

The role of FO's in research

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- Represented in many boards or steering committees of research projects financed by Finnish Ministry of Agriculture
- Member of the group which evaluates the research projects for financing
- Own agricultural research foundation in Finnish Cultural Foundation

Economical research

- MTK was founding the Pellervo Economic Research in 1979 together with Pellervo Confederation of Finnish Cooperatives
- Policy-oriented research on general economic development
- Research on issues related to agricultural and food economics and forestry and wood economics

- MTK is a member of board in MTT Agrifood Research Finland
- MTK orders for own use studies e.g. about market development for different products

Case: Dairy Farm and Dairy Development program –project (Savonia UAS)

- Project group with representation of FO
 - To raise up real development needs
 - To raise awareness of how do farmers' face the challenges
 - To find solutions to serve entrepreneur and the society
 - To get feedback if the tools used are right ones
 - Discussion about given issues (environment, profitability, well-being, etc.)

- Project group includes experts from many fields
- Cooperation with education: bringing new information to future entrepreneurs and experts
- Encouraging students to bring up real development needs
- Reliable relationship between FO's and R&D institutions
- Appreciating each others

Case: Training of Agricultural Advisors in Kosovo (TAGAK)

- Partners: Savonia UAS, ProAgria, University of Prishtina
- Post-Bachelor studies
- Curricula will be built after defining the real needs of farmers and other stakeholders
 - Three workshops
- Case farms during the training



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