Promotion of OG projects**
 - **Advisors are now compulsory part of Operational Groups (EIP)** in
9 EIP and 7 pilot projects under M16 cooperation approved on 17 January 2019 and 17 EIP and 14 pilot projects under M16 cooperation approved on 6 January 2020.



Differences and approaches, some highlights

Linkages between farms and their field advisors:

- a good knowledge process is based on **trust** between the farmer and his advisor
- The field advisor can always include different **specialists** for a specific professional field if depth knowledge is needed (**mutual learning through the advisory process**).

Rural development specialist advisors

- they integrate economic advising, identify the possibility of meeting necessary criteria, prepare development plans for farms, prepare business plans and monitor investments, and take care of connecting the investment cycle with the necessary support needs of farms and other advisors.
- They are **involved in the processes of preparation and implementation of the RDP (Agency and MAFF), help to promote measures and share all relevant information in real time.**



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Advisors for family farms & working points for diversification on farm

- processing of primary agricultural products
- processing of forest timber assortments
- sale of agricultural products and farm products
- the breeding and processing of aquatic organisms
- **on-farm tourism**
- activity related to traditional farm knowledge, services or products
- the processing of plant waste and the production and sales of **energy from renewable sources**
- services with agricultural and forestry machinery and equipment and manual labour
- consultancy and training in relation to agricultural, forestry and supplementary activities
- **social assistance**



Differences and approaches, some highlights

Advisors specialists for **food and non-food processing**

Processing of food of animal, plant and raw materials of non - food origin, **agro-tourism** farm advisors.

Link between advisors inside CAFS institutes with other experts from different public services

Slovenia has 16 different public services (e.g. plant health protection, milk content monitoring, management of forestry, beekeeping advisory service, fisheries advising, vegetable breeding and testing, crop introduction & determining processing value....) in agriculture, some of them operate within the CAFS system – basis for daily exchange of knowledge with public services experts

Back-office work:

- management of **expert groups**, bringing together specialist advisors, researchers, faculty and other institutes' relevant experts
- organization of **training**
- preparation and publication of instructions, forms, data, protocols, educational materials



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Thank you for your attention

Anton JAGODIC- Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, SI, 17 september 2020

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