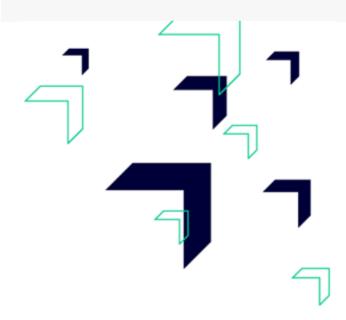




Intervention 77.2: Cooperation EIP Operational Groups

COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN (MALTA) 2023 - 2027

9th January (11am)







Cooperation EIP Operational Groups Intervention 77.2





This intervention aims to grant support for the cooperation among supply-chain actors and support for pilot projects.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a general overview of this intervention with guidelines being finalised in the coming days



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Support under this intervention is available to:

- √ Farmers (whether natural/legal persons);
- ✓ Group of Farmers (including inter alia partnerships, cooperatives);
- ✓ Businesses;
- ✓ Public entities;
- ✓ Groups suitable/relevant to achieving the objectives of the intervention.



The European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Group

- ✓ The eligible applicants would need to form an EIP Operational Group (OG). The members of the OG, and their roles needs to be filled in as part of the online application.
- ✓ Support needs to promote new forms of cooperation. Existing partnerships or cooperation groups however are not excluded from support, on condition that a clearly new activity is started and the differentiation from former or existing activities is justified.
- ✓ The cooperation shall involve at least two actors and is meant to be "operational" and shall contribute to achieving one or more of the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.
- ✓ Support will not be provided in cooperation solely involving research bodies.



ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

- Support for horizontal and vertical cooperation among supply- chain actors for the establishment and development of short-supply chains and local markets, and for promotion activities in a local context relating to the development of short supply chains and local markets.
- Support for co-operation among supply chain actors for sustainable provision of biomass for use in food and energy production and industrial processes (waste).
- Support for pilot projects, and for the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies.



ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

The following type of expenditure is considered eligible for the purpose of support:

- ✓ Staff Costs: This will include all eligible personnel costs which will cover the implementation of the project. The MA reserves the right to utilise the simplified cost option applying standard prices for staff costs.
- ✓ A 40% flat rate of the total staff costs will be added to the budget, in line with Article 56 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. The budget allocation will be used to cover the remaining eligible costs of an operation by any Beneficiary.



The Project Plan

The operational Group must draw a Project Plan as part of the application. This must include at the very least the following:

- ✓ description of their project;
- ✓ description of the expected results;
- ✓ establish internal procedures to ensure transparency in their operation and decision-making and avoid conflicts of interest
- ✓ explain how they will disseminate the plans and results of their project on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis using in particular the national and European CAP Networks, as well as local dissemination channels frequented by the end-users wherever possible.

All deliverables listed in the project plan will need to be completed even if not being directly claimed. This includes investments, dissemination and any other obligations.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ The proposed project addresses the Needs as expressed in the specific objectives
- ✓ Contribution of the project towards the Farm to Fork Strategy*
- ✓ Potential of the project to enhance/result in (the adoption of) innovation/ use of state-of-the-art technology in the sector/ partnership*
- ✓ Contribution towards Results
- ✓ Readiness
- ✓ Quality of Operation Proposal
- ✓ Sustainability

^{*} This criteria does not apply for projects under €50,000 in project grant value.

OTHER INFO



Duration: The duration of the projects will be a maximum of 24 months.

Total Indicative Budget: €1.67million

Grant Support Rate: 100%

The maximum assistance awarded per project shall indicatively be €350,000

Deadline: Friday 14th March 2025

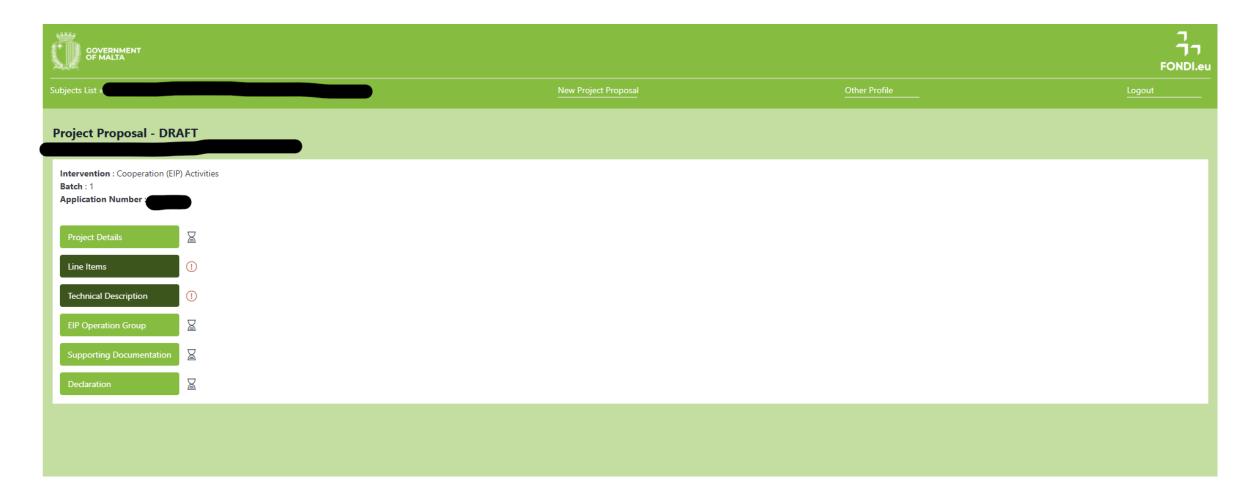




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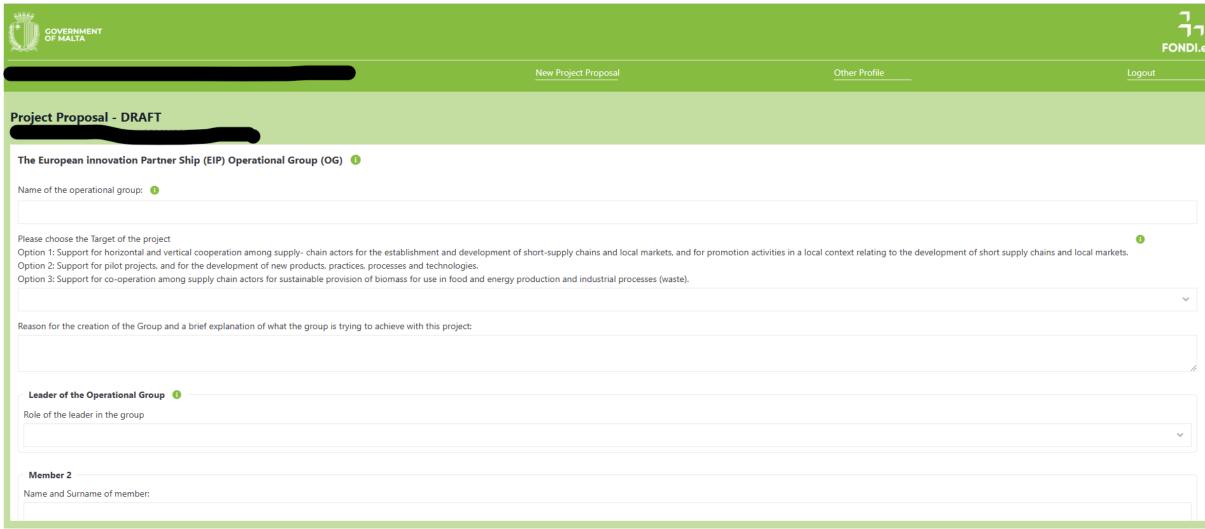


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Thank you!

