

Series:	AKIS in action
Event title:	Fostering knowledge flows in practice
Target group:	researches, advisors and advisory services managers, CAP Networks, practitioners/farmers and public authorities
Date:	November 29, 2023
Time:	10:00 – 12:00 CET
Location:	Online/Zoom
Registration:	https://form.jotform.com/modernAKIS/networkingevent

Short description:

Join us for an exciting event that brings together seasoned experts from all over Europe who share their experiences on how to **improve the flow of knowledge between researches, advisors and practitioners**. The event features three engaging showcases of real-life successful examples. Learn from and exchange with peers as they share their practical insights and strategies for success!

Connect with your peers in the networking session or in the parallel session for a Community of Practice for advisors. Whether you are a seasoned pro or just starting in your field, this event offers a platform to gain new insights, enhance your knowledge, and build valuable relationships.

Don't miss the chance to be part of an enriching experience that combines informative presentations, interactive discussions, and the opportunity to connect with your peers in a dynamic and engaging environment. Join us and take your knowledge and network to the next level!

Agenda:

- 10:00 – 10:10** Welcome and introduction to modernAKIS
- 10:10 – 10:55** Inputs from practice
 - Building knowledge flows on the road: the inspiration bus trip**
Marleen Gysen and Tom Schaeken, Boerenbond, Belgium
 - Linking research to practice: the Speeding Up Innovation event series**
Florian Herzog, Austrian Chamber of Agriculture, Austria
 - Bringing new knowledge to practice: the Latvian demonstration farms**
Kaspars Žūriņš. Latvian Advisory and Training Centre, Latvia
- 10:55 – 11:00** Break
- 11:00 – 11:50** Parallel sessions
 - Session I:** Networking opportunity, discussion with the presenters and experience exchange
 - Session II:** modernAKIS cross-country Community of Practice
- 11:00 – 12:00** Highlights from the parallel sessions and closing

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Inputs from practice

Building knowledge flows on the road: the inspiration bus trip

Marleen Gysen and Tom Schaeken, Boerenbond

The European Horizon 2020 project HyPERFarm has one main goal: to sharply reduce the use of fossil fuel in farming. To achieve this goal of de-carbonisation, the project actively looks for business cases farmers might adopt that help them reduce their use of fossil fuels and find economic gain. The HYPERFarm inspiration bus trip to agrivoltaics and biochar sites in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands is intended to accelerate the research and innovation work on agrivoltaics, resulting in successful farmer and citizen-oriented cost effective agrivoltaic projects. This example aims to demonstrate how key stakeholders and end-users (farmers, researchers, consultants, policy makers or supporters, technology providers) can be successfully engaged in innovative processes.

Linking research to practice: the Speeding Up Innovation event series

Florian Herzog, Austrian Chamber of Agriculture, Austria

Speeding Up Innovation is an event-series for AKIS (Agricultural knowledge and innovation system)-networking, jointly organized by the agricultural ministry (research department) and the chamber of agriculture (advisory branch) in Austria. The event aims to develop and accelerate the transfer of knowledge between research and practice in specific thematic areas on the basis of selected examples of research projects. Speeding Up Innovation further aims to initiate a dialogue and discussion on effective knowledge transfer instruments. Another focus is on networking of representatives from national research institutions with agricultural advisory, training and education service providers. This presentation will show a successful implementation of an instrument for fostering knowledge flows in practice.

Brining new knowledge to practice: the Latvian demonstration farms

Kaspars Žūriņš, Latvian Advisory and Training Centre, Latvia

The Ministry of Agriculture in Latvia announces the procurement of agricultural and forestry demonstrations. Both public and private consultants, as well as scientific institutions, can apply. The purpose of the event is to ensure the installation and implementation of a demonstration that practically demonstrates or demonstrably demonstrates the advantages of a new agro-technical technique, technological process, crop or animal breed, which have been tested in research and reflect at least two variants - the existing standard technique and the new technique. Both consultants and owners are actively involved in the process. That is great opportunity for advisors to gain knowledge and to share knowledge with farmers, other advisors and researchers. The implications are Knowledge exchange and reducing fragmentation by including all AKIS actors in the initiative.