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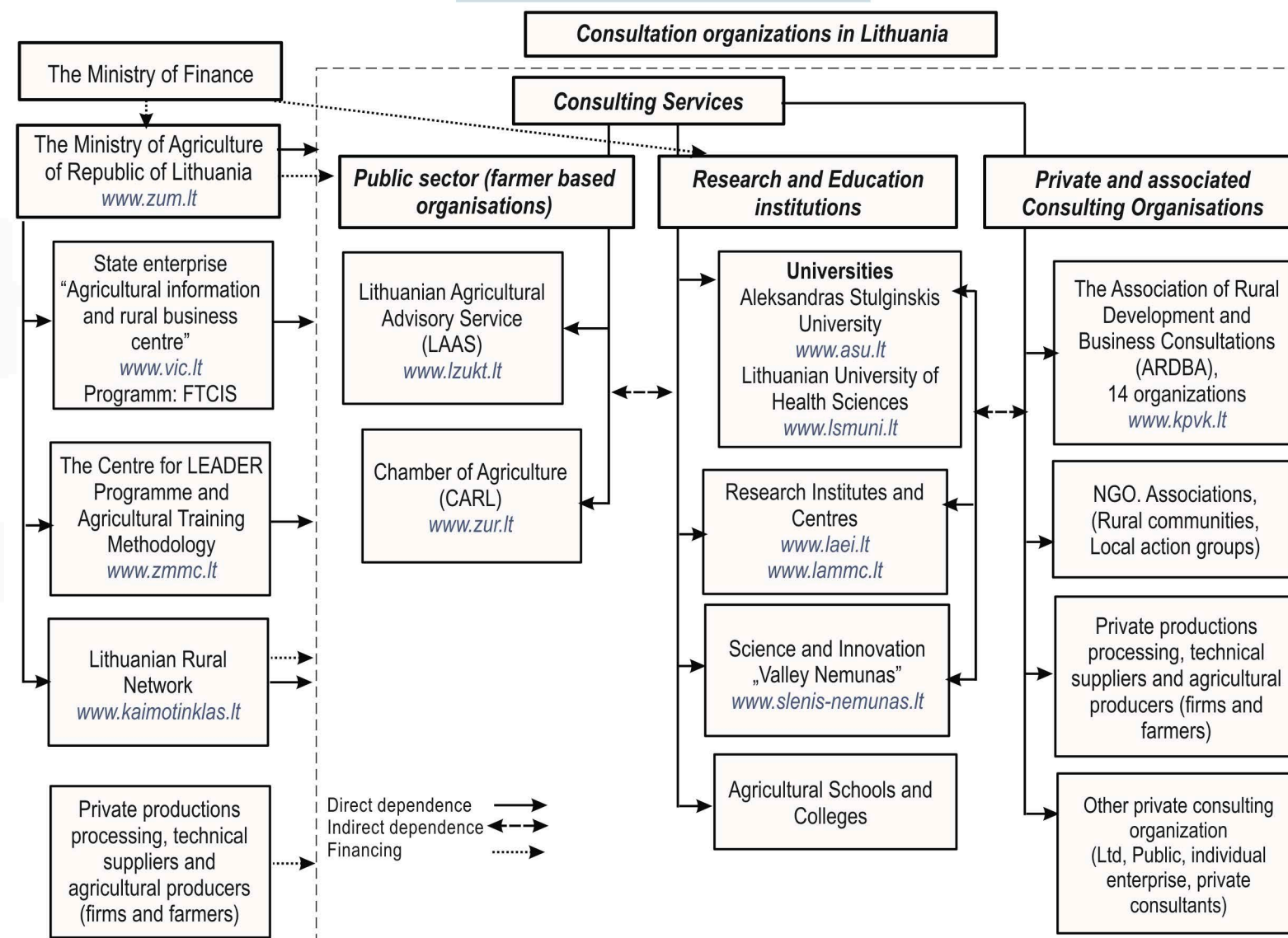


Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PRO AKIS)



LITHUANIA

AKIS DIAGRAM



Main sources of funding the advisory services:

mixed – (a) in LAAS 13% from state, 87% from private sector: in general, private advisors are paid for the documents prepared for the EU and national support (based on individual projects), for advice on fertilizers, accounting management and other; advisors from Universities are hired under individual projects financed by private funds, associations and the structural funds; private advisors are paid by farmers themselves; (b) in Chamber of Agriculture – advisory services are paid by state

Main actors of AKIS:

(a) **public sector:** Ministry of Agriculture; Centre for LEADER Programme and Agricultural Training Methodology;
(b) **education and research:** Aleksandras Stulginskis University; Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics; Colleges;
(c) **private sector:** upstream and downstream industries, independent consultants;

private agricultural advice companies;
farmers owned advice companies;
(d) **FBOs:** Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service; Chamber of Agriculture; Association of Village Development and Business Consultations;
(e) **NGOs:**
(g) **extension:** LAAS

Cooperation between AKIS actors:

in general, relations among individual AKIS participants exist, however it could be said that they are not always coordinated and/or synchronised

Main supplier(s) of advisory services:

Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service (LAAS), Chamber of Agriculture, Aleksandras Stulginskis University

Main clients:

(1) large commercial farms;
(2) medium commercial farms;
(3) group of producers

Main topics of advisory:

depends on main client, but in general: plant and animal production, cross-compliance, book-keeping, taxes, business diversification

Main methods:

groups discussions, each time in different farm



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