



**EIP-AGRI Seminar
'Promoting creativity and
learning through agricultural
knowledge systems and
interactive innovation'**

3-4 December 2015
Dublin, Ireland

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AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority

EIP-AGRI SEMINAR KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

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North City Hotel, Co. Meath Ireland, December 3-4 2015



Teagasc

Teagasc – Pronounced “Chawg-ask” is a Gaelic word meaning “instruction”

The Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority

An autonomous state agency

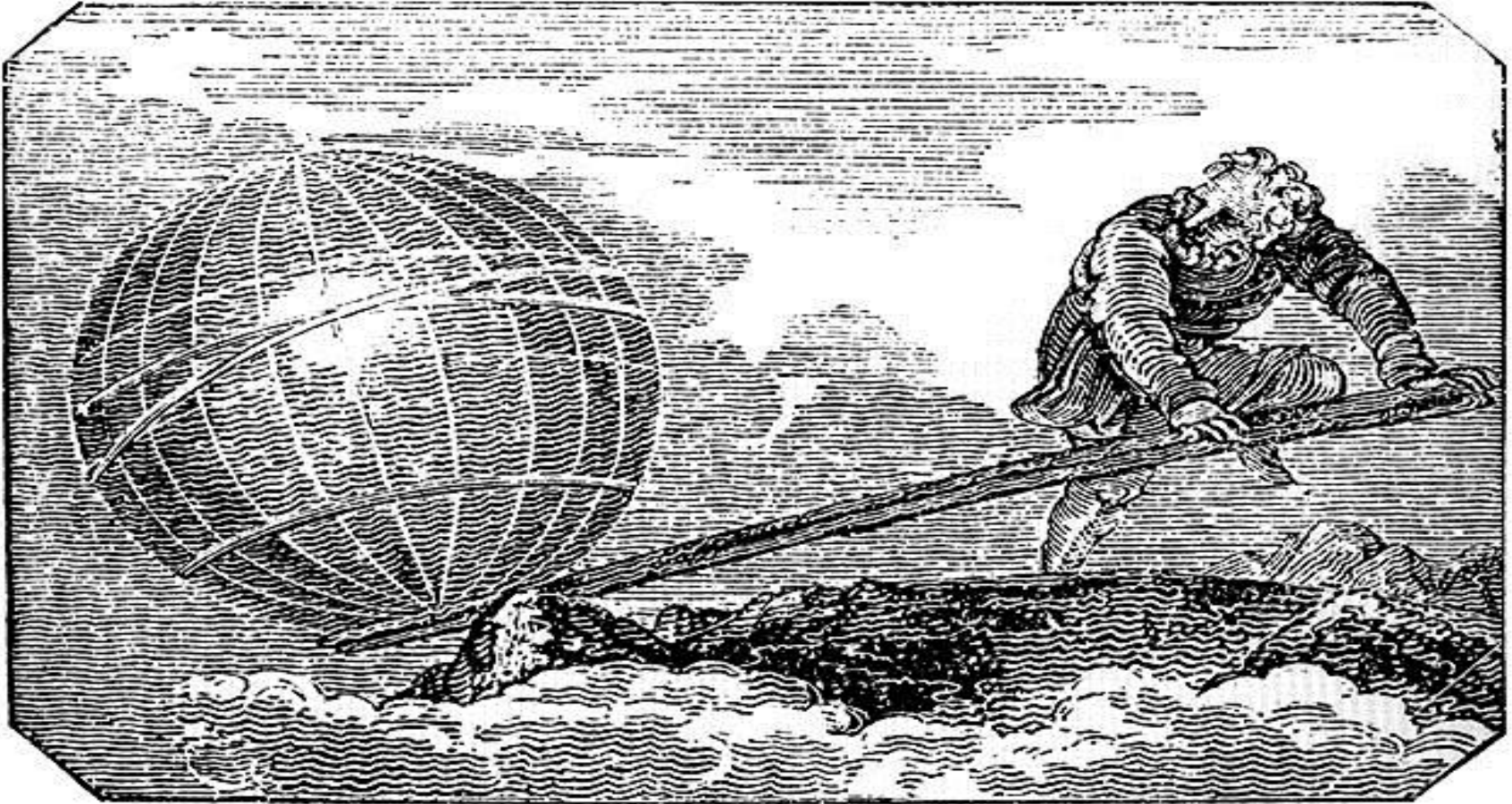
Established in 1988 as an amalgamation of two separate bodies embracing Research, and Education & Advisory/Extension

State Advisory/Extension and Education service a legacy of 100+ years

Agricultural research 50+ years

Budget c. €170 m. Staff 1,200

'Knowledge is the lever of riches'



Innovation drives prosperity

Profitability/Competitiveness =

Productivity X Relative prices

= f (Useable knowledge = innovation)

Strategic Pathway 1

Striking a balance between an appropriately resourced public advisory service and a private service

Strategic Pathway 2

Teagasc to focus on driving sustainable on-farm profitability through productivity

Maximise Sustainable Farm Incomes

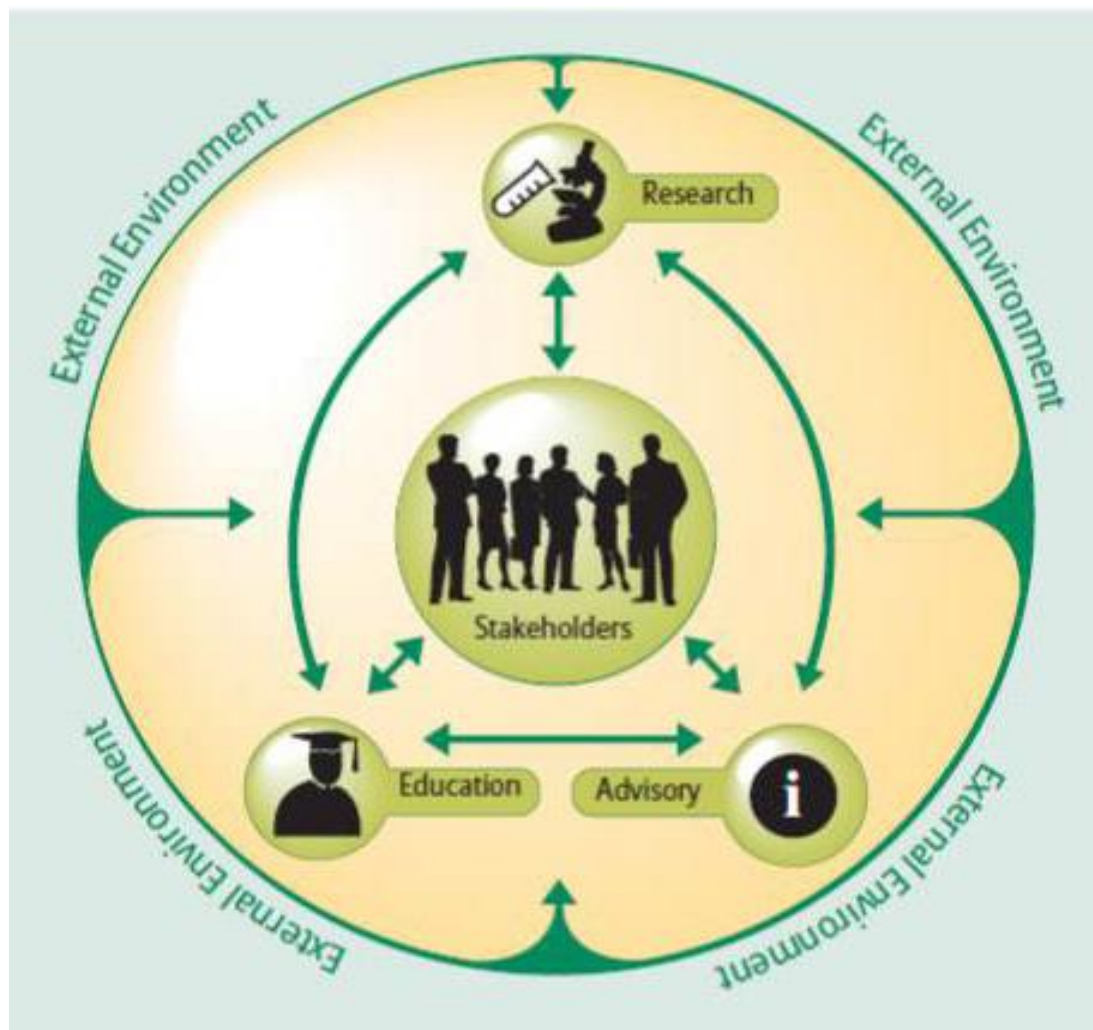
Increase frontline advisor numbers to 240

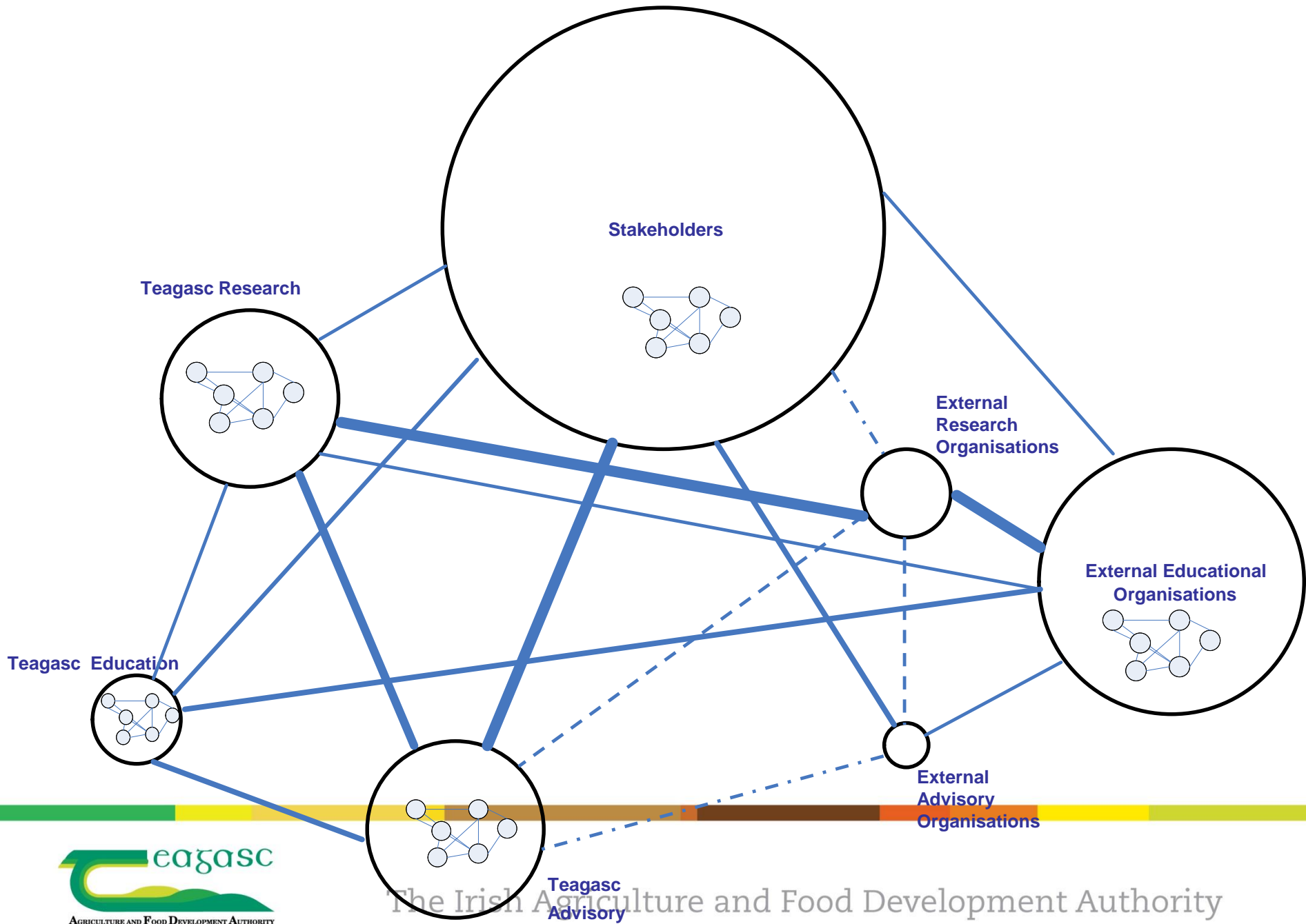
Strategic Pathway 3

Intensify the overhaul of the Teagasc advisory service delivery model

Strategic Pathway 4

Teagasc Agricultural Knowledge Innovation System (AKIS)





'Innovation is about new-ideas adding-value ...'

Research

Converts €s to knowledge

Produce knowledge

e.g. Den 1% of need

Publish or perish

Do it yourself (authorship)

Just in case

Discipline and curiosity
driven

Innovation

Converts knowledge to €s

Access knowledge

e.g. Den 99% of need

Demo or die

Get it done (strategic)

Just in time

Multi-disciplinary, agnostic
and problem oriented

Thank You