

Measure 3 „ Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products“

1 Recipients

1.1 Legal entities

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.

1.1 Cooperatives (registered in the Central Register)

1.2 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** Milk and dairy products;
- 2.2** Meat and meat products (including eggs and poultry);
- 2.3** Fruits and vegetables (including potatoes and leguminous crops);
- 2.4** Cereal, milling and starch products;
- 2.5** Vegetable and animal oils and fats;
- 2.6** Grape must, wine, other fermented beverages, spirits and vinegar;
- 2.7** Fish and fishery products;
- 2.8** Livestock feed and fodder products;
- 2.9** Other products produced based on products covered by Annex I to the Treaty;
- 2.10** Production of energy through processing of plant and animal products from primary and secondary biomass.

3 Economic viability

The applicant proves the economic/financial viability of the investment through a **Business Plan**.

4 Examples of eligible investments

1. Construction or reconstruction of buildings and other immovable property used for processing and marketing of agriculture products (such as production buildings, storages, collection and distribution centers, etc.), auxiliary facilities (for example laboratories needed for the enterprise raw material preparation facilities, silo, 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.
2. Purchase and/or installing of new machinery and equipment/instruments, including:
 - for grading, collecting, storing and cooling at collection points;
 - for processing, packaging, cooling, freezing, drying, etc. and storage (including manipulation);
 - for production of new products, introduction of new technologies and processes;
 - for environmental protection;
 - for production of energy from renewable energy sources;
 - for improvement and control of quality and safety of raw materials and foods.

3. Purchase of specialized transport tanks and trailers for transporting raw materials and/or outputs (such as bulk milk tankers, cooling trailers for transporting production, transportation equipment for biomass, etc.) including trailers for transporting live animals;
4. Purchase and/or installing of new machinery and/or equipment for improvement of animal welfare standards (provision of regular access to fresh water, feeding, animal housing pre-slaughtering, clearing of manure, etc.)
5. Purchase and/or installing of new machinery and/or equipment for environmental protection (energy efficiency, controlled climate conditions, waste and by-product treatment and valorization, water/sewerage treatment, processing of animal or plant primary and secondary biomass etc.), including for provision of electricity and/or heating using renewable resources;
6. Development of establishment's infrastructure including construction and reconstruction of intra-connection roads, installation of electricity supply, water-supply and sewage systems, pump stations, artesian boreholes, etc. on the property of the enterprise to meet the needs for its processing and marketing activities.

Examples of eligible expenditures under collective projects are as follows: (joint use of agricultural machines, milk coolers, grading and packing equipment, sharing facilities, machines, equipment and other infrastructure for processing of agricultural products so as to achieve the EU standards, joint use of packing/bottling/processing machines in the fruit and vegetable and wine sector; cool storage facility in fruit and vegetable sector; milk collection center, and 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).

5 Aid intensity

Total public expenditure (75% EU funds + 25% national co-financing) shall not exceed a ceiling of **50%** of the total eligible costs of the investment.

However, that ceiling shall be raised by **10** percentage points for:

- Investments in buildings/equipment whose purpose is to improve energy efficiency (e.g. use of construction materials which reduce heat loss);
- Investments in buildings/equipment for production of bio-energy in case of processing products (raw materials) covered by Annex I to the Treaty (processing of animal or plant primary and secondary biomass);
- Investments in buildings/equipment for production of energy from other renewable energy sources to meet the own energy needs of processing enterprises;
- Investments in buildings/equipment for waste, water/sewerage treatment;
- Investments in productive use of waste materials – circular economy.

The maximum cumulative/combined level of aid should not exceed **70%**.

Minimum total eligible expenditure for the investment project shall be **EUR 50.000**.

The maximum total financial support to be granted to single project under this measure is **EUR 1.500.000**.

The maximum total financial support to be granted to single recipient under this measure is **EUR 3.000.000** for the whole period of the IPARD 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**.