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European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Selection Criteria 2014-2020

“Europe investing in rural areas”

Scope

Selection criteria designed to assess the fit and contribution of project proposals with the RDP strategy, its target group and its objectives.

The project has to obtain at least 50% of the marks available in total (both general and measure-specific criteria) in order to be considered for funding.

The voting members shall decide how the project proposal addresses each of the criteria and assign points according to the following guide:

- Excellent 81 to 100% of points;
- Very good 76 to 80% of points;
- Satisfactory 50 to 75% of points;
- Very poor 26 to 49% of points;
- Unacceptable 01 to 25% of points.

General Selection Criteria – total maximum scoring of 100 marks

- **Project proposal targeting multiple indicators (max marks 20)**
- **Preparedness / Readiness (max marks 10)**
- **Organisational capacity (max marks 20) – must obtain at least 10 marks**
- **Cost effectiveness (max marks 20) – must obtain at least 10 marks**
- **Complementarity (max marks 10)**
- **Horizontal Priorities (max marks 20)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 1

Sub-measure 1.1 – vocational training and skills acquisition actions - total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- **Innovation (max marks 40)**

Sub-measure 1.2 – demonstration projects and information actions - total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- **Innovation (max marks 40)**

Sub-measure 1.3 – short-term farm management exchange and visits - total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- **Innovation (max marks 40)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 2

**Sub-measure 2.1 – use of advisory services, farm management and farm relief services
– total maximum scoring of 140 marks**

- **Quality of proposed plan of consultancy services (max marks 30)**
- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**

Sub-measure 2.2 – setting up farm management, farm relief and farm advisory services – total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- **As for sub-measure 2.1.**

Sub-measure 2.3 – training of advisory – total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- **As for sub-measure 2.1.**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 3

Sub-measure 3.1 – new participation in quality schemes – total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- **Partnership (max marks 20)**
- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**
- **Young farmers (max marks 10)**

Sub-measure 3.2 – information and promotion activities by groups of producers – total maximum scoring of 160 marks

- **Promotional activities (max marks 30)**
- **Partnership (max marks 20)**
- **Young farmers (max marks 10)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 4 (1)

Sub-measure 4.1 – investments in agricultural holdings - total maximum scoring of 210 marks

- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**
- **Young farmers (max marks 10)**
- **Participation in training/advisory services (max marks 10)**
- **Agri-environment climate (max marks 20)**
- **Energy efficiency (max marks 20)**
- **Effective water savings (max marks 20)**
- **Improvement of production efficiency and resource efficient management (max marks 20)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 4 (2)

Sub-measure 4.2 – investments in processing/marketing and/or development of agricultural products – total maximum scoring of 190 marks

- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**
- **Young farmers (max marks 10)**
- **Participation in training/advisory services (max marks 10)**
- **Agri-environment climate (max marks 20)**
- **Energy efficiency (max marks 20)**
- **Improvement of production efficiency and resource efficient management (max marks 20)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 4 (3)

Sub-measure 4.3 – investments in infrastructure – total maximum scoring of 210 marks

- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**
- **Young farmers (max marks 10)**
- **Participation in training/advisory services (max marks 10)**
- **Agri-environment climate (max marks 20)**
- **Energy efficiency (max marks 20)**
- **Effective water savings (max marks 20)**
- **Improvement of production efficiency and resource efficient management (max marks 20)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 4 (4)

Sub-measure 4.4 – non-productive investments - total maximum scoring of 180 marks

- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**
- **Young farmers (max marks 10)**
- **Participation in training/advisory services (max marks 10)**
- **Agri-environment climate (max marks 20)**
- **Agri-environment-climate (2) (max marks 20)**
- **Groups of farmers (max marks 10)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 6

Sub-measure 6.1 – business start-up aid for young farmers – total maximum scoring of 130 marks

- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**
- **Energy efficiency (max marks 20)**

Sub-measure 6.4 – investments in creation and development of non-agricultural activities – total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**
- **Diversification (max marks 30)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 8

Sub-measure 8.5 – investments improving the resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems - total maximum scoring of 160 marks

- **Dissemination (max marks 10)**
- **Implementation of actions (max marks 20)**
- **Carbon impact and actions linked to the mitigation of climate change (max marks 30)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 10

Sub-measure 10.1 – AECMs - no selection criteria apply

Potentially all beneficiaries of AECMs provide same environmental benefits as they are subject to the same commitments; therefore there is no need to undertake any selection of beneficiaries.

However, due to the significant additional benefits likely to arise if management actions are spatially planned at a landscape scale, priority will be given to applications endorsed by a local area landscape manager and applications which positively impact Natura 2000 areas.

Sub-measure 10.2 – support for conservation and sustainable use and development of genetic resources in agriculture – total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- Education, awareness and promotion (max marks 40)

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 11

Sub-measure 11.1 – conversion to organic farming - no selection criteria apply

It is assumed that potentially all beneficiaries of this measure provide the same environmental benefits as they are subject to the same commitments; therefore there is no need to undertake any selection of beneficiaries.

Sub-measure 11.2 – maintenance of organic farming – no selection criteria apply

- **As for sub-measure 11.1.**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 13

Sub-measure 13.3 – payment to areas affected by specific constraints - no selection criteria apply

It is assumed that all beneficiaries provide the same environmental benefits as they are subject to the same commitments regarding cross compliance and the maintenance of land in agriculture; therefore there is no need to undertake any selection of beneficiaries.

Moreover, the whole territory of Malta was recognised as an area with natural or specific constraints thus it is important to tie in all eligible land for its conservation and protection.

In instances where the demand for support under Measure 13 exceeds the available budgetary allocation, the Managing Authority will employ a modulation system, which will be detailed in the relevant measure guidelines.

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 16 (1)

Sub-measure 16.1 – support for the establishment and operation of OGs for the EIP – total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- **Young farmers (max marks 10)**
- **Composition of OG/Cooperation (max marks 10)**
- **Dimensions of initiative (max marks 20)**

Sub-measure 16.2 – support for pilot project, and for development of new products, processes and technologies – no selection criteria apply

Applicants selected under sub-measure 16.1 will be automatically selected for support under the most relevant sub-measure (16.2, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6 OR 16.9) on the basis of their project proposal.

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 16 (2)

Sub-measure 16.3 – co-operation in organizing joint work practices, sharing facilities/resources, developing/marketing tourism – total maximum scoring of 140 marks

- Young farmers (max marks 10)
- Composition of OG/Cooperation (max marks 10)
- Dimensions of initiative (max marks 20)

Sub-measure 16.4 – horizontal and vertical co-operation for establishment and development of short supply chains and local markets, and related promotion activities – no selection criteria apply

Applicants selected under sub-measure 16.1 will be automatically selected for support under the most relevant sub-measure (16.2, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6 OR 16.9) on the basis of their project proposal.

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 16 (3)

Sub-measure 16.5 – joint action undertaken to mitigate or adapt to climate change, environmental projects and practices – no selection criteria apply

Applicants selected under sub-measure 16.1 will be automatically selected for support under the most relevant sub-measure (16.2, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6 OR 16.9) on the basis of their project proposal.

Sub-measure 16.6 – co-operation among supply chain actors for sustainable provision of biomass – no selection criteria apply

- **As for sub-measure 16.5.**

Sub-measure 16.9 – diversification of farming activities into activities concerning health care, social integration, community-supported agriculture and education about the environment and food – no selection criteria apply

- **As for sub-measure 16.5.**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 17

Sub-measure 17.1 – crop, animal and plant insurance – no selection criteria apply

Risk management related measures are exempt from the requirement to set selection criteria in order to foster the widest possible participation of farmers in risk management schemes and create a sufficient critical mass for the instruments to operate efficiently.

Budget will, however, be limited, therefore some priority will be given to applicants who can show evidence of undertaking clear risk management planning, as indicated by uptake of relevant training and advice.

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 19 (1)

Sub-measure 19.1 – preparatory support – total maximum scoring of 170 marks for selection of LDS

No selection criteria will be established for preparatory support. All applicants (potential LAGs) which fulfil the eligibility criteria will be eligible for preparatory support.

However, the submitted LDS will be selected and the following measure-specific selection criteria, together with the general selection criteria, will apply:

- **Development of local priorities and evidence base (max marks 30)**
- **Degree of engagement with local stakeholders (max marks 20)**
- **Action planning to begin implementation (max marks 20)**

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 19 (2)

Sub-measure 19.2 – implementation of LDS – selected LAGs will define selection criteria

The Managing Authority will provide all selected LAGs with a list of selection principles, on the basis of which they will be required to propose selection criteria according to the characteristics of the territory covered and the respective LDS.

The principles will be based on the general selection criteria stipulated earlier in this document.

Measure-specific criteria: Measure 19 (3)

Sub-measure 19.3 – co-operation activities of the LAG – total maximum scoring of 180 marks

- **Innovation (max marks 20)**
- **Cross-benefit results (max marks 20)**
- **Project relevance (max marks 40)**

Sub-measure 19.4 – running costs and animation – no selection criteria will apply

LAGs selected on the basis of the LDS selection will be automatically eligible for support for running costs and animation.

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