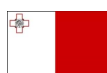


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# General Eligibility Criteria



## General Eligibility Criteria

| Current Eligibility Criteria text                  | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text  |
|--|---|
| Submitted application is fully completed/filled-in | Submitted application is fully completed/filled-in <sup>1</sup><br><br><sup>1</sup> in terms of details as required by the selection committee to evaluate the application for eligibility and selection accordingly. |

# Measure Specific Eligibility Criteria



## Measure 4

| Current Eligibility Criteria text   | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text   |
|---|--|
| Holdings not in financial difficulty, must be efficient and economically viable | <b>Private</b> holdings not in financial difficulty, must be efficient and economically viable |

## Measure 6.1

| Current Eligibility Criteria text | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| NEW TEXT                          | Young Farmers must be 'actively preparing' who have not completed the process to becoming Head of holding, as shall be defined in the RDP |

## Measure 6.1 (...cont.)

| Current Eligibility Criteria text | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| NEW TEXT                          | In the case of a business plan related to new livestock farm set-up, an opinion of the Veterinary and Phytosanitary Regulation Department (VPRD) as to whether the proposed start-up is feasible in terms of necessary licensing within the respective sector. |



## Measure 10

| Current Eligibility Criteria text                            | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text                                  |
|--|---|
| i. Applicant must possess at least 0.1Ha                     | i. Applicant must possess at least <b>0.1124 Ha</b>                 |
| ii. Parcels less than 0.01 Ha will be ineligible for payment | ii. Parcels less than <b>0.04 Ha</b> will be ineligible for payment |



## Measure 10 (...cont.)

| Current Eligibility Criteria text   | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text  |
|---|---|
| iii. Obligation to attend training, and benefit from advisory services within first 2 years of commitment | iii. Obligation to <del>attend</del> <b>register for</b> training, and advisory services within first 2 years of commitment*  |
| iv. Applicant must possess at least 0.1Ha   | iv. Applicant must possess at least <b>0.1124 Ha. Applications for aid under AECM 6a (Maltese ox) and AECM 6b (Maltese black chicken) are exempted from this requirement.</b> |

## Measure 11

| Current Eligibility Criteria text  | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text   |
|--|--|
| i. NEW TEXT  | i. For M11.1 (conversion) the holding must have been in the control system for at least 1 year. Thus, <b>prior</b> to applying for support under Sub-Measure 11.1, the applicant must have been registered as in 'in-conversion' with the Control Authority or Control Body for at least one year. |
| ii. Total of 7 years: 2-3 years for conversion (depending on crop type), 4-5 years for maintenance | ii. Total of 7 years* <del>:-2-3 years for conversion (depending on crop type), 4-5 years for maintenance</del>  |

## Measure 13

| Current Eligibility Criteria text                   | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text                                  |
|---|---|
| i. Applicants must have a minimum of 0.1 Ha of land | i. Applicants must have a minimum of <b>0.1124</b> Ha of land       |
| ii. NEW TEXT  | ii. <b>Parcels less than 0.01 Ha will be ineligible for payment</b> |

## Measure 19

| Current Eligibility Criteria text  | Proposed Eligibility Criteria text   |
|--|--|
| <p>Cooperation with Non-EU MS. The private–public partnership must be similar in form and function to a LAG and operate in a rural area.</p> | <p>Cooperation within <b>Malta, other EU as well as</b> Non-EU MS. The private–public partnership must be similar in form and function to a LAG and operate in a rural area.</p> |

## General Selection Criteria

## Horizontal Priorities

| Current Selection Criteria text  | Proposed Selection Criteria text   |
|--|--|
| <p>...Consideration will be given to whether the applicant has an appropriate policy on equality and diversity (eg. as an employer), access requirements have been taken into account (eg. for buildings, websites), and whether any jobs created are open to a diverse range of applicants.</p> | <p>...Consideration will be given to whether the applicant has a <b>gender mainstreaming strategy</b>, an appropriate policy on equality and diversity (eg. as an employer), access requirements have been taken into account (eg. for buildings, websites), and whether any jobs created are open to a diverse range of applicants.</p> |

## Measure Specific Selection Criteria



## Young Farmers

Applicable to sub-measures 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 16.1, 16.3

| Current Selection Criteria text  | Proposed Selection Criteria text  |
|--|---|
| Points awarded if the applicant or at least one of the farmers forming part of the PO/PG/Farmer Group applying falls within the definition of young farmer stipulated by Regulation (EU) No. 1305/2013 | Points awarded if the applicant or at least one of the farmers forming part of the PO/PG/Farmer Group <del>applying falls within the definition of young farmer stipulated by Regulation (EU) No. 1305/2013</del> is a farmer who is no more than 40 years of age at the moment of submitting the application |

## Thank you for your attention

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