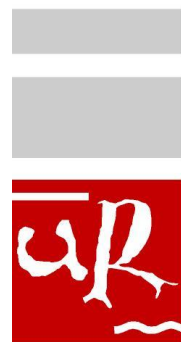


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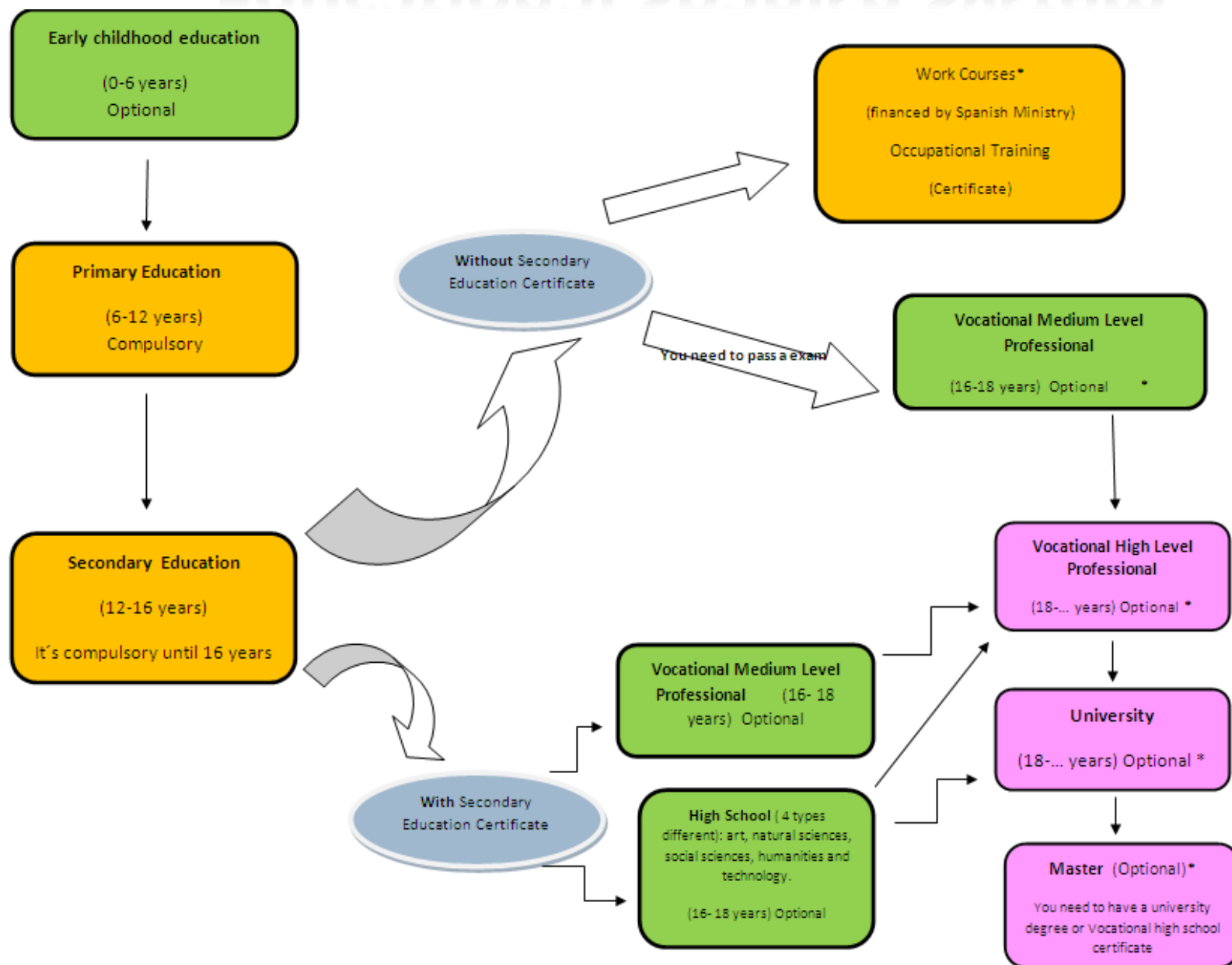
Whole Education Centre for the Agro-food Sector

1. Description of the organization:

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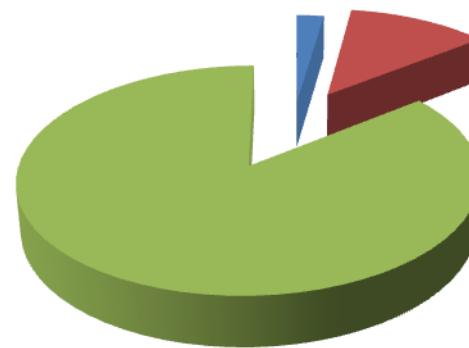
- Activity: **Researching and experiences in all matters related with extensive crops, vegetables and greenhouses cultivation.**
- Sector: **General Farming.**
- Target group: **Young farmers (agricultural or livestock farmers) who are starting their businesses, or who want to achieve more knowledge.**
- Geographical coverage: **Regional (Navarra).**
- Funding: **Mixture.** Anonymous society, but some public funding.



2. Study

► Young farmers in Spain are mainly in one of these situations:

- > Educated farmers who has some university degree in agriculture.
- > Young farmers who usually depends on the knowledge they have obtained from his/her parents, from whom they have also inherited their land.



Spanish Statistics 2010

- Primary Sector
2,3%
- Secondary
Sector 12%
- Third Sector
85,7%

- ▶ The **case of ITGA** is a perfect centre to allow farmers:
 - > To get a complete knowledge about the cultivation they are currently running.
 - > Changing their mind
 - > Turn their activity into a complete, diversified business idea.

- ▶ This centre is made by

Own farmers

Regional Government

Vocational Teachers –
Education/Training

- ▶ The **innovation** in this case is the continuous contact with farmers, by organizing special seminars. Farmers are involved, they cannot enroll courses without being members of any farming association of the region.

3. Executive summary

- ▶ **Main objective:** Experimentation and research on all matters related to the production of crops, horticulture, and greenhouses.

- ▶ **The common experimental lines are:**
 - ✓ Tests of new varieties that are appearing on the market.
 - ✓ Tests of new crop protection products and new crop protection techniques that are more respectful with the environment.
 - ✓ Tests of fertilizers, irrigation systems, tillage and cultivation in general.
 - ✓ Programming of growing seasons. Advice to farmers.

- ✓ Tests diversification, crop rotations or new crops.
- ✓ Evaluation of production systems.
- ✓ Training of farmers → pillar for greater professionalism → constant updating of their skills and knowledge → increased profitability of their farms.

How do they reach these goals?

The ITGA develop several activities as such permanent training, informative talks, visits with farmers to experimental farms, magazines, training courses, etc.

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