



# SOLINSA

Support of Learning and Innovation  
Networks for Sustainable Agriculture

Agricultural Knowledge Systems In Transition:  
Towards a more effective and efficient support of Learning  
and Innovation Networks for Sustainable Agriculture

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## HOW ARE LINSAS LINKED TO AKS? HOW CAN AKS SUPPORT LINSAS?

AKS (Agricultural Knowledge System): traditional public funded education and research and advice, institutionalised and formalised as a set of specific tasks to various research, education and advisory institutes.

AKIS (I for innovation): includes all kind of other formal and informal activities and actors performing different tasks and roles.

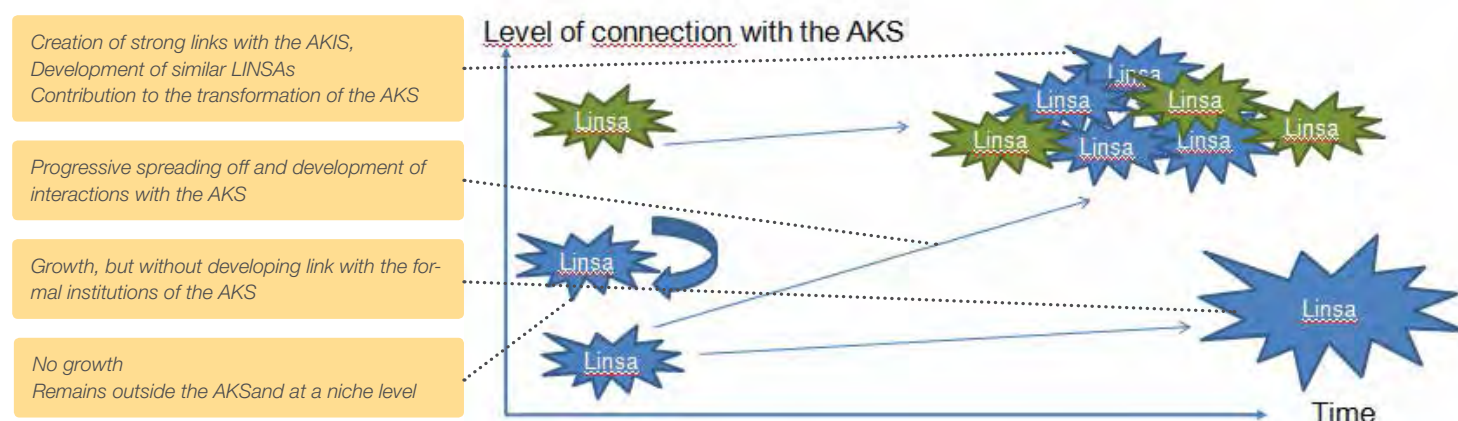
→ Focus on AKS-LINSA interactions to see how AKS is engaged in, linked to or participates in LINSA by means of formal projects and programs, institutes or actors.

### 01. DIFFERENT LINKS WITH THE AKS DURING THE TRAJECTORY OF LINSAS

**Two main ways of connection regarding the way of creation of the networks:**

- Development from individual and small group initiatives, most of the time voluntarily apart from the “main stream” AKS.
- Creation inside the AKS, to foster sustainable agriculture. Connections exist already since the birth of the network.

**Different links during the lifespan of the LINSA**



### 02. SPECIFIC NEEDS RELATED TO LINSAS' STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT	VERY BEGINNING	AFTER A FIRST STEP OF DEVELOPMENT
LINSAS' NEEDS	NURTURING AND ORGANISATION NEEDS	NETWORKING WITH OTHER LINSAS, STRATEGIC REFLECTION, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, EXPERTISE, FACILITATION...
AT STAKE FOR BROKERS OR FACILITATORS	HIGH SOCIAL SKILLS, OPEN ATTITUDE IDENTIFY THE NETWORKS THAT CAN NEED SOME SUPPORT PROVIDE THE RELEVANT TOOLS AND METHODS	
WHO ARE THE BROKERS OR FACILITATORS?	INDEPENDENT FACILITATORS, RESEARCHERS OR EXTENSION OFFICERS	



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