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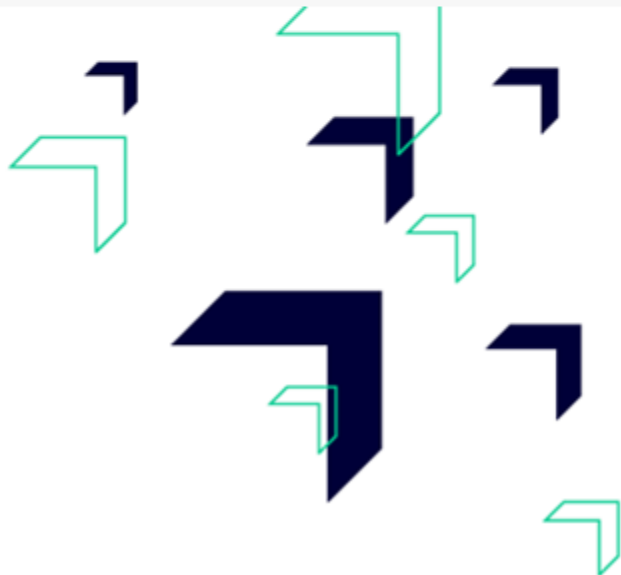


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Intervention 77.1.1: Cooperation Support for Participation in Quality Schemes

COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN
(MALTA) 2023 - 2027

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SCOPE

This intervention seeks to assist farmers to participate in quality schemes that would result in quality products. It is anticipated that this intervention will benefit farmers who take part in such a scheme, ensuring their products meet the standards established by the quality scheme.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Support under this intervention is available to:

- ✓ Farmers (whether natural/legal persons);
- ✓ Group of Farmers (including inter alia partnerships, cooperatives);
- ✓ Groups of producer and producer organisations;

ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

This call is open for participation in quality schemes under any of the following:

- ✓ EU Protected Geographical Indications, Protected Designations of Origin and Traditional Specialities Guaranteed, can only be granted in respect of products registered in one of the EU registers.
- ✓ Organic products support is granted for products complying with the conditions of Council Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2018/848.
- ✓ For spirit drinks bearing a geographical indication according to Regulation (EU) 2019/787, support can only be granted in respect of products registered in the EU register.
- ✓ The Products of Quality National Scheme set in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 47 of Regulation (EU) 2022/126
- ✓ Other voluntary schemes which may be introduced in the CAP SP

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

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

- ✓ Cost of certification which comprises charges related to professional analysis and administrative fees, amongst others;
- ✓ Annual contribution consisting of expenditure on checks required verifying compliance with the specifications of the scheme and the annual fee paid to a competent authority.
- ✓ The fixed costs include the additional associated expenditure incurred for entering in a quality scheme. This comprises certification costs and annual contributions that are inclusive of administrative fees, and may also include checks required to verify compliance with the specifications of the scheme. In the case of organic products, this intervention may only finance costs of certifications, and annual contributions specified above as the eligible costs.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

- ✓ An automatic 7% flat rate of the total direct eligible costs in line with Article 83(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and Article 54(a) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. The budget allocation covered by this automatic flat rate is specifically for overhead costs incurred by any Beneficiary who carries out an EU-funded project. No documentation needs to be provided by applicants in order to be awarded this flat rate.
- ✓ The MA reserves the right to utilise the simplified cost option applying standard prices for all actions under this Intervention

Specific Provisions

Only 'new' beneficiaries participating/joining in a particular scheme can be supported. New beneficiaries for this intervention will be considered as those who had been participating in a specific scheme for less than 5 years.

Farmers benefitting from the Organic Conversion and Maintenance scheme (land-based scheme) shall not be eligible for support under the organic quality scheme for the same year, to avoid double funding.

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 5 years.

Total Indicative Budget: €1million

Grant Support Rate: 100%

Deadline: 2nd May 2025

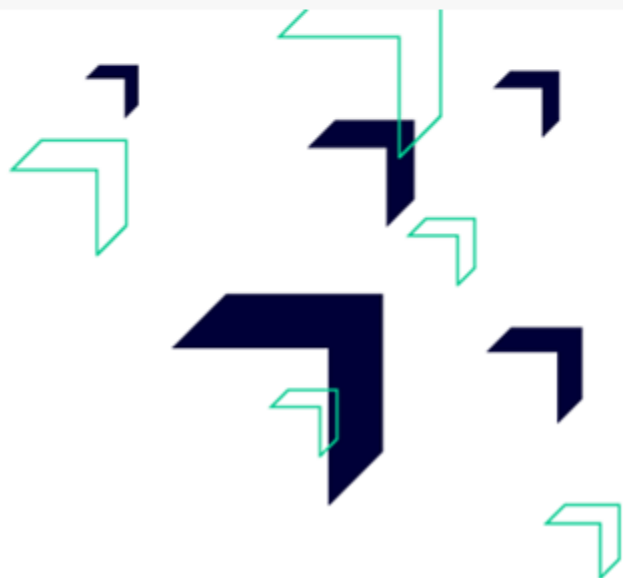


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