



SWG SCAR-AKIS

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SCAR AKIS study on:
**MEMBER STATES (MS) AKIS IMPLEMENTING TOOLS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN
RESEARCH AND PRACTICE**

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1. Ambition of this study

- ▶ Assessing the extent to which MSs **bridge the gap** between research and practice :
 - the linkages between research and practice for the improvement of the AKISs CAP 2021-2027
 - the integrated approach within the AKISs and implementation of the EIP-Agri (focus on Advisors)
 - Challenges and future changes in relation to Horizon Europe and the interlinkages with CAP policy

2. Areas of investigation_(a)

➤ **AKIS settings in the MSs**

➤ **Actors**

➤ Modalities & quality of **interactions & knowledge flows**

➤ Types of **incentives/tools** for enhancing AKIS
interlinkages

➤ **Impartial advisory services**

2. Areas of investigation_(b)

- **Approaches to strategic development of AKIS (CAP Strategic Plans)**
 - **Structural & Functional analyses**: who play which function and with whom?
 - (Co)-Development **common visions** on AKIS
 - Support to active participation and **well-functioning of the AKIS**
 - Enhancing **knowledge flows**
 - **M&E arrangements** to assess performance and support knowledge flows
 - Organising the delivery and integration of **advisory services**
 - **Innovation Support Services**
 - Roles of **AKIS coordination bodies**

2. Areas of investigation (c)

- **Improving the integrated approach within the AKISs and for the EIP-Agri**
 - Approaches/methods to **strengthen knowledge exchange** between AKIS actors (up&down the R&I chain)
 - Practices to assess **the needs of farmers and of advisors**
 - Mechanisms/incentives in place to **foster active participation**
 - **Bottlenecks/Solutions on interactions** between key actors and processes
 - Connectors of **OGs and Horizon MA Projects**: role of the CAP networks, AKIS coordination bodies and others
 - Practices to help the synergies and complementarities among the **different tools of the EIP-Agri** at territorial level towards innovation

2. Areas of investigation_(d)

- **Challenges of Horizon Europe and its interlinkages with the CAP policy**
 - Effectiveness of H2020 MA projects to **strengthen the linkages** between Research & Practice at local level
 - Effective development/mechanisms of **synergies between H2020 and national funding**
 - Mechanisms which allow the consistent **participation of the end-users** in H2020 projects
 - **Organization** of the linkages between NRN's and NCPs and other H2020 multipliers
 - Administrative **burdens** of H2020 to better link research and practice

3. Approach and Methods

PARTICIPATORY, DEVELOPMENTAL, INCLUSIVE

- ▶ **1- On line survey in 20 MS**
- ▶ **2-Case studies and interactive sessions** in 8 MSs: Belgium/Flanders, Bulgaria, Croatia, The Netherlands, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Spain.
- ▶ **3-Virtual interactive sessions:** 6 regional clusters: Eastern EU, Mediterranean, Central and Nordic countries.
- ▶ **4-Desk research analysis: assessing the existing information on AKIS in the EU**

Alignment with the study 'Exploring digital aspects for the development of future EU AKIS'

4. Expected Outputs & Results

- ▶ Overview of the **AKISs' and knowledge flows**
- ▶ Collection of good practices on **incentives/tools for knowledge flows** and **needs' assessment** on of end-users (farmers, advisors etc);
- ▶ Identification of **bottlenecks** and **solutions** on interactions
- ▶ **Methodology guidance** for AKIS strategic co-planning in MSs
- ▶ Major awareness and common understanding of the MSs on the **AKIS concept**
- ▶ Collection of approaches for **AKIS planning, monitoring and assessing** for the future CAP
- ▶ Recommendations for a **major connection of the AKISs & CAP with Horizon Europe**
- ▶ Recommendations to contribute to **improve impact of R&I**

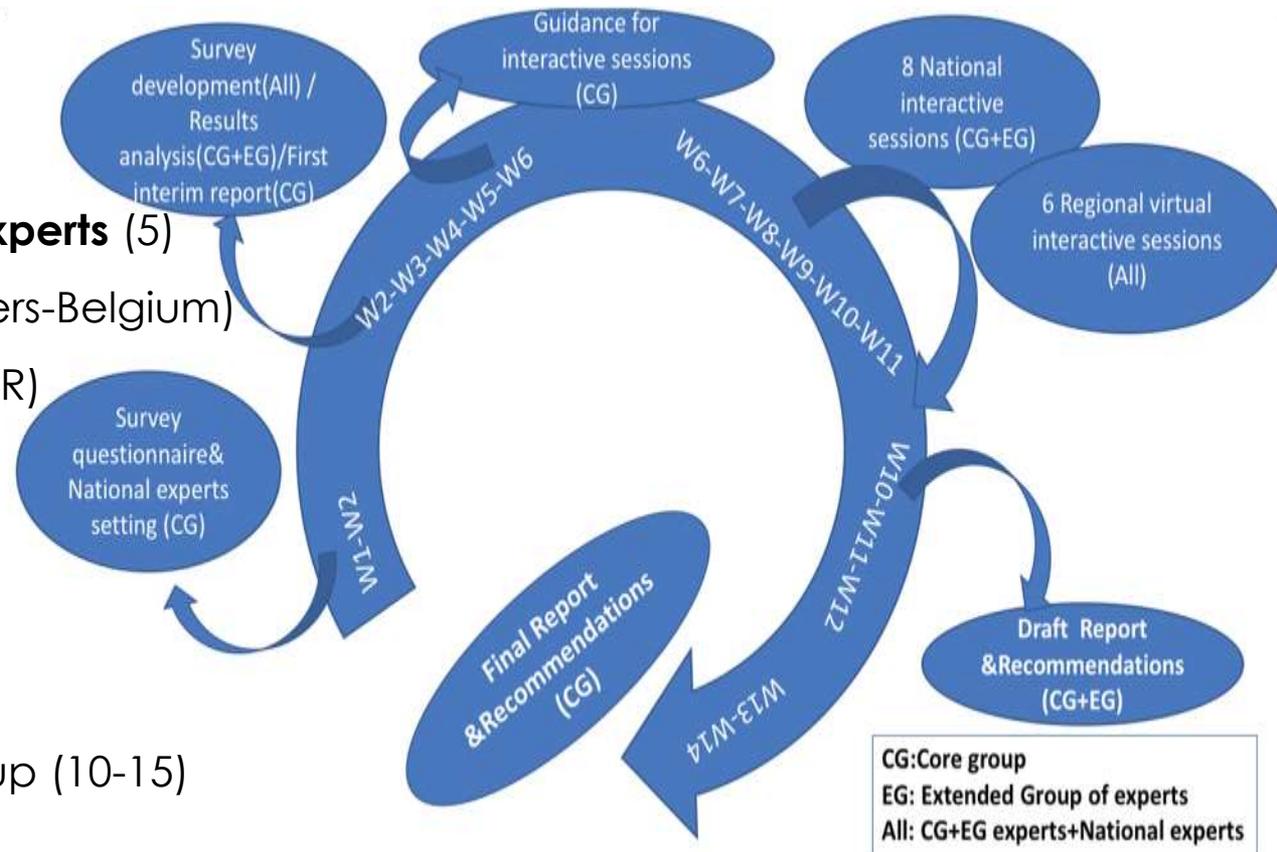
5. Team and organizational approach

- ▶ The **Core Group** (3)

- ▶ The **Extended group of experts** (5)

- ▶ Sylvia Burssens (Flanders-Belgium)
- ▶ Hrvoje Ivan Horvad (HR)
- ▶ Timea Reszketo (Hu)
- ▶ Sirpa Karjalainen (Fi)
- ▶ Helena Parenson (Es)

- ▶ The **National experts** group (10-15)



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