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# How can National Rural Networks fit into the existing AKIS and help organise knowledge Flows?

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# Actors in Polish AKIS system

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## Agricultural advisory organisations:

- Agricultural Advisory Centre (CDR) in Brwinow (with divisions in Krakow, Poznan and Radom),
- 16 Provincial Advisory Centres (ODRs),
- 16 agricultural chambers (IR),
- 163 private advisory organisations
- above 10.000 NGOs which were created after 1989

## Research and Education:

- 13 agricultural research institutes,
- 10 University of Life Sciences or Agriculture,
- 15 Colleges
- 45 Secondary Agricultural Schools.



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## Agricultural Policy:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development,
- Ministry of Environment,
- Ministry of Finance,
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education,
- 2 parliamentary committees for agriculture,
- 3 state agencies (Agency for Restructuring and Modernisations of Agriculture – ARiMR), Agricultural Market Agency – ARR), the Agricultural Property Agency – ANR),
- 5 state inspections,
- 16 provincial governors,
- 16 provincial marshal offices,
- 314 country districts,
- 1571 rural municipalities.



## Actors in Polish AKIS system

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### Sales/marketing:

Natural and legal persons, producer organizations, enterprises, which purchase agricultural products, store, sort, process, transport and sell them in wholesale and retail sale.

### Supply:

Organisations or institutions, natural or legal persons, providing farmers with means of production and services, thus supplying them with fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, farm animals, machines, and also grant loans and credits and pay subsidies and donations.



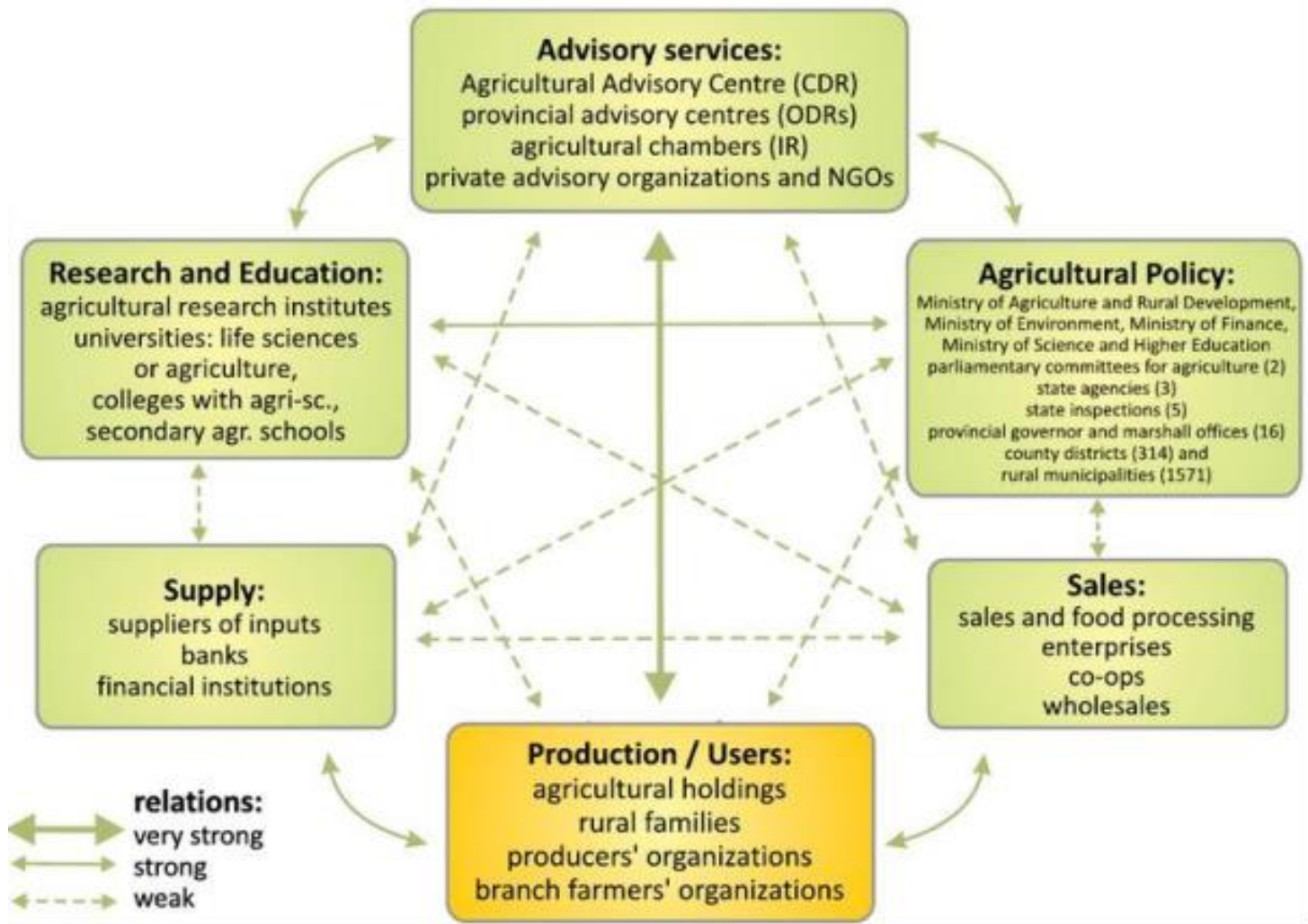
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## Production:

- farmers (1,429 thousand in 2013).
- Farmers are perceived in the Polish rural advisory system, along with their families and the entire local community, as clients of advisory services.
- Many farmers worked together in producers' groups (1,349) and branch organizations (49) in 2014.

# Knowledge flows





## How to improve knowledge flows

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In order to strengthen the knowledge flow between AKIS actors, as well as support the implementation of measure *Co-operation* (art.35), The National Network for Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Areas (SIR) was established.





## National Network for Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Areas (SIR)

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One of the submeasures of National Rural Network.

Financing under Technical Assistance.

**National Co-ordination** – The Agricultural Advisory Centre in Brwinów.

**Regional co-ordinators** – Regional Authorities with Regional Centers of Agricultural Advisory Services.

Innovation brokers are set in Regional advisory services.



# National Network for Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Areas (SIR)

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## Objectives:

- To ease creation and functioning the network of contacts between farmers, advisors, scientific entities, food sector entrepreneurs and other interested parties in implementation of innovation in agriculture and rural areas,
- To ease exchange of professional knowledge and good practices in terms of implementation of innovation in rural development,
- Support in creation of operation groups and preparation of their projects.



# National Network for Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Areas (SIR)

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## Tasks of SIR:

- Open forum for all actors with interest in innovation,
- Animation of potential partners for EIP groups,
- Networking in order to connect partners, meetings, workshops, moderation of thematic discussions on internet (thematic web-page, forum, data bases),
- Creation and moderation of thematic working groups based on request of the future participants (bottom-up),
- Co-ordination of innovation brokers,
- Promotion of innovation in general and results of the EIP projects.



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**Thematic Group for Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Areas** have been already set up.

(government, scientific entities, National Centre For Research and Development, sectoral organisations, advisors)

### **Planned task groups for Agricultural advisers within SIR:**

- Plant production (including integrated production)
- Animal production (including animal welfare)
- Ecological farming and environment protection
- Agri-business (including processing)
- Rural development



## National Network for Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Areas (SIR)

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