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AGRICULTURE DIRECTORATE



Modern AKIS Malta Coordination Body



What is AKIS

- Agriculture Knowledge and Innovation System
- AKIS is a **Member State responsibility**, but the **European Commission** provides **coordination, governance, guidance, funding and monitoring**.
- EU CAP Network is the primarily EU-level platform supporting AKIS implementation
- AKIS is the framework that connects farmers , researchers, advisors, policy makers and educators



Key Components

Knowledge Generation: Research institutions, universities, and private sector innovators develop new agricultural techniques, technologies, and solutions.

Knowledge Sharing: Information and best practices are disseminated through advisory services, extension agents, digital platforms, and farmer networks.

Adoption and Adaptation: Farmers and agribusinesses adopt, adapt, and integrate innovations into their practices, often providing feedback to researchers and developers.

Policy and Support: Government bodies and policy frameworks support the system by providing funding, regulation, and strategic direction.



Importance

- Addressing contemporary challenges in agriculture, such as climate change, food security, environmental sustainability and rural development;
- Facilitating effective collaboration and information flow, AKIS helps ensure that innovations reach those who need them most
- Supporting resilience, productivity and sustainability of agricultural practices.



Key Functions

Encouraging partnerships among diverse stakeholders, including farmers, researchers, private companies, NGOs and government institutions;

Leveraging digital tools, data platforms, and communication technologies to enhance information exchange and decision-making.

Promoting ongoing training, knowledge sharing and feedback loops for continual improvement;

Focusing on creating and expanding new ideas and tools that help farmers deal with today's agriculture challenges.



AKIS Coordination Body

Established mid 2025

Secretariat for Maltese
AKIS CB is Agriculture
Directorate / RAD

Fosters collaboration
among agricultural
stakeholders to drive
innovation and
progress

Members of AKIS CB
are representatives
from:

Managing Authority MA

Food Safety and
Security Authority

Agriculture and Rural
Paying Agency

Malta Youth in
Agriculture Foundation

University of Malta

MCAST

AgriKonsulta, RASD



AKIS CB Meetings

- 1st Inception Meeting, September 2025
- 2nd Inception meeting, November 2025
- 3rd Inception meeting, earlier today

- ❖ During 1st and 2nd meeting, training was given by MCAST on Module 1, 2 and 5
- ❖ 3rd meeting, preparation for training in February 2026 by CREA, agency, supporting CB Malta to refine structure and improve AKIS operations
- ❖ All members of EU CAP Network Malta will be invited



Topics in Module 1, 2 and 5:

- Basics of AKIS
- Structural requirement
- Advisory System strengthening
- CAP SP requirements
- Digitalization
- Knowledge flows
- Innovation brokering
- Case studies and practical exercises



7th EU CAP National Networks' Meeting

- In March 2026 in Malta
- Organized in collaboration with EU CAP Network
- Hosting all MSs
- Theme for discussion: Water resilience
- Technical visits and demonstrations
- Showcasing Malta's innovation



Thank You

