

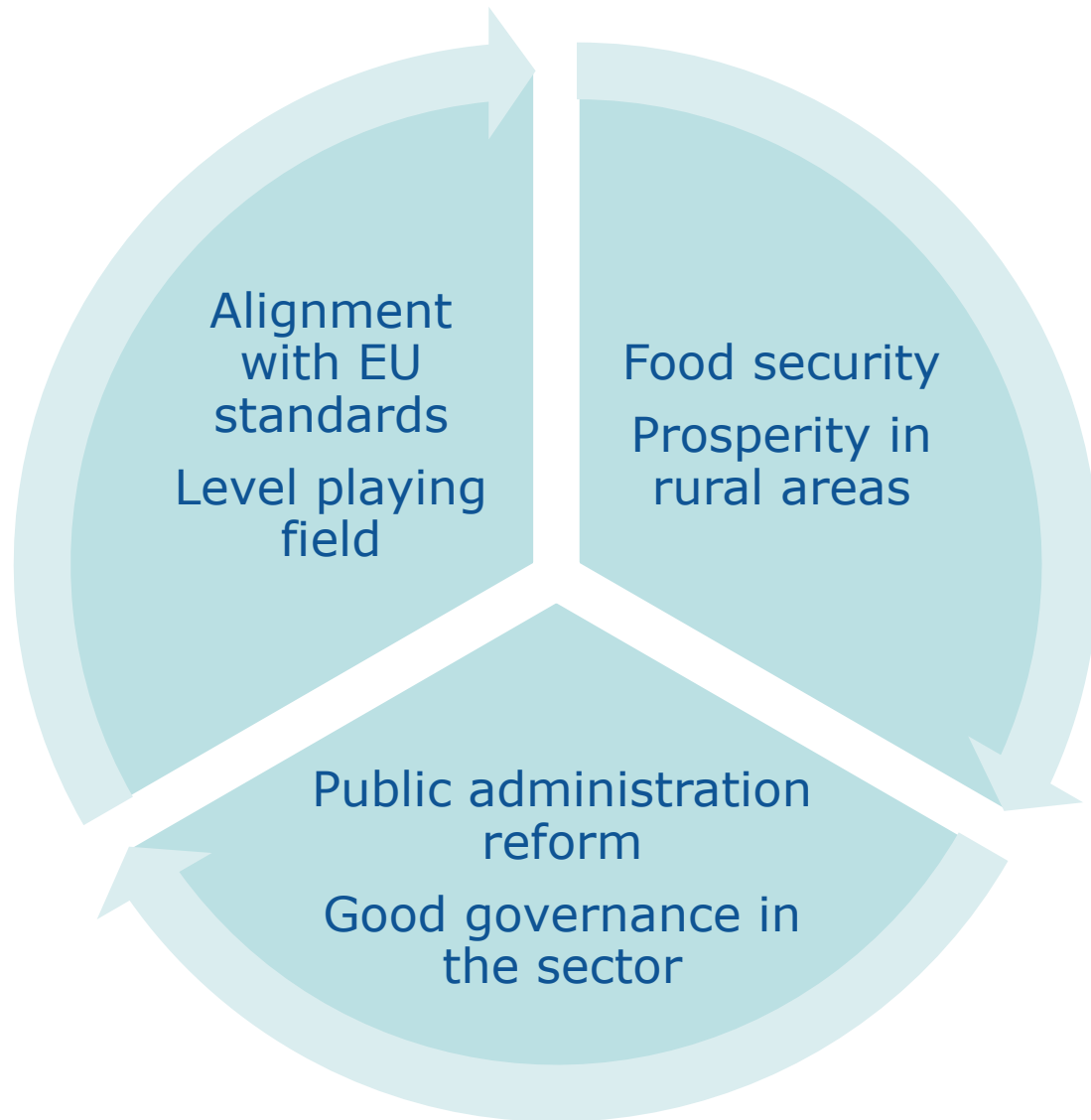
IPARD investments and gaps in knowledge and innovation



What is IPARD?

- Part of an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA), managed by DG NEAR
- Total estimated budget for IPARD II ~EUR 1.1 billion (~ 10% of IPA)
- All pre-accession countries are eligible – Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina do not have IPARD yet
- Programmes: 11 measures, sectors under measures, eligibility and selection criteria, upper and lower thresholds

1€ of IPARD = multiple objectives



Entrustment of budget implementation tasks
Upcoming entrustment request

Number indicates the number of calls
2 **4** **7** **8** **10**

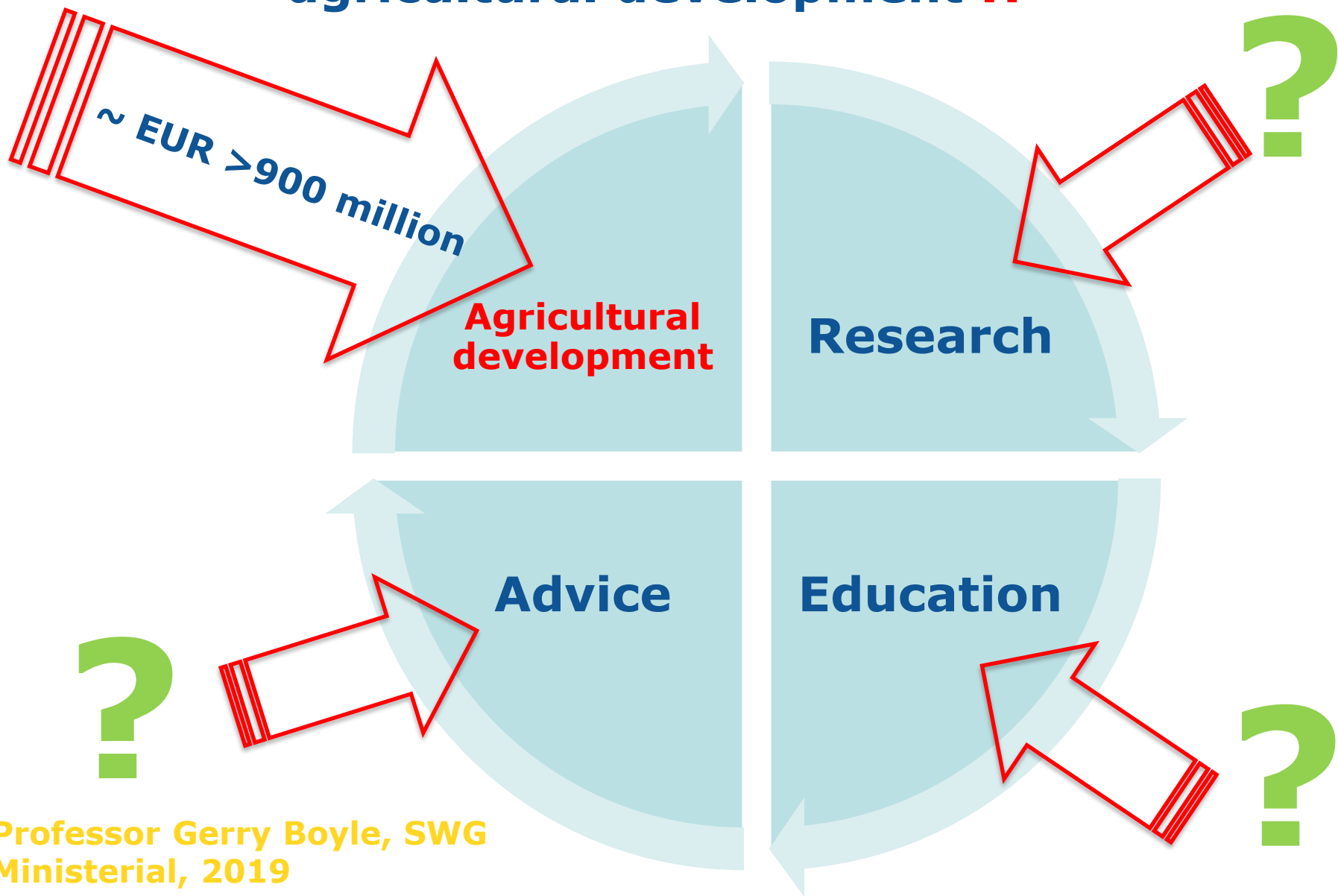
No	Measures
1	Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings
3	Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products
4	Agri-environment- climate and organic farming measure
5	Implementation of local development strategies – LEADER approach
6	Investments in Rural Public Infrastructure
7	Farm diversification and business development
9	Technical assistance
Budget (in million EUR)	

AL	ME	MK	RS	TR
71	39	60	175	601

Key issues linked to AKIS

- Small farm size / fragmentation of farms
- Low efficiency in farming
- Very basic processing capability
- Low level of technical knowledge and technological development, poor R&D capability, networking
- Lack of knowledge on up-to-date technology
- Weak advisory services, lack of know-how

Research, education and advice in driving agricultural development !?



Professor Gerry Boyle, SWG
Ministerial, 2019

IPARD III

- IPA III Regulation – advanced
- Budget – so far, similar to IPARD II
- Greening – Green Agenda for the WB!
 - **Effluent, manure and waste management, modernisation of assets**
- Guidance documents to the countries, revised measure fiches
- Two new measures proposed:
 - **Financial instruments and**
 - **Innovation and knowledge transfer**

Innovation and knowledge transfer measure (1)

- To establish and develop EIP type operational groups (Wester Balkan Innovation Partnerships) in countries of the region and Turkey (Turkish Innovation Partnerships)
- Building-up research capacities in agriculture, forestry and food processing, improving its targeting and increasing competitiveness
- Strengthening collaboration among different stakeholders (networking, mentoring, knowledge transfer workshops)

Innovation and knowledge transfer measure (2)

- Stage 1

Support to establishment of EIP type Operational Groups in IPARD countries

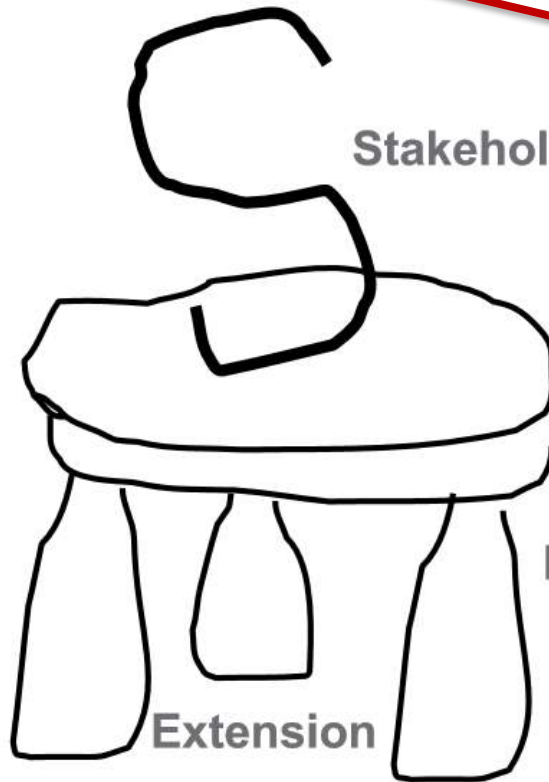
- *Support will be provided to cover feasibility studies, animation costs, installation costs (costs incurred in setting up the Operational Group), and promotion activities*

- Stage 2

Implementation of selected (by evaluation committee) projects (which are developed in collaboration between OG's members) under the WBIP/TIP OG plans

IPARD \$\$\$

Stakeholder = farmers + processors



Balance  How

https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/international-cooperation/enlargement/pre-accession-assistance_en