From Knowledge to Invention: Exploring User Innovation in Irish Agriculture

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“Users create and modify products and services to serve their own needs, and often make these innovations freely available to each other”

(Flowers et al, 2010)
Map: Countries of EU-28 (2013) Source: www.eurocontrol.int
Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System

Overview of AKIS actors, Republic of Ireland (Prager & Thomson, 2014)

The Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority
Knowledge politics in the EU

“We are interested only in scientific knowledge, not farmers’ knowledge, which is really a matter of education. The research focus is knowledge generated mainly by scientists and then applied by farmers – not farmers as a source of knowledge”, senior EU official.

(Levidow and Papaioannou, 2010, p. 24)
Farmers' inventions: Level of effect*Knowledge
What is the significance of this to the developing world?
Questions

Thank you for listening.

Any questions?

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