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# AKIS and knowledge flows in Italian CAP Strategic Plans

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# 1 Italian Cap Strategic Plan: planning of the AKIS interventions

The Ministry of Agricultural, Forestry and Food Policy and 21 Regions/ Autonomous Provinces organized periodical meetings to decide the strategy and the issues of AKIS interventions for the next programming period

The NRN supported this activity proposing themes consistent with the Italian agriculture's strengths/weaknesses analysis and with European Commission support documents



# 2

## Italian Cap Strategic Plan: planning of the AKIS interventions

This complex process of dealing was facilitated by:

- ✓ the Network of the regional references for research and services (existing since 2001): member of this networks are the regional officials/directors who are experts in AKIS
- ✓ the custom to have a regular dialogue between the Regions and autonomous Provinces



# 3 Italian Network of the regional references for research and services

This organization was established to:

- ✓ promote discussion and exchange of experience among Regions and autonomous Provinces;
- ✓ agree on common positions;
- ✓ foster interregional research projects.

In the recent years the Regional Network decided to deal with the implementation of AKIS concept, for instance about advisory services, back-office, support for innovation

The secretary of Network is managed by Toscana Region



# 4 The commitment of Italian Network of the regional references for CAP SP

Italian Network of the regional references:

- organized some working groups, one for each intervention of Strategic Plan,
- collected the different needs of the Regions and autonomous Provinces for representing in the plenary meetings (regional officials/directors + officials of the national ministry of agriculture + staff of the NRN).

It is a good example of AKIS coordinated governance



# 5 AKIS and knowledge flows

One of the most critical weaknesses for Italian AKIS is the difficulty to communicate among the different AKIS actors and, as a consequence, the low Knowledge flows.

In this programming period the EIP AGRI intervention was an useful testing ground (In Italy 638 Operational Groups operated)





# AKIS and knowledge flows

In order to improve knowledge flows and collaboration among AKIS actors, the focus will be on:

- the coordinated implementation of interventions;
- the cooperation among the different components of AKIS (advisory, training, research, businesses, citizenship, public administration) in order to offer tools more consistent with each other and synergistic to the farms' system;
- re-proposition of the Operational Groups of the EIP AGRI in a more participatory way with respect to the different AKIS actors especially for advisors and farmers;
- training of AKIS operators.



# 7 AKIS and knowledge flows

Consistently with the previous aims, some AKIS interventions envisage the support to the coordination, to the cooperation and to the exchange of information, experiences, data.

They are:

- EIP AGRI
- Innovation support services
- Back office services
- Training activities



**Thank you for your attention**

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