



PRO AKIS Final Conference

Brussels, 19 - 20 May 2015

Invitation and Program



Start : 19 May 2015, 4pm; End : 20 May 2015, 4pm

Background

From Dec. 2012 to May 2015, the PRO AKIS project (Prospects for farmers' support: Advisory Services in the European Agricultural Knowledge and Information Systems), has developed a conceptual framework for assessing AKIS, compiled an inventory of AKIS institutions and interactions in the EU-27 as a searchable database and detailed reports. Using selected case studies, specific knowledge systems were investigated through comparative analysis and assessments revealing successes, strengths and weaknesses which have been discussed in three synthesis seminars. Based on these findings, policy recommendations for strengthening European agricultural innovation systems are presently being developed.



Aim of the Conference

The aim of this final conference is to highlight and discuss the project's findings with a wider audience, thereby marking the official end of the project. Specific focus will be on:

1. Diversity of European AKIS
2. Impact and evaluation of advisory services within AKIS
3. Challenges for European advisory services
4. The AKIS inventory and its future



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Program Day 1

19th of May

Opening session

16:00 – 16:30 Welcome and conference opening address
 Dr. H-J Lutzeyer, DG Research and Innovation,
 EU Commission, Brussels

Diversity of European AKIS

- 16:30 - 18:30
1. Advisory services within the European AKIS - a brief overview
 2. Walking through the European AKIS - exhibition and discussion of the AKIS diversity

18:30 - [Get together with drinks and finger food](#)

Program Day 2

20th of May

Morning session

9:00 - 10:30

Impact and evaluation of Advisory Services

1. Introduction
2. Insights from the PRO AKIS systematic review with relevance for the FAS Evaluation in Europe
3. Invited speaker on Evaluation of Advisory Services - examples within and beyond Europe (invited)
4. Questions and discussion

10:30-11:00

[Coffee Break](#)

Morning session 2

11:00 - 13:00

Challenges for European Advisory Services

1. Challenges and gaps in the European AKIS
2. Key findings from PRO AKIS case studies:
 Highlighting: Farm diversity and advisory services, Farm diversity and EIP, Advisory services in and for innovation networks, Networks in AKIS
3. Experiences, questions and comments from the audience

13:00 - 14:00

[Lunch break](#)

Afternoon session and closure

14:00 - 16:00

The AKIS inventory and its future

1. The making of the inventory and the results – inter- and transdisciplinary dynamics in PRO AKIS
2. Panel discussion on future AKIS research and the use of PRO AKIS outputs – invited guests: Inge van Oost (DG AGRI), Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer (DG R&I), Tom Kelly (EUFRRAS), Dimitris V. (OECD)
3. Final remarks and closure of conference



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