

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Measure 4.4 – Support for non-productive investments

#### Q1. Are my works capped or bound at €38.7 per square metre?

*The maximum Grant allocation per square metre is capped at €38.70, as indicated in your Award letter, irrespective of the rate per square metre resulting/paid following procurement.*

*Note that the €38.70 rate reflects the 80% support from the fund. An additional 20% needs to be paid out from private funds, including any applicable VAT on the entire expenditure.*

***The rate of €38.7 per square metre rate was used to work out each and every applicant's budget allocation under this call.***

#### Q2. What is included in the rate of €38.70?

*The €38.70 rate includes all works related to the restoration/building of one (1) square metre of rubble wall. If that 1 square metre of restoration also requires, for example, excavation and procurement of material, the rate will still be capped at €38.70 irrespective of the rate per square metre paid as procurement. Further information on procurement can be found on [this link](#))*

***The rate of €38.7 per square metre rate was first used to work out each and every applicant's budget allocation under this call. The maximum Grant allocation will be that as provided in your Award letter, irrespective of the rate per square metre resulting/paid following procurement.***

#### Q3. I applied to complete 100 square metres of works and as per original architect's BOQ works were estimated at circa €10,000, but I received €3,870. Am I still expected to complete all the 100 square metres?

*Unless otherwise requested by the beneficiary and agreed to by the Managing Authority (through a change request procedure), the project is expected to be completed as per original application. If there is a change diminishing the area of rubble walls, then that will have a direct effect on the grant allocation. Regardless, the beneficiary will always be reimbursed on the amount of rubble wall certified as restored/built by the beneficiary (up to the maximum grant agreement allocated).*

**Q4. Following the procurement process and considering the Grant provided I am only able to complete, say, 75 out of the 100 square metres of works I applied for, can this be rectified through a change request?**

*Deviations from the highlighted areas of intervention as per site plan provided at application stage must be approved through a change request (whether less or more walls are restored).*

*It is imperative to submit a change request when a new site is being introduced.*

**Q5. I did all the highlighted areas of intervention, but I ended up using 95 out of the allocated 100 Square Metres. What happens in this case?**

*If all of the indicated and highlighted areas of intervention are done as per latest site plan submitted to the Managing Authority, then there is no need for a change request.*

*You will be reimbursed in proportion to the amount of rubble walls certified as restored/built.*

**Q6. I need to use concrete for my project, what are my options?**

*Beneficiaries are to abide by Subsidiary Legislation 552.01 and Subsidiary Legislation 552.08 – Class 2 (iv), with particular attention to the rubble walls definition present in S.L.552.01 (4) – “rubble wall’ means a dry-stone wall, built in loose unhewn or rough-dressed stones which stands by gravity and friction without the use of mortar”. In addition to the above legal requirements, all such works that will be funded by the EAFRD must strictly adhere to all applicable provisions as prescribed by the Planning Authority’s ‘Rural Policy and Design Guidance 2014’.*

**Q7. When will the rubble walls measure re-open?**

*Should schemes be launched financing the restoration of rubble walls, this would be communicated including on newspapers. We recommend that you contact the Front Office Ta’ Qali on 2292 6148 and request that you are placed on the ‘SMS’ register, this way you will be able to receive messages on your phone with the latest measure information.*

**Q8. My rubble wall works are considered ‘dobblu’, how will I be reimbursed?**

*The rate that has been proposed encompasses all types of walls. Hence you will be paid proportionately on the unit of rubble wall works that you have done.*

**Q9. From when does my implementation period start?**

*The period of implementation of your project commences from the date of the award letter (29<sup>th</sup> February 2024) and completed within the number of months listed in Article 6 of the Grant Agreement.*

**Please note that these FAQs do not replace the Measure Guidelines, in case of doubt, the Measure Guidelines will always prevail.**