



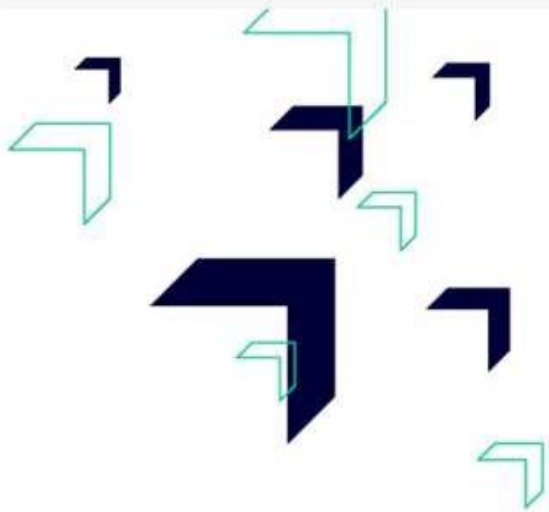
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173.5.1 – On-Farm Productive Investments

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SCOPE

The call is open for **On-Farm Productive Investments** related to:

- ✓ Building/restoration/conservation of on-farm infrastructure
- ✓ Purchasing of equipment and/or machinery for on-farm agricultural purposes

Applications for investment under this call shall be of a minimum of **€30,001** in total project cost.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Support under this intervention is available to:

Farmers, whether natural or legal persons (including Group of Farmers such as, inter alia partnerships and cooperatives), who:

- are registered as farmers on the Department of Agriculture database (IACS)
- have a VAT Number and
- are registered (in the case of individuals) with Jobs Plus as Farmers.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS (Full Investment)

Support under this intervention is available to:

- ✓ In the case of livestock agricultural holdings - holdings with minimum standard output of €15,000 per holding, for all livestock sectors.
- ✓ In the case of arable agricultural holdings – holdings with a minimum of 0.3 Ha for outdoor production (eligible hectares).
- ✓ In the case of production under glass as registered with the Department of Agriculture, the applicable area is 50% of the outdoor production.
- ✓ Productive trees (as permissible by ERA), including but not limited to Vineyards and Olive Orchards: 0.5 hectares of registered Vineyards and Olive Orchards
- ✓ Beekeepers: a minimum of 50 registered colonies.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS (Restrictive Investment)



Support under this intervention is available to:

- ✓ The establishment of at least **1 tumolo** of trees (not limited to vineyards or olive orchards continuous area), regardless of the size of the agricultural holding in terms of Standard Output (SO). In such cases where the applicant is eligible for EAFRD, the Managing Authority will restrict the type and scope of investment for which the project proposal (ancillary to vineyards / olive orchards) might be linked to.
- ✓ Likewise, if an agricultural holding, wants to invest in a minimum of **50 registered bee-boxes**, and where the applicant eligible for EAFRD, the Managing Authority will restrict the type and scope of investment (ancillary to bee-keeping) for which the project proposal might be linked to.

ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

- Building/restoration/conservation of on-farm infrastructure
 - Purchasing of equipment and/or machinery for on-farm agricultural purposes
 - Overheads at a rate of 7% of the total direct eligible costs



What is required at application stage?

Expenditure is considered to be eligible expenditure and therefore eligible for reimbursement only if it has been incurred after an application has been submitted to the Managing Authority

Intervention	Documents required
In the case of equipment/machinery	Three quotations will need to be submitted
In the case of the building/restoration/conservation of on-farm infrastructure	<p>An Estimate of Works signed by a warranted architect listing the works that will be carried out. (A template marked as Annex 3 is attached with guidelines)</p> <p>An accompanying Architect declaration stating that works listed have not started as at date of the Estimate of Works.</p>

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- Tax Compliance Certificate – A certificate issued not earlier than three (3) months from the date of the application, by the Office of the Commissioner for Revenue (CfR) confirming that the Applicant has submitted all returns and has no pending liabilities with CfR; or can otherwise provide official CfR documented evidence that an applicant is honouring an agreement for settling any outstanding amounts.
- Applicable for Self-Employed:
 - The Income Tax Returns for the last two (2) years including profit and loss statements and RA1-Agriculture Produce
- A declaration by the individual's accountant / lawyer, dated not earlier than 3 months from the submission of the application, attesting that liquid funds are available to match the private financing.
- If private part is to be financed by a loan, a bank letter of intent is to be requested at application stage which includes a set amount. In the case the project is approved, the applicant is obliged to submit a bank sanction letter within 3 months of signing the grant agreement.
- All Applicable Sections of the Application have been filled in.

INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE



- Purchase of livestock, as defined in Article 2(24) of Regulation (EU) No 2016/1012.
- Second-hand machinery and/or equipment.
- Investments related to renewable energy, such as, but not limited to, PV Panels.

**The list above is non-exhaustive and the MA may update this list from time-to-time.
Where in doubt, guidance is to be sought from the Managing Authority.**

CHANGE REQUESTS

Projects with a grant value of:

- equal or less than EUR100,000 shall be limited to two (2) change request submissions, including extension requests, whereas
- projects with a grant value of more than EUR100,000 but less than or equal to EUR200,000 shall be limited to three (3) change request submissions.

The limit of change request submissions applies for the entire duration of the project. For the avoidance of doubt, the limitation is subject to the number of submissions and not the amount of changes requested per submission. Furthermore, the limitation still applies in case the MA rejects the request in part or in its entirety.

OTHER INFO

- **Maximum Duration:** The maximum project duration is 15 months. The actual project duration in months will be calculated from the date of award letter.
- **Indicative Budget:** €10 Million
- **Grant Support Rate:** The range of support (aid intensity) shall be 50% of eligible cost, unless otherwise specified. The maximum range of support (aid intensity) may be increased to 65% for certain categories of farmers, in line with the Categorisation of Farmers Regulations of 2024 set up by the Ministry responsible for agriculture.

OTHER INFO

- **First Deadline: 31st January 2025**
- **Durability:**
 - ✓ **For investments with a grant value of between €15,000 and €200,000 the durability period obligations will extend to three (3) years from the final payment to the beneficiary.**
 - ✓ **For investments with a grant value of over €200,000 the durability period obligations will extend to five (5) years from the final payment to the beneficiary.**

APPLICATION FORM



IACS <https://iacs.gov.mt.abacogroup.eu/customerportal/login>

A screenshot of the FONDI.eu login page. The page has a green header with the FONDI.eu logo on the left and the Government of Malta logo on the right. The main content area is light green and contains a white login form. The form has two input fields: 'Username' with the value 'fars223' and 'Password' with masked characters. Below the fields is a green 'Sign in' button with a right-pointing arrow. Underneath the button are two links: 'Sign up here!' and 'Forgot password?'. The footer is dark green and contains the European Union flag and the text 'Co-funded by the European Union'.

APPLICATION FORM

Activate online account

Welcome to the account activation page.

If you do not have an account with Front Office ARPA, you must first contact the Front Office on 2292 6148 and open an account.

If you are already registered with Front Office ARPA, please insert your log-in information (this may be your ID Card/ VAT Number) and your mobile number. Press the 'Generate a new verification code' button to receive by SMS a new verification code. If you have already received an SMS containing a verification code please press the 'I already have a verification code' button.

If you have forgot your log-in information please contact the Front Office.

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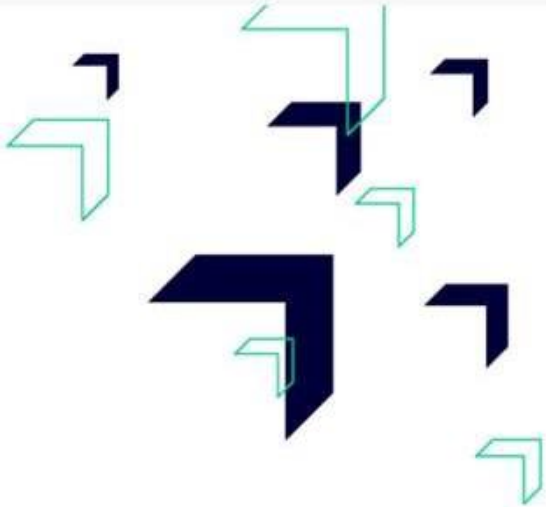


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