Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System - Ireland

AKIS Coordination Group

Annual Work Programme

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a) Introduction

The document contains a **draft work programme** which is aimed to support timely, informed delivery of identified actions and the efficient use of CG members time and input.

b) Draft Work Programme

A work programme with agreed objectives, deliverables and appropriate reporting, monitoring and indicators shall be agreed by the Coordination Group on foot of a proposal by the Chairperson. The programme shall be reviewed regularly but any subsequent changes shall only take effect with the agreement of the Group.

i. Work Programme flow chart

Preparatory phase

- Establish Coordination Group
- Co-creation/Co-design workshop
- Farmer Survey
- Mapping

Draft Work Programme

- Site Visits
- Expert engagement
- Bilateral meetings
- Specific actions enhance the flow and uptake of knowledge and information
- Monitoring and reporting

ii. Work Programme Timetable

Meetings	Who / What	When
1. Develop and agree on AKIS Coordination Group (CG) approach a) Establishment of AKIS CG Secretariat, Steering Group and Membership b) Undertake co-creation/co-design workshop at the first meeting to provide input for development of an initial draft work programme	Appoint Chairperson, Secretariat, Members and Expert Advisory Group	**September 2024**

Input: Initial presentations provided at first meeting setting out the current state of play for AKIS in Ireland. Workshop held at first meeting. **Outcome & Deliverable:** Provide presentations to attendees post the first meeting. Present workshop results to the coordination group members. Draft a work programme for consideration and sign off at the 2nd meeting.		
2. Mapping a) Map out visually and descriptively Ireland's AKIS to e*nable CG members to develop a long-term perspective on AKIS development, considering constraints and opportunities for reaching an enhanced Irish AKIS through engaging and interacting with relevant stakeholders.* **Input:** Description of Irish AKIS actors **Outcome & Deliverable:** Visual map and description of the Irish AKIS.	Mapping Activity Workshop activity	**December 2024**

3. Site visits to enhance networking opportunities for AKIS Coordination Group members
     a. Visit to appropriate Irish research farm
         i. On-farm activity
         ii. Agri-tech Hub
     b. CAP Network – Farm Innovation Visit
		Periodically as per CG meeting schedule

4. Invite Guest Speakers to speak about AKIS Development across the EU
     a. EU CAP Network
     b. EU Member States
     c. EU Commission – DG AGRI
     d. EUFRAS guest speaker
		Periodically as per CG meeting schedule

5. Specific actions to enhance the flow and uptake of knowledge and information
     a. Consider available direction setting and feedback provided:
         i. Terms of Reference objectives
         ii. Initial meeting workshop report & the feedback provided by the Coordination Group
		September 2024 – November 2025

iii. AKIS Mapping
  iv. [Farmers Survey]
b. Consider external inputs from:
  i. [Modern AKIS]
  ii. [SCAR AKIS]
  iii. [OECD]
c. Workshop with AKIS coordination group members on priority areas for enhancing flow and uptake of knowledge and information
d. Develop actions for priority areas identified for developing & enhancing flow paths of knowledge and information		

6. **AKIS Coordination Group Meetings**	Regular CG meeting (x 3 annually): 2023/24 December 23 September 24 December 24 2025 February 25 September 25 November 25	**Dates provided**
7. **Monitoring & Reporting** **b)** **Annual Report on activities and actions identified and undertaken.**		**Annually**

iii. Monitoring & Evaluation

It is proposed that the CG's goals be achieved through a range of objectives and activities which underpin the goals set out (Section 5 Terms of Reference). Progress towards achieving these objectives will be monitored in accordance with agreed activities and measurable outcomes and indicators.

Objectives	Activities	Expected Outcome & KPI

iv.   Reporting Structure

CAP Consultative Committee ⟷ AKIS CG Chair Chief Inspector, DAFM

CG Secretariat DAFM (CSP & Research Divisions)

CG Steering Group (DAFM, Teagasc, CAP Network, ACA)

AKIS Coordination Group (CG) Members