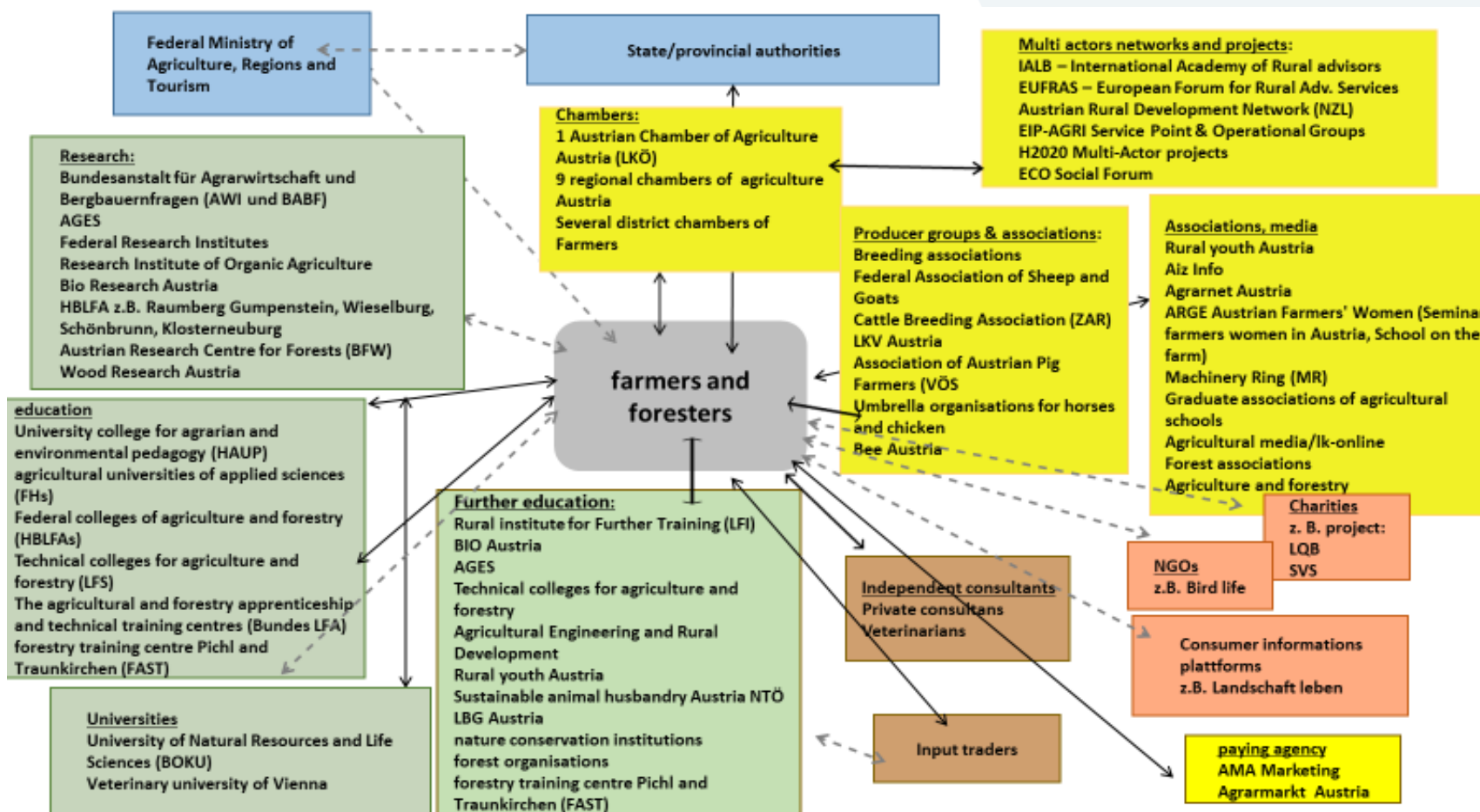


# Preparing the CAP Strategic Plans

## AKIS in Austria

*“Experiences, current situation & first considerations for the future.”*

# AKIS – Austria (current structure, overview)



# SWOT-Analysis (Cross Cutting Objective/AKIS)

## Strengths

- + **The Austrian AKIS** is functioning rather well;
  - + Improvements still possible
- + **Well known participants** (farmers & their associations, Chambers of Agriculture – advisory service, agricultural research and education, universities, federal ministry and regional administration, National Rural Network, EIP-AGRI, paying agency, private advisors,...)
- + Frequent and regular **interaction**
  - + Meetings, seminars/webinars, further training
  - + Annual work programme (research institutes of the ministry)

# SWOT-Analysis (Cross Cutting Objective/AKIS)

## Weaknesses

- Little **integration** of research institutes
  - Established research and testing – access for farmers is possible, but needs better organisation
- Difficulties in disseminating recent **scientific developments**;
  - „translation“ of study results for practical purposes is needed
- **Exchange** with farmers regarding pending questions in need of scientific solutions
  - Regular exchange between farmers and scientists to raise specific questions (bottom up approach)

**Conclusion** (needs assessment): better structured and organised **cooperation**

## Planned Interventions

- Article 71 (Cooperation)
  - **Innovation:** continuation of existing measure taking into account new developments/elements (e.g. rural innovation systems); slightly different approach regarding applications and selection criteria (simplification, art. 114); keep the „**innovation broker**“
- Article 72 (Knowledge Transfer)
  - **Farm Advisory System:** modification of the existing system established through Agricultural Chambers; integration of private advisors („advisory checks“; cooperation models for specific questions – e.g. horticulture)
  - Knowledge exchange, agriculture: projects and studies **targeting farmers**
  - Knowledge transfer, rural enterprises: off-farm projects **targeting rural population**

## CAP network for innovation and AKIS

- Several options for establishing the future **CAP network** → no final decision for the National Rural Network yet
- **AKIS**
  - Based on SWOT-analysis and needs assessment: possible projects under Art. 72 interventions
  - Aim: develop the **existing structures**, work on **better integration** of all participating groups, find one (or more) platform/tool/interface for regular and **coordinated exchange** to improve cooperation
  - Several **workshops** with the key stakeholders and partners are ongoing, organised by the current National Rural Network (NRN); gathering **ideas** and covering all positions and views
  - Still work to be done on Chapter 8 (modernisation, AKIS and digitisation) of the CAP strategic plan

## The future?



- innovative
- solid
- well structured
- connecting
- room for interaction

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