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Day 3: Friday 18 September 2020

Part V: AKIS strategic plans and AKIS interventions

14:00 - 14:10

Resuming our journey

- Welcome back – Sarah Watson, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- **Introduction** to the topic – Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI

14:10 - 14:45

Preparing the AKIS strategic plan and choosing the right interventions

- **Inspirational speakers:**
 - Preparing the **Spanish** AKIS strategy – Rocio Wojski and Andres Montero, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, ES
 - The **Slovenian** example – Joži Cvelbar, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, SI
 - AKIS interventions in the **Estonian** CAP plan: Helena Pärenson, Ministry of Rural Affairs, EE
 - The **Dutch** AKIS interventions in the CAP plan post 2020 – Jan van Esch, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, NL

14:45 - 15:35

Designing AKIS interventions

- Inputs to the topic from participants: highlights from the **Google Document D** – Mark Gibson, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- Interactive session in **breakouts** – groups will be challenged to design a concrete AKIS and related interventions for their own country based on the examples presented and adapted to the country's own context

15:35 - 15:55

Coffee break





REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA
MINISTRSTVO ZA KMETIJSTVO,
GOZDARSTVO IN PREHRANO

Preparing the AKIS strategic plan
and choosing the right intervention

The Slovenian example

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and Innovation Systems (AKIS) in Member States**
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AKIS in CAP Strategic Plan

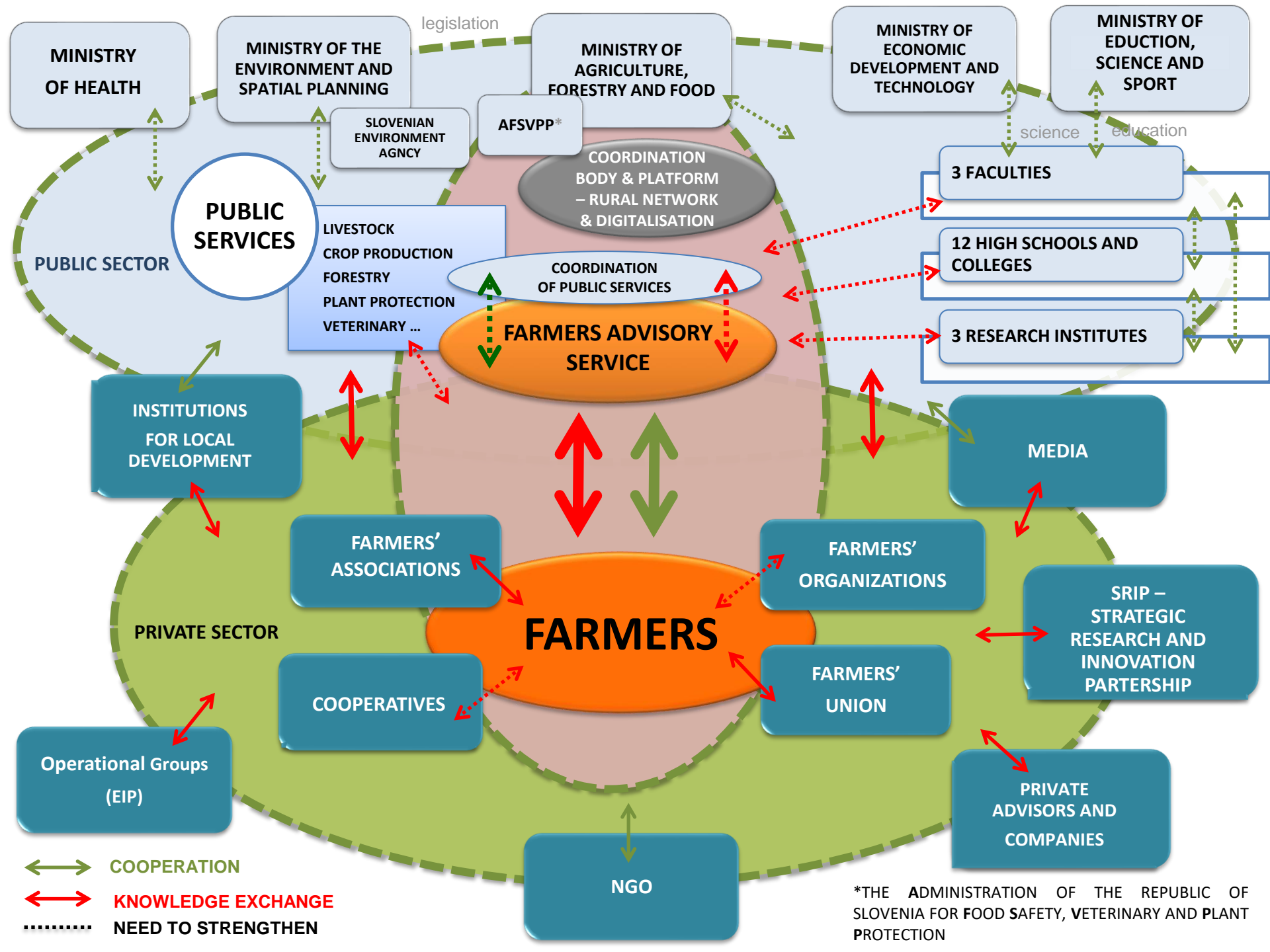
The structure of the institutions that form AKIS in Slovenia is **diverse, fragmented** and it **varies** from traditionally strong cooperation to more declarative cooperation. Although AKIS structure is set up, it needs to be **further improved** and **strengthened**.

The national resolution for Agriculture from 2019, addresses **3 specific objectives** within the AKIS:

- Strengthening the research support for the development of agriculture and rural areas
- Effective knowledge transfer to the end-users
- Active and effective AKIS

SLOVENIAN CAP STRATEGIC PLAN

- **KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**
 - ✓ EDUCATION
 - ✓ PUBLIC SERVICES IN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
 - ✓ ADVISORY SERVICE
 - ✓ OTHER FORMS OF KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER
 - ✓ GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION (MINISTRIES)
- **RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**
- **DIGITALIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AREA**



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SLOVENIAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

AFSVPP*

COORDINATION BODY & PLATFORM – RURAL NETWORK & DIGITALISATION

PUBLIC SERVICES

LIVESTOCK
CROP PRODUCTION
FORESTRY
PLANT PROTECTION
VETERINARY ...

COORDINATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

FARMERS ADVISORY SERVICE

3 FACULTIES

12 HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

3 RESEARCH INSTITUTES

MEDIA

INSTITUTIONS FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

FARMERS' ASSOCIATIONS

FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS

SRIP – STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PARTERSHIP

FARMERS

COOPERATIVES

FARMERS' UNION

PRIVATE ADVISORS AND COMPANIES

NGO

PRIVATE SECTOR

Operational Groups (EIP)

COOPERATION

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

NEED TO STRENGTHEN

*THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA FOR FOOD SAFETY, VETERINARY AND PLANT PROTECTION

STRENGTHS

- education is free of charge
- advising and public services are free of charge
- good regional cover of Farm Advisory Service and educational/research institutions
- strong tradition of Farm Advisory Service
- targeted research programs in the field of agriculture are designed as a special program as a part of the National Research Program
- active involvement of researchers in the international cooperation

WEAKNESSES

- lack of coordinated actions among the Ministries
- insufficient financing for the research projects
- weak identification of farmers' needs
- inefficient communication between the institutions (e.g. research, public services and Farm Advisory Service)
- weak transfer of knowledge and innovation into practice
- lack of highly specialized Farm Advisory Services in specific areas (e.g. natural resource protection, climate change)
- lack of mentorship (farmer to farmer) and demonstration activities
- obsolete infrastructure and equipment for Research and Development (R&D)

Pillar of AKIS

Identified needs (Suggested intervention)

Knowledge exchange

- set up of AKIS platform - **(Article 112 & 113, National funds)** → our plan in the framework of CAP Network
- increasing the attractiveness of agricultural educational programs - **(National funds)** → in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science
- strengthening cooperation among AKIS stakeholders - **(Article 71 & 112, National funds)** → for instance with OGs-EIP, Leader, enhancing and use of AKIS platform, coordination in the level of public services & AKIS Coordination Body
- improving farmers knowledge and knowledge flow among them - **(Article 71 & 72)** → for instance with OGs-EIP, mentoring farmer to farmer & demonstration activities
- strengthening farm advisory service and other public services - **(article 72, National funds)** → with more harmonized multiannual and annual programs of public services as well as implementation, better cooperation among services and enhanced national and international training programs for advisors
- investments in Farm Advisory Service and other public services and educational institutions **(Article 68, NextGen, National funds)**

Pillar of AKIS

Identified needs (Suggested intervention)

Innovation

- set up of AKIS platform - **(Article 112 & 113, National funds)**
- strengthening applied research in agriculture and innovation - **(National and other EU funds)**
- strengthening innovative solutions, innovation brokering and financing of innovation in agriculture - **(article 71 & 112, National funds)** → for instance setup of innovation broker function within CAP network/Coordination Body
- strengthening cooperation between research institutions and agricultural practice, improve the transfer knowledge into practice - **(Article 71 & 72, 112)** → For instance through OGs and coordination through public services and AKIS platform/CAP Network
- development of the Centers of Excellence of Science & Knowledge in Agriculture - **(National funds, NextGen, Article 68 & 72)** → For example investments in scientific institutions , educational institutions and public services

| Pillar of AKIS | Identified needs (Suggested intervention) |
|----------------|---|
| Digitalization | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• set up of AKIS platform - (Article 112 & 113, National funds)• support digitalization of processes, interlink all public data, publicly available data, digital advisory tool and investments - (NextGen, National funds, Article 112) → activities are planned in connection with general digitization projects at the national and ministry level• Strengthening use of digital technologies in agricultural production - (Article 68 & 72) → with investments and knowledge transfer |

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