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The role of the Rural Development Centers of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate (RP) as regional knowledge hubs for agriculture

„AKIS in Aktion: Cultivating Innovation – AKIS as a
Catalyst for Educational Excellence“

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Constitutional organization of AKIS in Germany



Role of the federal government

- The federal government is the overall AKIS-coordination body
 - secures the connection of main AKIS actors in Germany through the German AKIS networking center
- funds agricultural research activities
- provides agricultural research through federal research instituts

Constitutional organization of AKIS in Germany



Role of the federal states

- Key elements of AKIS are in constitutional responsibility of the federal states
 - **vocational schools** for agriculture
 - organisation of the **farm advisory services**
 - universities are independent state institutions and provide major **agricultural research** facilities
 - provides EU-EIP funds
- ➔ **very diverse AKIS in the 16 federal states of Germany under the national CAP-strategic plan**



Structure of the AKIS in RP

Agricultural research in state of Rhineland-Palatinate

- universities of the state
- national research center for Viticulture
- universities in other states
- industry / medium-sized companies
- **Rural Development Centers (DLR RP)**
 - academic research in viticulture
 - on farm research

Structure of the AKIS in RP

dual system of vocational training

Chamber of agriculture
of Rhineland-Palatinate

- responsible for the organisation of the vocational training on farm level

**Rural Development Centers
of the federal state of
Rhineland-Palatinate**

- vocational schools for
 - agriculture
 - viticulture
 - horticulture
 - forestry
 - horse management



Ensuring good theoretical and practical training for future specialists



Structure of the AKIS in RP

farm advisory services in state of Rhineland-Palatinate

- **Rural Development Centers of the state of RP**
- Chamber of agriculture of RP
- state funded private organized farm advisory services
- farmers associations
- (industry)

Structure of the AKIS in RP

funding system of farm advisory services in state of Rhineland-Palatinate

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Rural Development Centers (DLR RP) have a mayor role in the AKIS in RP!

➤ central knowledge hubs for agriculture

- collection of knowledge by academic and on farm research and participation in EIP-projects
- bundling of knowledge by connecting key AKIS actors
- fostering knowledge transfer through live long learning via vocational schools, farm advisory and participation in EIP-projects



„Concept of the Trinity of vocational schools, research and farm advisory services“

Structure of the AKIS in RP

Organisation of the Rural Development Centers of RP

- 6 regional centers
- centers are state authorities
- centers are responsible for other tasks beyond AKIS
 - handling of funding of CAP-direct payments
 - land consolidation service
 - crop protection service authority

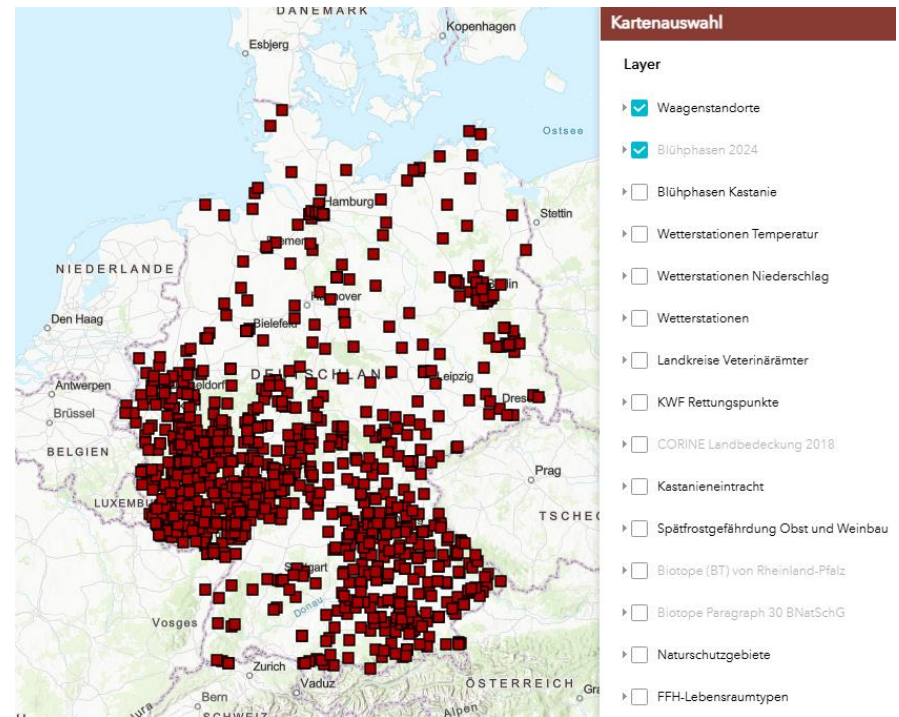


all services for rural areas and agriculture out of one hand



AKIS - activities of the DLR RP

information services for beekeepers



AKIS - activities of the DLR RP

academic research in viniculture



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AKIS - activities of the DLR RP

on farm research in pasture land management



AKIS - activities of the DLR RP

on farm demonstration projects in horticulture



AKIS - activities of the DLR RP

consumer information



Conclusion

The AKIS in RP with the DLR RP as central knowledge hubs has strengths and weaknesses (AKIS Studie II RLP)

- ✓ practical approaches in research and transfer of practical solutions
 - ✓ permanent retention of knowledge
 - ✓ continuous further development of knowledge
 - DLR RP have a historical “monopoly” in farm advisory
 - knowledge flows are very dependent on state funds
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- state of RP has expanded the promotion of non-state farm advisory services (FAS)
 - intensified networking activities among the FAS



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Thank's a lot
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