

## Questions & Answers

### **M10.2: Support for conservation and sustainable use and development of genetic resources in agriculture**

#### **Q1: Can a company owned by the University of Malta or MCAST apply as an applicant or partner?**

Public entities are not eligible to apply. This also takes into consideration, where applicable, the shareholding of 50+1. If the company has more than 50+1 shareholding, it means that the educational institution is still its main owner. The same principle is being applied for all other entities – research institutions, foundations, associations, schools, etc.

#### **Q2: Can an individual farmer apply for the M10.2 open call?**

Private individuals can apply as the main applicants if he/she has the remit that fits with the call. The evaluation process will assess whether the applicant demonstrates the capacity to fulfil the scope of the measure

#### **Q3: Does the main applicant have to have ownership of land, plants and/or animals being used in the project?**

No, M10.2 does not go into ownership of land, plants and/or animals. E.g., the main applicant can be an NGO and their partner would be a farmer who owns a piece of land. The evaluation process will assess whether the project proposal has the necessary assurance to come and deliver on the scope of the proposal.

#### **Q4: Can a foreign institution apply as the lead applicant?**

If the benefit of the project is for the territory of Malta, a foreign entity can be the main applicant or a coordinating partner in the project, and benefit from grants. Article 70 of the Common Provisional Regulation 1303/2013 will apply.

#### **Q5: Given the 15-month duration, can an entity apply for Part 1 under this call and Part 2 under another call?**

Upon closure, all projects must be operational and functional. Therefore, it is important for projects to have a start date and an end date that would reach the project scope in its entirety, without relying on additional or potential subsequent grants to a successful closure.

**Q6: Are plants and livestock an eligible expense?**

The purchasing of plants and livestock is an ineligible expense for M10.2 projects.

**Q7: Should the support for conservation be targeted only at highly endangered or nearly extinct species?**

This sub-measure intends to support activities that will enable the valorisation of plant and animal varieties that are specifically vulnerable to genetic erosion. However, plants and animals that are not under threat and which are not indigenous can also be included.