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The AKIS and advisory services in SPAIN

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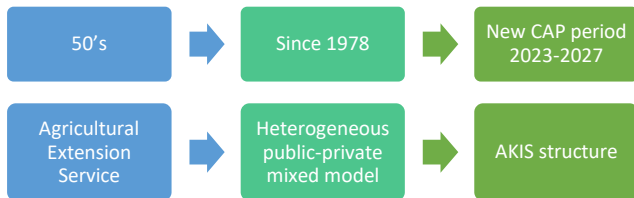
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Background

SPAIN- Decentralized country, but not ineffective.

17 Spanish regions which have the competence, the responsibilities and decision-making powers.

1978 Spanish Constitution + 17 Autonomy Statutes.



The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (MAPA) created the Focus Group on Advisory Services within AKIS (2019-2020).



*The AKIS governance levels in the studied i2connect countries
Source: Cross analysis of AKIS country reports from the i2connect project*

Background. Numbers and statistics:

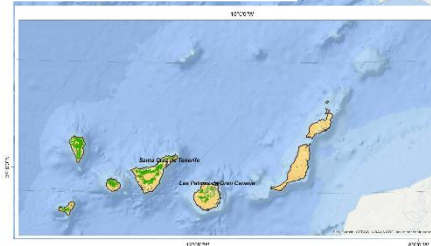
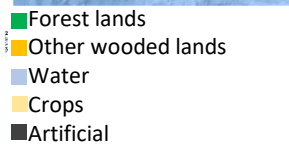
- **Area:** 505.983 km²
 - Agricultural area: 23,84 Mha.
 - Forest/wooded land: 28 Mha.
 - Forests. 36,3%.
 - Other Wooded Lands. 19%.

- **Rural area:** 84% of the land but only 16% of the population.

- **Agri-food sector:** 9,7 % GDP → Strategic sector with a multiplier effect.

- **Positive trade balance:** 18 M €.

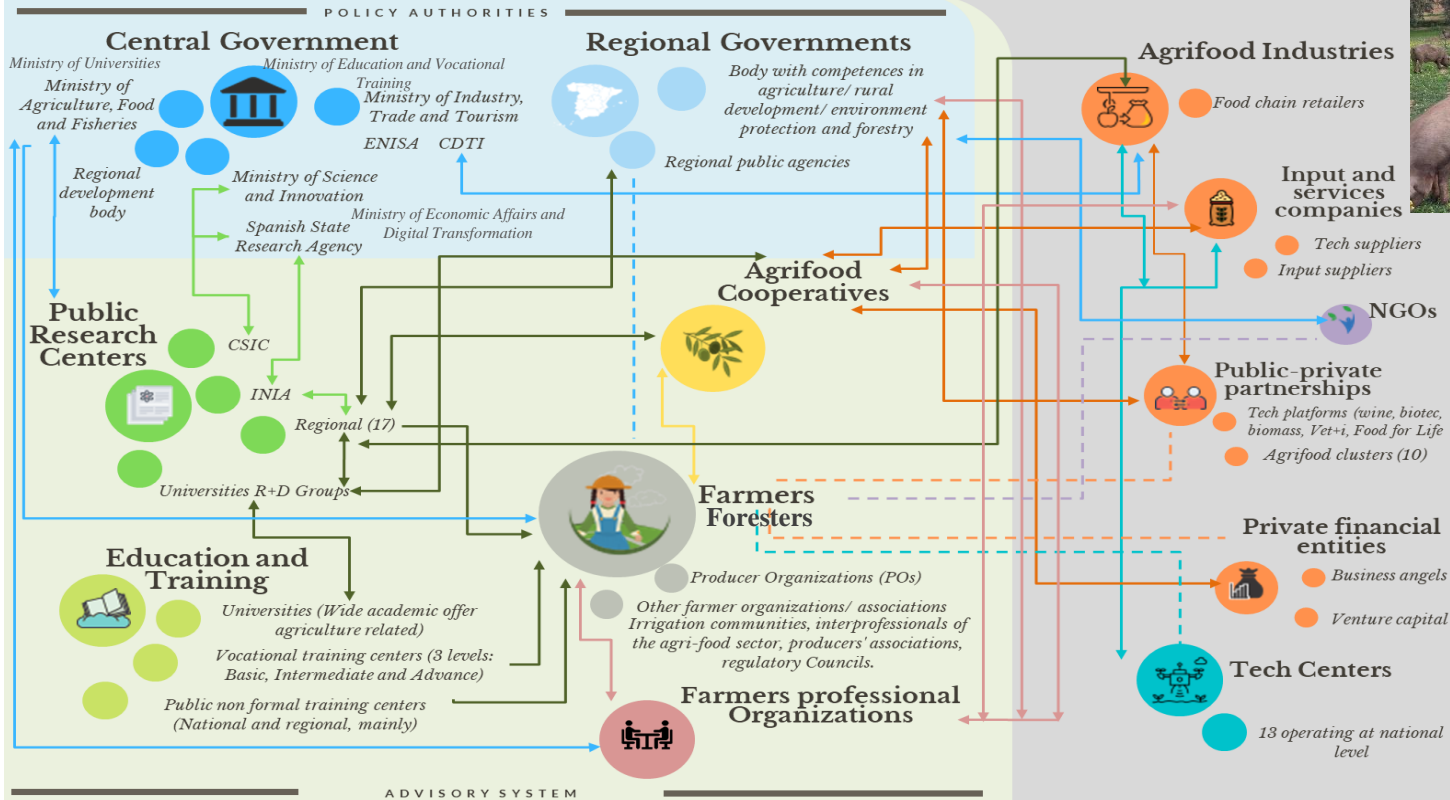
- **914.871 holdings** (2020).



The AKIS diagram:

AKIS DIAGRAM

SPANISH SYSTEM



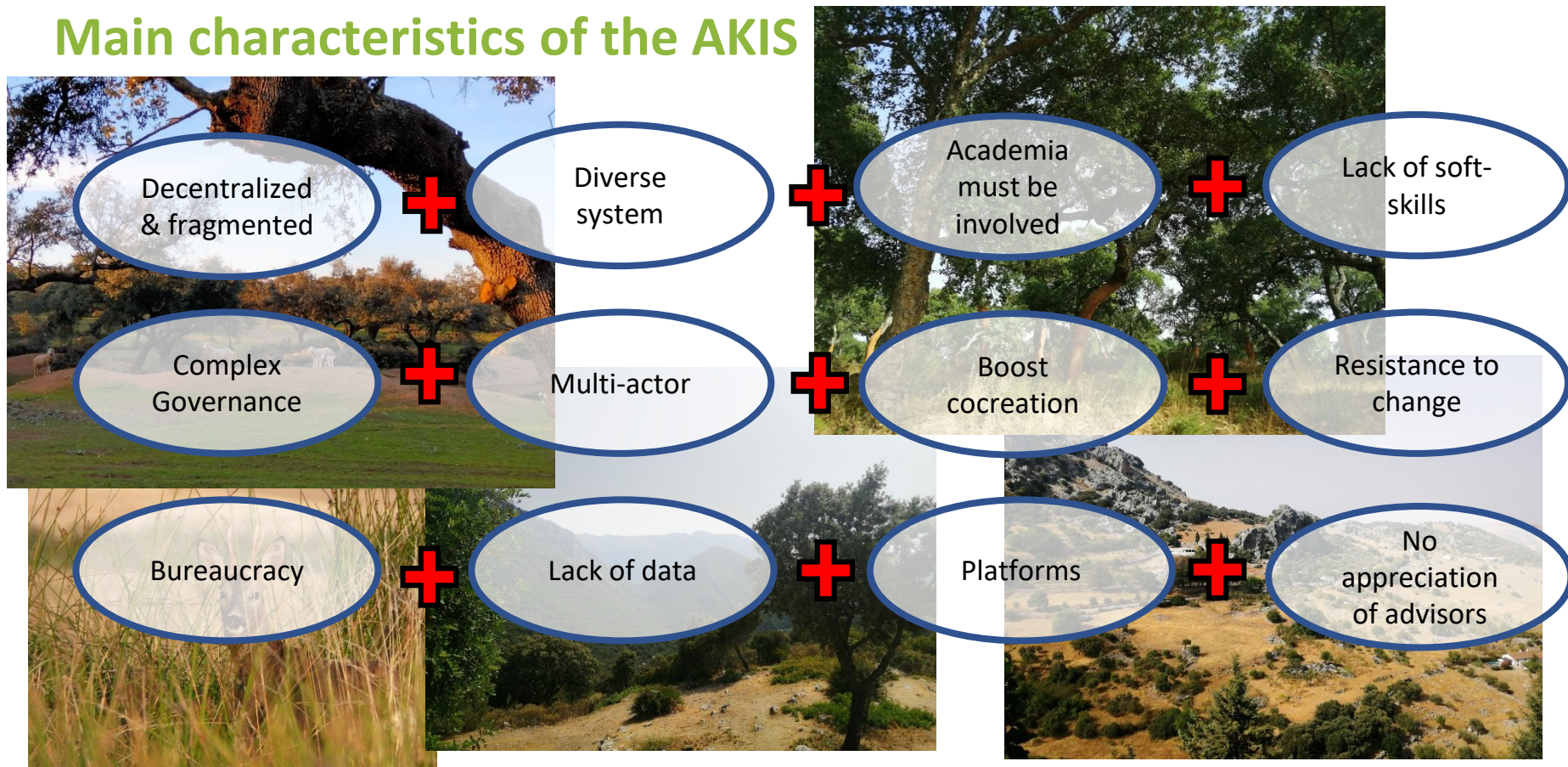
Main AKIS actors of Spain

Spanish AKIS shows the wide range of actors:

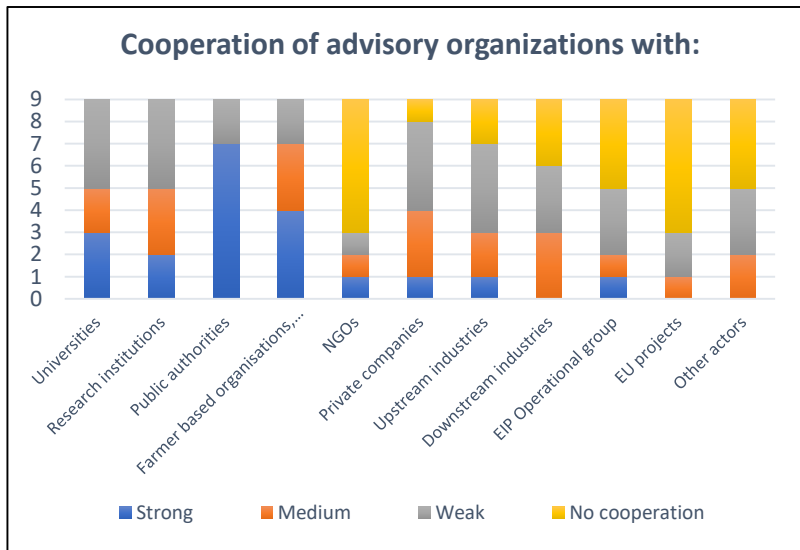
Public Authorities	Research and education	Farmers/Foresters and Farmer/Forester based organization	Private sector	Non-Governmental Organizations
Central government	Education and agricultural training (Public and private)	Farmers and Foresters	Agrifood industries	NGOs
Regional governments	National Institute for agricultural and food research and technology (CSIC-INIA)	Agri food cooperatives, Producer Organizations	Input and services companies	
	Regional Institutes for agricultural and food research and technology	Farmers/Foresters professional organizations (FPO)	Public-private partnerships	
	Tech centers	Other farmers and forester Organizations	Private financial entities	



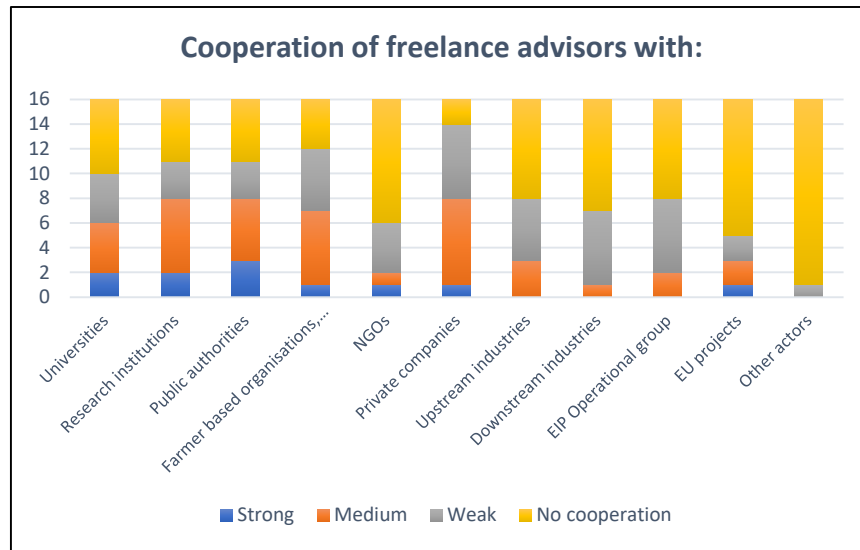
Main characteristics of the AKIS



Characterisation of advisory service provision



Involve private sector + Improve data.



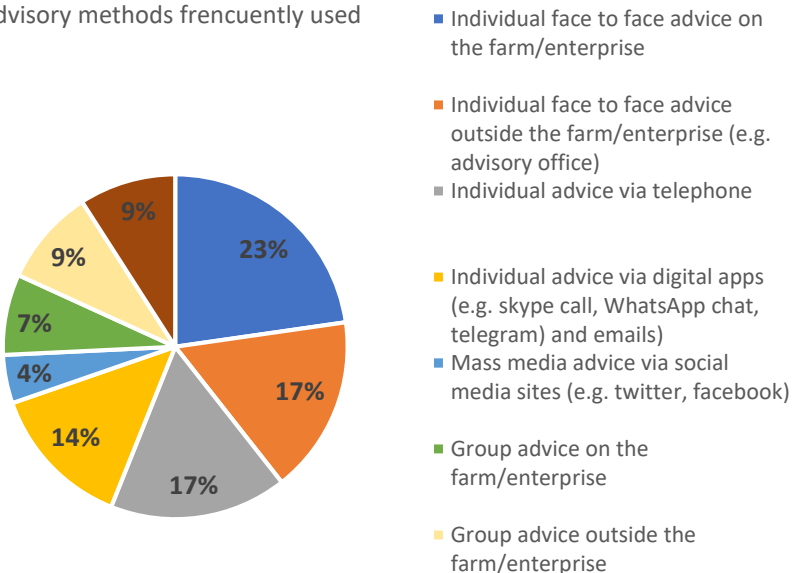
Reinforce cooperation.

Characterisation of advisory service provision

Conclusions of the i2connect survey launched in Spain:

- All advisors, whether individual or belonging to an organization, employ various advisory methods, mainly individual methods rather than group-based advisory.
- Individual advisory via digital apps is increasingly used by advisors.
- Freelance advisor uses less group advisory methods than the advisors who represent an organization.
- To sum-up, there are 37 responses, 23 claim to have changed their working method towards more digital formulas implementing the use of different ICTs.

Advisory methods frequently used



Percentage of advisory methods used by the three advisory provider's categories included in the i2connect survey.

Summary

**Fragmented structure of the current Spanish AKIS → AKIS Coordination Body.
Large number of actors and different relationships between them → Great variety.**

New possibilities offered by the new period of the CAP for the strengthening of the AKIS.

Knowledge and methods developed within the i2connect project and other H2020 projects linked with AKIS & advisory methodology.

A new platform to connect all the advisors in Spain.

Thank you!

Individual country reports available on
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