

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FORESTRY NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICE /NAAS/

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THE ROLE OF NETWORKS AND ADVISORY SERVICES

The advisory services are playing a key role in the three phases of innovation process:

- identifying and researching of the new technologies,
- testing new methods,
- transfer of knowledge and dissemination of the innovation processes

Important role of the advisors is to help to adapt approved approaches in different/new circumstances taking examples including from other European countries.

THE PLACE OF NAAS IN SUPPORTING OF INNOVATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS

- ✓ The territorial offices in each regional center
- ✓ Working with about 12 000 20 000 farmers annually
- Activities in advisory measures of RDP
- The results of poll researches of NAAS among the farmers readiness for implementation of new practices in their farms
- Possibility to exchange experience and good practices with EU partners
- Established contacts with scientific organizations and NGOs, local governments
- Vocational Training Center (VTC)

ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE THE RELATION "SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHES – AGRICULTURAL ADVICE – AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS"

- NAAS realizes close cooperation with agricultural universities, scientific institutes and other organizations for transfer of knowledge and achievements in practice
- NAAS organizes joint information events with universities, scientific institutes and other organizations
- Consulting days outside the office the purpose is to expand and make easier the access of the farmers to the services of NAAS
- Farm circles the purpose is to distribute among the farmers useful information and to promote good practices
- Informal advisory council discussion of the activities of each territorial office of NAAS with active farmers, branch organizations and representatives of local state structures





INFORMAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Farmers – more than 50%

NGOs

Representatives of local government



Researchers & Agricultural Universities

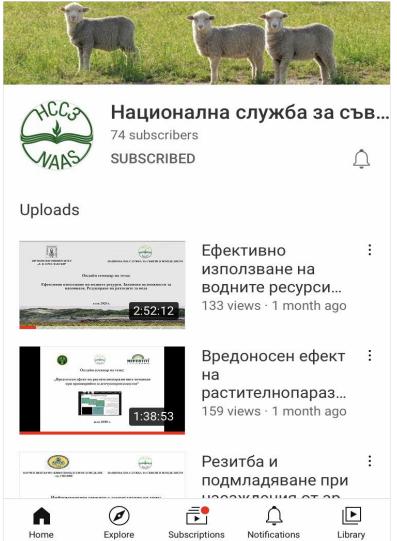
Regional structures of public organizations

Virtual demo events / webinars

- Start from May 2020
- Focused on Good practices and innovations
- Virtual Demos were recorded, and have been uploaded on the NAAS YouTube channel

<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRmAMkHEpzHXebBpoQspdvQ?vi</u> <u>ew_as=subscriber</u>)

- Farmers who couldn't attend the webinar can get acquainted later on with the topics discussed
- Before some virtual demo event, NAAS Team visited the demo farms and Research Institutes and made some photos and video presented during the webinar



Virtual demo events / webinars

- NAAS gave the opportunity to the participants to ask questions in advance (during the registration)
- Some difficulties in organising the virtual demo events
- Recommendations





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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