

Measure 7 “Farm diversification and business development”

1 Recipients

- I. Natural persons;
- II. Legal entities;
- III. Cooperatives;
- IV. Associative legal entities.

2 Priority sectors

2.1 Alternative agriculture production (not supported under measures 1 and 3), including:

- cultivation of mushrooms and truffles;
- horticulture (nurseries and cultivation of flowers and flower buds, decorative plants, trees);
- melliferous trees (for honey production), trees for timber, short rotation coppice and other fast-growing tree species for bio energy purposes;
- production of seed and seedling material;
- rabbit breeding;
- snail breeding;
- breeding of birds for eggs and meat – ducks, geese, turkey, capercaillie, ostriches and emus and guinea fowls;
- raising of game animals;
- bee-keeping;
- cultivation of herbs, seeds, and other spices and aromatic and pharmaceutical crops;
- plantations of trees for timber and bio-mass (fast growing).

2.2 Processing of alternative agriculture products (not supported under measures 1 and 3)

- processing and marketing of mushrooms and truffles;
- slaughtering, processing and marketing of rabbit meat;
- processing and marketing of snails;
- slaughtering, processing and marketing of birds for meat – ducks, geese, turkey, capercaillie, ostriches and emus and guinea fowls;
- marketing (selection, package, labelling etc.) of eggs from – ducks, geese, turkey, capercaillie, ostriches and emus and guinea fowls
- slaughtering, processing and marketing of game animals;
- processing and marketing of honey and bee-keeping products;
- processing and marketing of herbs, seeds, and other spices and aromatic crops.

2.3 Production of food products and beverages

Under this sector eligible is supporting of investments for production of food products and beverages for human consumption according to the Law on food safety, which are not eligible for support under measure 1 and measure 3 (**water, beverages and beer**).

2.4 Manufacturing of non-food products (for all activities described in Annex 14 of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027)

2.5 Support of crafts activities dealing with economic activities according to the Book of rules on defining the activities which can be performed by crafts.

2.6 Support of services for the rural population, including

- repair and maintenance services;
- landscape services;
- pet care services;
- residential nursing care services (homes for the elderly, convalescent homes, etc.);
- child day-care services;
- training and education centres for any profession, hobby or self-development purposes, sports and recreation, educational support services, IT centres;
- transport services;
- cinema, local broadcasting.

2.7 Support of services to agriculture, including

- establishment and upgrading of veterinary services;
- establishment and renovation of workshops for maintenance and repair of agriculture mechanisation, machinery and equipment;
- establishment of services for renting agriculture mechanisation, machinery and equipment.

Eligible recipient for establishment of services for renting agriculture mechanisation are legal entities, cooperatives and associative legal entities with headquarters in rural municipalities according to the Annex 1 of IPARD Programme 2021-2027.

2.8 Support of rural tourism, including

- tourist accommodation - indoor accommodation (rooms, apartments, Bed&Breakfast, self-catering cottages) and outdoor accommodation (camping sites, bungalows, trailer camps);
- catering service (cooking and serving food);
- combined services – accommodation and catering service;
- provision of tasting rooms/selling points for direct marketing of products;
- rural museums (buildings and exhibition items expressing historical, natural, traditional, educational, agricultural etc. amenities of the rural area, as well as botanical and zoological gardens);
- provision of facilities for seminars and trainings, educational farms;
- provision of recreational activities for tourists.

Eligible capacities (for accommodation) to be achieved by the rural tourism investment/project:

Natural persons

- up to 10 rooms for accommodating 20 guests (without additional beds for children);
- up to 10 accommodation units (bungalows) for accommodation of 30 guests;
- Restaurant services - up to 50 people.

Legal entities

- up to 20 rooms for accommodation of 30 guests (without additional beds for children); ;
- up to 15 accommodation units (bungalows) for accommodation of 30 guests (without additional beds for children);
- Restaurant services - up to 150 people.

2.9 Production and sale of renewable energy, including

- processing of plant and animal products from primary and secondary biomass, except biomass from fishery products;
- processing of agriculture products for bio-fuel production;
- processing of forestry bio-mass;
- production of energy from renewable resources (solar and wind).

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3 Economic viability

- Technical Project Proposal (for investments **up to 80,000 euros**) and
- Business plan (for investments **over 80,000 euros** and when the applicant is an cooperative or associated legal entities (for collective investments).

4 Examples of eligible investment

- Construction or reconstruction of buildings and other immovable property used for the eligible economic activities (such as for breeding/cultivation/processing/production buildings, storages, service buildings, accommodation, catering etc.), auxiliary facilities (for example raw material storages, material preparation facilities, selling points, sanitary requirements 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.
- Purchase and/or installing of new machinery, agriculture mechanisation and equipment/instruments, related to the eligible economic activity.
- Purchase of specialised transport tanks and trailers for transporting raw materials and/or outputs (such as cooling trailers for transporting production, transportation equipment for biomass, etc.);
- Purchase of perennial trees and plants (excluding planting seeds, seedling material and mycelium), including melliferous trees (for honey production), cultivation of herbs, seeds, and other spices and aromatic crops, trees for timber, short rotation coppice and other fast-growing tree species for bio energy purposes, decorative plants and decorative trees (including supporting installations);
- Purchase and/or installing of new machinery and/or equipment for environmental protection (energy efficiency, controlled climate conditions, waste and by-product treatment and valorisation, water/sewage treatment, processing of animal or plant primary and secondary biomass etc.), including for provision of electricity and/or heating using renewable resources;
- Development of establishment's infrastructure including construction and reconstruction of intra-connection roads, pathways, installation of electricity supply, water-supply and sewage systems, pump stations, artesian boreholes, fencing etc. and improvement of outdoor areas on the property of the recipient to meet the needs for the economic activities and services.
- Examples of eligible expenditures under collective projects are as follows: sharing facilities, machines, equipment and other infrastructure used for production or

service processes so as to achieve the EU standards, establishing and developing short supply chains and local markets.

5 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**.

Total public expenditure (75% EU funds + 25% national co-financing) will not exceed a ceiling of **60%** of the total eligible costs of the investment.

It can be increased up to 70% for:

- investments made by young farmers and/or certified organic farmers,
- collective investments.

An additional **10%** can be given for:

- investments related to effluent and waste management, renewable energy and circular economy-type investments (efficient reuse of waste materials).

For the above types of investments, maximum aid intensity cannot exceed **75%**.

Minimum total eligible expenditures proposed for the investment project is **EUR 10.000**.

The maximum total financial support to be granted to 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**.

The maximum total financial support to be granted to single project under this measure is EUR **600.000**.