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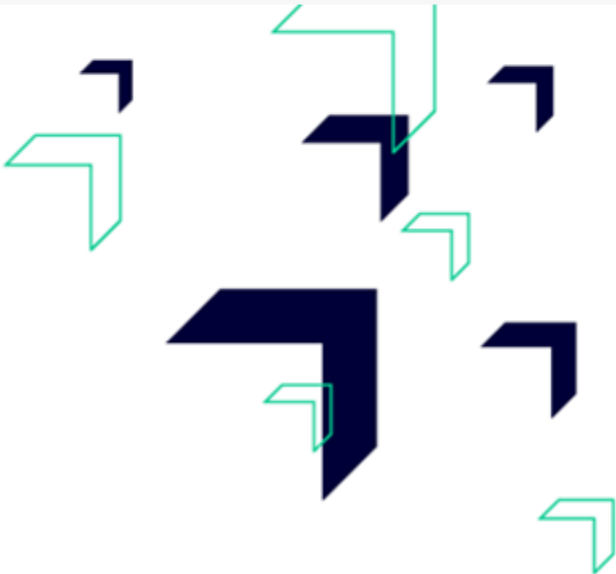


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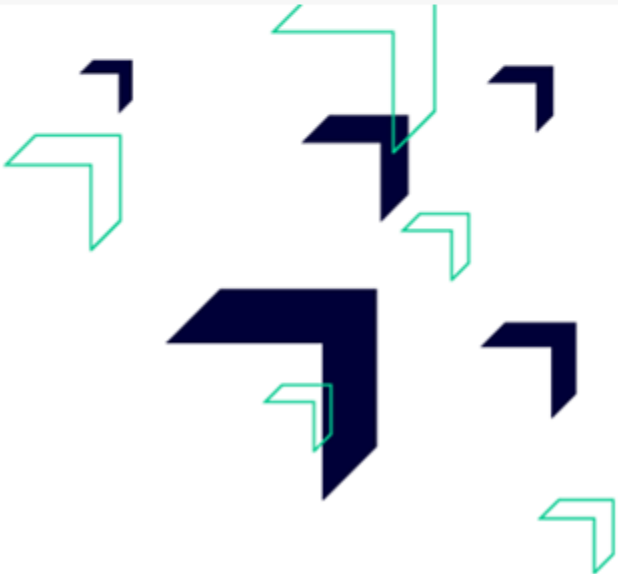


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SCOPE

The scope of the measure is to provide assistance to farmers through recognized Farm Advisory Service Entities.

The use of advisory services for the agricultural sector complements the purpose of measures to improve human potential, through the provision of specific advisory services, and by providing incentives to farmers to seek direct advice to address their specific situations.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Support under this intervention is available to:

- ✓ The eligible beneficiaries (recipients of funds) for support under this measure are advisory Service Providers (SP) recognized as Farm Advisory Services by the Farm Advisory Service Registration Board (FASRB) in accordance with L.N. 99 of 2019 and be duly registered in the official register as held and published by the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency.
- ✓ The end beneficiary who shall be the recipients of advice must be farmers (whether natural or legal persons) that apply for assistance in relation to agricultural activities.

ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

- ✓ **ad-hoc technical** advisory services to farmers. This will consist of specific topics which will be covered with farmers (such advice can be provided for both crop and livestock farmers).
- ✓ Some **examples** of specific ad-hoc advice may be related to topics on organic farming, precision farming and IPMP amongst others;
- ✓ **standalone Fertiliser Plans**, which are essential to obtain balanced fertilization in each parcel.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is considered to be eligible for payment from the date of submission of the application, subject that the SP is eventually successfully contracted by the MA following the application and eligibility & selection process. All advisory services receiving a grant under Measure 2.1 have to be offered entirely free of charge to end beneficiaries up to €1,500.

Payment for the provision of advisory services will be paid according to the rates of the simplified cost options (as explained in subsequent slides).

Fully documented payment claims submitted to the ARPA by June 2025 will be eligible for support. The MA retains the right to amend these set timeframes.

Rates of Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)

The following SCO rates will be used for the **Ad-hoc Advice** to determine payment under this Measure with a maximum of €1,500.

Ad-hoc advice for Crops

Category	Parcels	hrs	Rate	€
1	<=5	6	19.52	117.12
2	6 to 10	10.5	19.52	204.96
3	11 to 20	15	19.52	292.8
4	21 - 30	22	19.52	429.44
5	>=31	29	19.52	566.08

Ad-hoc advice for Livestock

Category	<= 50LU		51-100LU		101-300LU		>=301LU	
	hrs	€	hrs	€	hrs	€	hrs	€
Bovines	13	253.76	14	273.28	16	312.32	19	370.88
Swine	11	214.72	12	234.24	14	273.28	17	331.84
Ovines / Caprines	9	175.68	10	195.2	12	234.24	15	292.8
Other Farm Animals	7	136.64	8	156.16	10	195.2	13	253.76

Rates of Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)

The following SCO rates will be used to determine payment for fertilizer plans under this Measure with a maximum of €1,500.

Fertiliser Plan: The payment rate for the fertilizer plan is set at €50 per parcel.

INELIGIBLE ACTIONS

Any actions that are not in conformity with national and EU legislation and which are not supported under this measure as listed under Eligible Actions measure shall not be eligible.

The same advice that was already provided to the farmer under M2.1 is ineligible. This with the exception of fertilizer plans.

Soil Management Plans, Integrated Pest Management Plans and any other Plans, advice or consultancy services which are already included provided or paid for under any (not necessarily CAP/RDP) other schemes.

CHANGE REQUESTS

Projects with a grant value of equal or less than EUR100,000 shall be limited to two (2) change request submissions, 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ Project Details
- ✓ Project Proposal targeting multiple indicators
- ✓ Preparedness/Readiness
- ✓ Organisational Capacity
- ✓ Cost Effectiveness
- ✓ Complementarity
- ✓ Horizontal Priorities
- ✓ Quality of proposed plan of consultancy services
- ✓ Dissemination

OTHER INFO

Maximum Duration: Until June 2025 (with possibility of extension at discretion of MA)

Total Indicative Budget: €1,400,000

Grant Support Rate: 100%

Deadline: Friday 24th May 2024 at noon

APPLICATION FORM



- Application form can be downloaded in a word document from the www.fondi.eu website
- Applications are to be sent by email on rdsubmissions.mees@gov.mt
- Applicants are to ensure to submit their application before noon (12pm Central European Time) of the indicated closing date.
- If Application and supporting documentation exceeds 20MB, please split the files in separate zipped folders and send in separate emails (*e.g. Application M2.1 Joe Borg - Part 2 of 3*)
- The MA remains available to confirm with applicants that an application has been received if contacted via email on rdsubmissions.mees@gov.mt or via Tel. 2555 2634 during office hours. The MA will also issue an acknowledgement letter.
- Note that the automated acknowledgement sent from the RDD mailbox does not in any way confirm or otherwise the (a) successful receipt of part or full application, nor, (b) that the application is deemed admissible.

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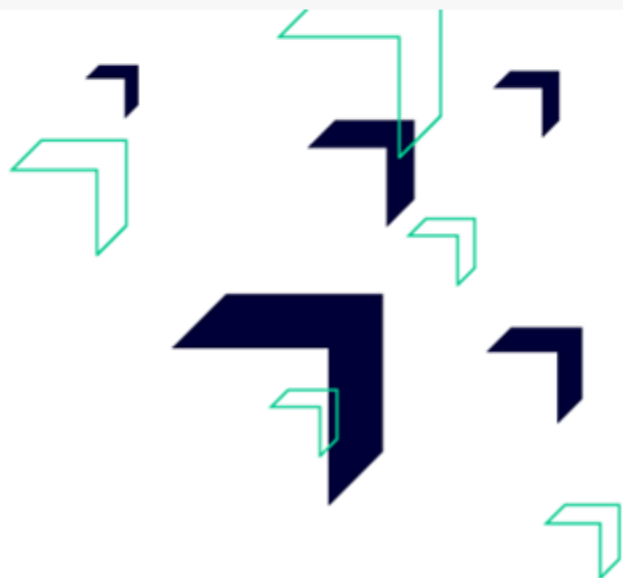


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Assisting stakeholders in accessing European Funds

Inform & Engage Stakeholders



- Information & outreach
- One-to-one meetings
- Information sessions
- Training sessions

Support Stakeholders



- Project Development & Writing
- Project Implementation

Project Development & Writing



- Defining the problem
- Compiling the needs analysis
- Identifying the Aim & Objectives
- Identifying the Results & Impact
- Planning a good dissemination plan

Project Implementation



- Understanding the terms and conditions of the grant agreement
- Information on procurement procedures
- Assistance with project reporting
- Facilitate communication between Fund Operator and Beneficiary

Project Implementation Resources

<https://sem.gov.mt/information/information-documents>

Information Documents

The following is a list of documents providing information about various aspects of project implementation

Downloads	
Communication in EU Funded Projects	Download
The Grant Agreement	Download
Procurement in EU Funded Projects - Frequently Asked Questions	Download
Retention of Documents in EU Funded Projects	Download
Managing Changes during the Implementation of EU Funded Projects	Download
Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement	Download

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