

Measure 1: “Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings

1 Recipients

1.1 Agriculture holdings

- Family agriculture holding;
- Individual Agriculture Producer;
- legal entity (micro, small and medium enterprises).

Legal entities that are registered in the Central Register as legal entities in accordance with the Law on Trade Companies and employ less than 250 people, and have an annual turnover that does not exceed 50 mill. Euros and/or an annual balance sheet that does not exceed 43 mill. Euros that corresponds to the current definition of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) contained in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC.

1.2 Cooperative (registered in the Central Register)

1.3 Associated legal entities for collective investments (Organizations of producers, production groups, cooperatives, etc... "Recognized" by the ministry, min. 10 members).

2 Priority sectors

2.1 Crop sector

Cereals, industrial and fodder crops, vegetables (including potatoes, strawberries), perennial crops (orchards, including table grapes and olive trees,), vineyards, other Annex I crops not supported under Measure 7.

2.2 Livestock sector

- Bovines (dairy, fattening),
- Pigs (reproduction, fattening),
- Sheep and goats (dairy, fattening),
- Poultry (laying hens, chicken kept for meat production – broilers),
- Other Annex I livestock not supported under Measure 7.

2.3 Fisheries sector

- Aquaculture farms for freshwater fish.

2.4 On-farm processing and direct marketing of own agriculture production

- Milk and dairy products, eggs, meat and meat products, fruits and vegetables including potatoes, and leguminous crops, cereal, miller's and starch products, vegetable and animal oils and fats, grape must, grape juice, wine, other fermented beverages, spirits and vinegar, fish and fishery products, fodder and forage production.

2.5 Production of energy from renewable resources for self-consumption

- Processing of plant and animal products from primary and secondary biomass for production of biogas and/or biofuels,
- Use of solar energy,
- Windmills,
- Geo-thermal energy.

3 Production capacities that the recipient should have

3.1 Crop sector

- Minimum **0.02 ha** of agricultural land in the case of investments related to soilless cultivation and other innovative production systems;
- Minimum **0.3 ha** of agricultural land in the case of investments related to greenhouses;
- Minimum **1 ha** of agricultural land in the case of investments related to perennial plants, outdoor vegetable production, cereals, industrial crops and fodder crops.

3.2 Livestock sector

- 10 LU (Livestock units) - **10 dairy cows / 25 cattle up to 1 year** old in the bovine sector;
- 10 LU – **100 sheep/goats** in the sheep and/or goat breeding sectors;
- 8 LU – **16 sows / 300 piglets** in the pig farming sector;
- 10 LU– **1.400 broilers / 700 laying hens** in the poultry sector (with the exception of ducks, geese, turkeys, pheasants, ostriches, emus and guinea fowl).

4 Economic viability

- Technical Project Proposal (for investments **up to EUR 80.000**) and
- Business plan (for investments **over EUR 80.000** and when the applicant is an cooperative or associated legal entities (for collective investments).

5 Examples of eligible investments

1. Construction or reconstruction of buildings and other immovable property for agriculture and fishery production (*such as livestock rearing buildings, feed storages, reproduction stations, greenhouses and/or glasshouses and nurseries, aquaculture facilities, post-harvesting facilities, etc.*), auxiliary facilities (*for example feed and fodder storage, silage, hay and grain barns/silo etc.*), including that used for housing the agriculture machinery and equipment, for occupational safety of agriculture workers, for environmental protection (*for example manure and septic pits, biomass storehouses, immovable property for water/sewage/slurry treatment, silage storehouses, storage facilities for plant protection products and fertilisers, etc.*) and equipment required.
2. Construction or reconstruction of buildings and other immovable property used for post-harvesting, on farm processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products (*such as post harvesting stores, cooling, calibrating, packing facilities, production spaces, packing, storages, selling points etc.*), auxiliary facilities (*for example raw material preparation facilities, grain storehouses etc.*) including that used for occupational safety, for environmental protection (*for example waste treatment, biomass storehouses, immovable property for water/sewage treatment, etc.*) and equipment required.
3. Planting/re-planting of perennial trees and plants (excluding seeds for perennials and plants), including fruit bearing trees and bushes and table grapes, olive trees, vineyards including supporting installations;
4. Purchase and/or installing of new machinery, agriculture mechanisation and equipment/instruments for improvement of on farm agricultural and fishery production activities;
5. Purchase and/or installing of new machinery and/or equipment for improvement of animal welfare standards (*provision of sufficient space allowances for rearing, regular access to fresh water, feeding, off-spring housing and rearing, clearing of manure, outdoor rest area etc.*)
6. Purchase and/or installing of new machinery and equipment/instruments for on farm post-harvesting, processing and direct marketing, including:
 - for grading, collecting, storing and cooling (including manipulation);

- for processing, packaging, cooling, freezing, drying, etc. and storage (including manipulation);
 - for production of new products, introduction of new technologies and processes;
 - for improvement and control of quality and safety of raw materials and foods.
7. Purchase and/or installing of new machinery and/or equipment for environmental protection (*energy efficiency, controlled climate conditions, manure handling and storage, waste and by-product treatment, water treatment etc.*), including climate change mitigation (*protection covers, shades etc.*), including for provision of electricity and/or heating using renewable resources to meet the needs of the holding for its agricultural production activities:
 8. Investments in on-farm irrigation facilities and equipment (including *new reservoirs, tanks, pipelines, drop-systems, mist systems, sprinkling installations, pump stations, etc.*);
 9. Purchase of specialised agricultural transport trailers and vehicles, such as *agriculture trailers, bulk milk tankers, cooling trailers for transporting production, for transporting live animals and poultry, specialized manure transportation equipment, transportation equipment for biomass etc.*;
 10. Development of holding's infrastructure including construction and reconstruction of on farm roads and pathways, installation of electricity supply, water-supply and sewage systems, drainage, artesian boreholes, fencing etc. and other improvements of outdoor areas on the property of the recipient to meet the needs of the agriculture holding for its agricultural activities.
 11. Examples of eligible expenditures under collective projects are as follows: *sharing facilities, machines, equipment and other infrastructure for production of agricultural products so as to achieve the EU standards, establishing and developing short supply chains and local markets (market stall vehicle for direct sales; equipment for market stalls; fridges and other equipment for direct sale).*

6 Aid intensity

Total public expenditure (75% EU funds + 25% national co-financing) will not exceed a ceiling of **60%** of the total eligible expenditure of the investment. This ceiling shall be raised up to:

- **65 %** for investments in agricultural holdings in mountain areas.
- **70 %** for investments in agricultural holdings made by young farmers and/or agricultural holdings/farmers certified as organic for the proposed investment.

The maximum cumulative/combined level of aid should not exceed **75%**.

Minimum total eligible expenditure for the investment project shall be **EUR 20.000**

The maximum total financial support to be granted to single project under this measure is **EUR 750.000**.

The maximum total financial support to be granted to single recipient under this measure is **EUR 1.500.000** for the whole period of the Programme implementation (2021-2027).

The maximum financial support to be granted to newly established legal entities (legal entity which has not submitted annual tax report for the last fiscal year preceding the year of the public call) under this measure is **EUR 100.000**.