

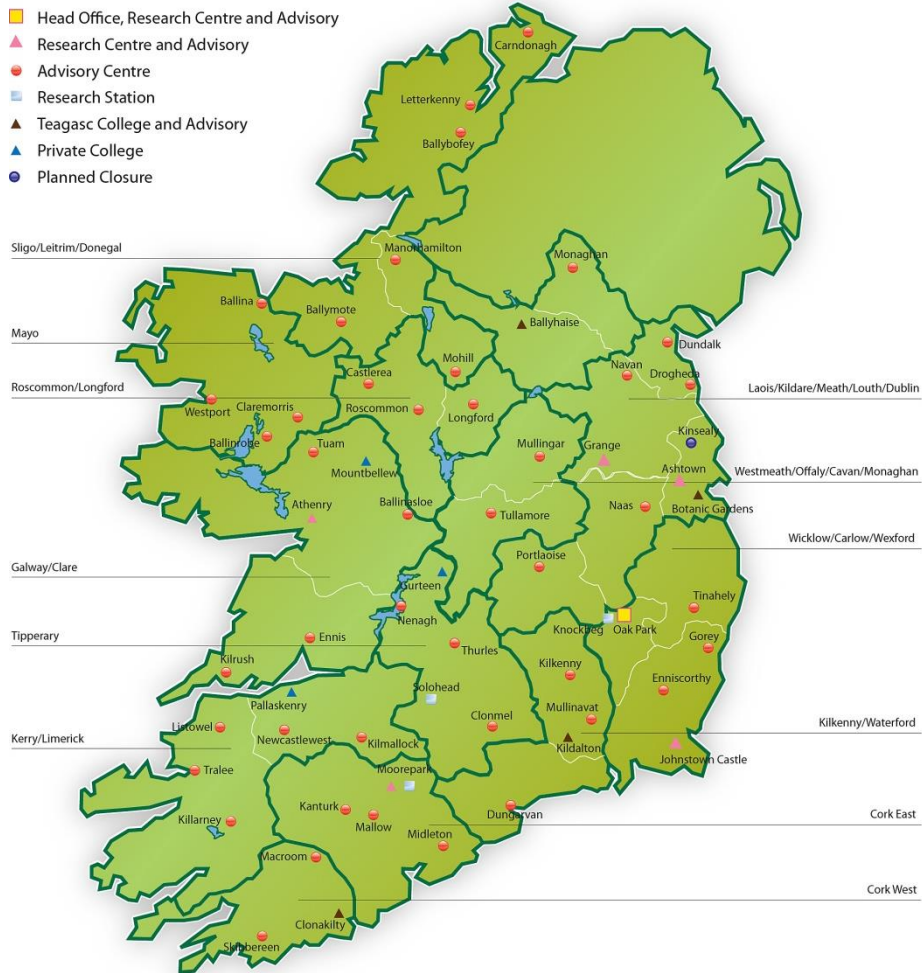
# Teagasc Networking for Innovation

*Prof. Tom Kelly, Head of Knowledge Transfer, Teagasc*



# Location & Staff

52 Advisory offices  
 4 Teagasc colleges  
 3 Private colleges  
 7 Research Centres

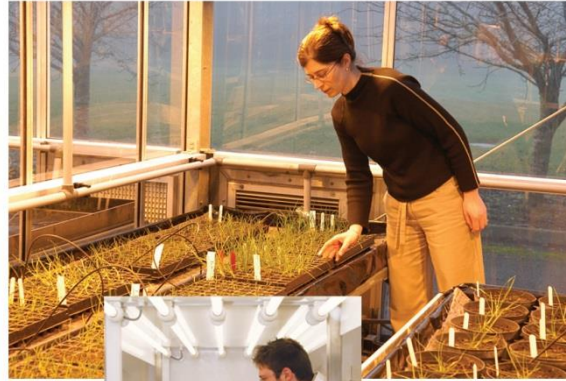


(1,228)	Perm.	Con.	Total
Researchers	115	115	227
Advisors	240	37	277
Education	53	32	85
Specialists	65	0	65

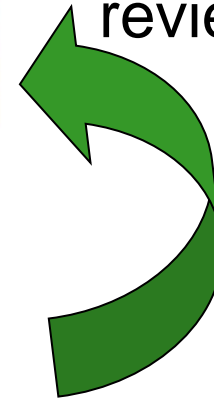


# Integrating Research and Knowledge

Researchers create new knowledge



Stakeholders participate in programme reviews



Specialists mould this knowledge into information for farmers



Advisers work with farmers to implement the new technology

# Effective advisory methods

## Adviser as Instructor



## Adviser as Facilitator



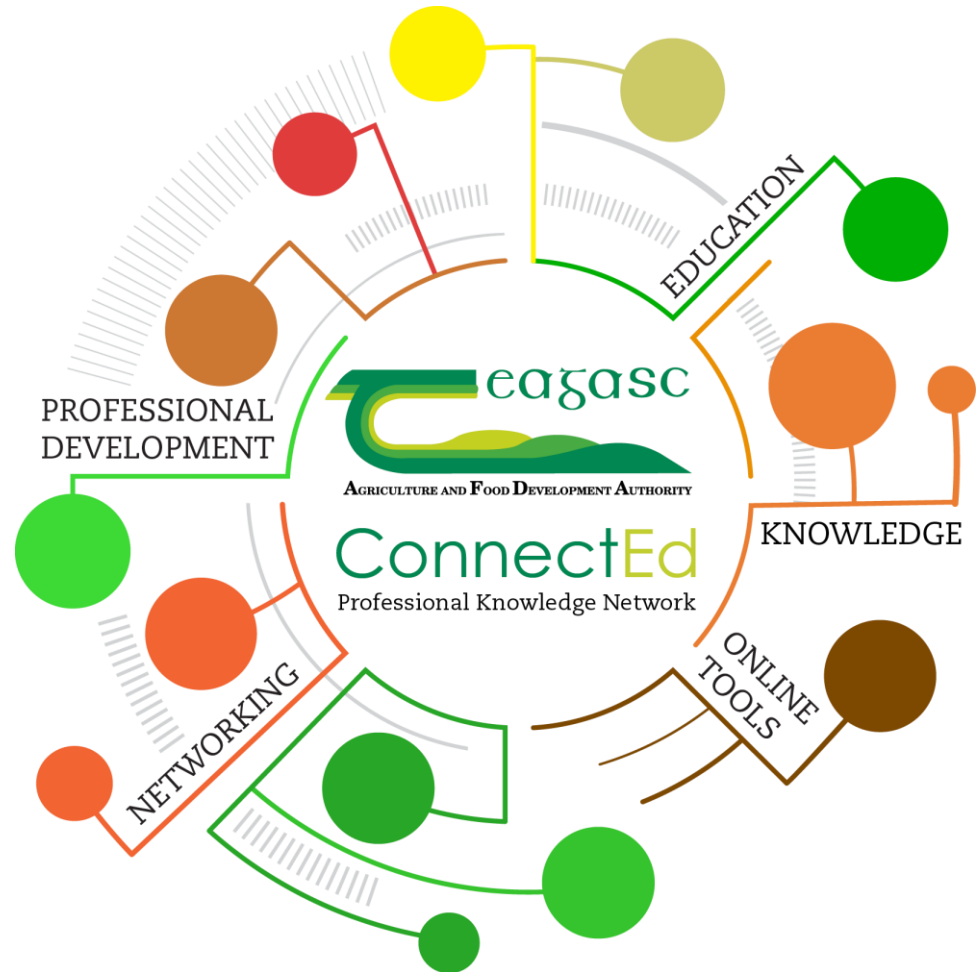
# Irish Discussion Groups – Peer to Peer Learning through facilitation of farm networks

- Discussion groups: 15-20 members managed by farmers and facilitated by advisors
- Substantial shift away from ‘one-to-one’ delivery and towards organised discussion groups
  - **Early 1990’s**: Teagasc incorporates discussion groups into advisory programmes
  - **Mid 1990’s**: industry (mainly dairy co-ops) become involved in discussion group programmes
  - **2009** : state support for formation of discussion groups (Dairy, Beef and Sheep)
  - **2015-2019**: -RDP M1 support for Knowledge Groups
- Now a valued part of CPD in the AKIS



# Teagasc ConnectEd Programme

Achieving more contact and impact by using all available rural networks and creating new ones



Research and knowledge transfer outreach programmes for rural professionals and businesses supporting the wider Irish AKIS