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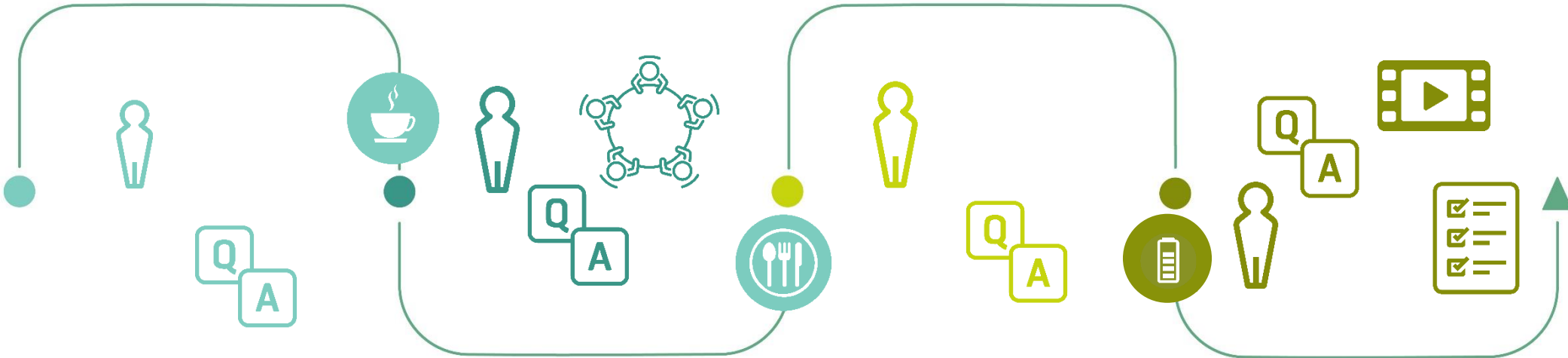
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EIP-AGRI Service Point work programme

Ideas for the innovation strand national CAP network

Ideas for networking activities European CAP network

Achievements of EIP-AGRI network




***Suggestions for improving knowledge exchange,  
networking and innovation  
Teagasc perspective***

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# Suggestions for improving knowledge exchange, networking and innovation

## Teagasc perspective on strengthening the AKIS

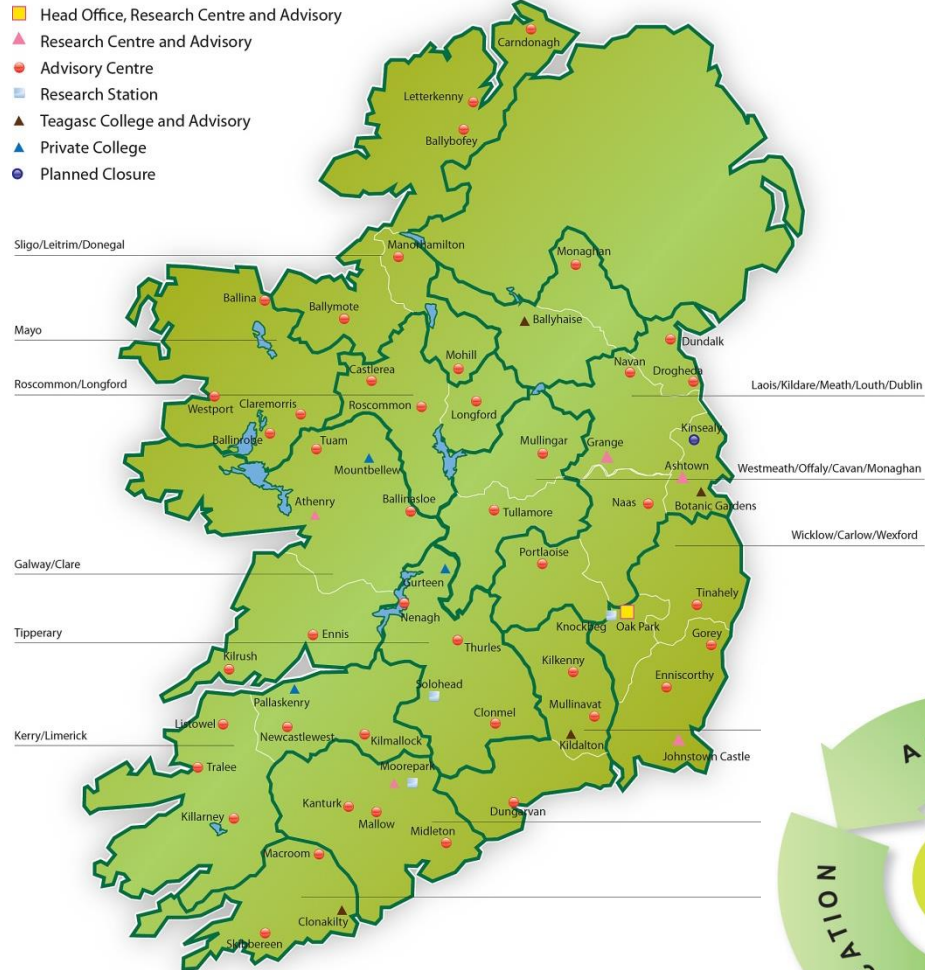
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# Teagasc Overview

50 Advisory Offices  
7 Agricultural Colleges  
7 Research Centres



(1,200)	Perm.	Con.	Total
Researchers	120	110	230
Advisors	240	30	270
Education	55	30	85
Specialists	65	0	65

650 Professional staff who interact with the all the Irish AKIS daily.



# The IE-AKIS in summary



# Teagasc current activities

- Integrated Research, Advisory and Education. (soil to food including environment)
- Collaborations with industry partners. e.g. Food Development, joint industry programmes - production
- Collaborations with, third level institutes and government e.g. Third Level degree courses, Walsh Scholarships, ASSAP.
- Outreach to rural professionals e.g. ConnectEd, training, online systems, information etc. – working with partners and networks
- Setting service standards and enabling / supporting networks – NRN / CAP/ EIP.

# Teagasc proposals for improved knowledge exchange, networking and innovation

## Support the IE-AKIS – Many Horizontal Challenges

– Economic, Age, H&S, Emissions, Water, Biodiversity, AMR, IPM, Regional.

### Advisors:

1. CAP AKIS network group (guide help the AKIS function)
2. Advisor CPD (Targeted and flexible delivery model)
3. Advisor register/inventory + Knowledge Exchange Platform

### Farmers:

1. Support for peer to peer learning (flexible and simplified KT)
2. Farmer CPD (Life Long learning for Farm Families + Farm Workers)
3. Targeted Young Farmer Training (Pre inheritance)

### All:

1. More Operational Groups (ground up innovation)
2. Reduced Administrative burden (for everyone)
3. Better use of Digital



# Thank You

- Questions?