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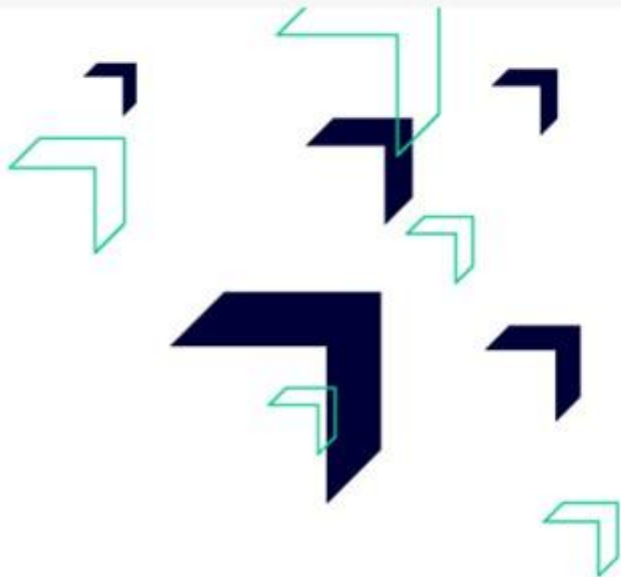
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# Knowledge exchange and dissemination of information: and skills acquisition actions

COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN

(MALTA) 2023 - 2027

5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 ( 11am)



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# **Support for Vocational training and skills acquisition actions**

## **Intervention 78.1.1**

# SCOPE

- ✓ The aim of this intervention is to continue to equip persons involved in the agricultural, food and forestry sector (this can include but not limited to farmers, processors, and other actors involved in the agricultural sector)
- ✓ Training may include elements of both theory and practice, as well as different approaches including but not limited to formal as well as non-formal methods.

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- ✓ The eligible applicant (in the sense of recipients of funds) for support under this Intervention are entities or bodies that will provide knowledge transfer and/or information actions to the profit of persons engaged in the agricultural, food and forestry sector.
- ✓ private applicants shall be training providers with a current license with the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) as a training provider as well as having at least one accredited course related directly/indirectly to the agricultural, food and forestry sector. The accredited course does not need to be included for funding under this call.
- ✓ Prospective Public entities need to demonstrate their link to the agriculture, food or forestry sector.
- ✓ The end-beneficiaries under this intervention will be persons engaged in the agricultural, food and forestry sector (this can include but not limited to farmers, processors, and other actors involved in the agricultural sector).

# ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

- ✓ Training provided by training bodies within and/or beyond Malta targeting persons involved in the agricultural, food and forestry sector. Some examples for training could include but not limited to the following:
  - Organic
  - Precision farming
  - AECC\*/Eco schemes
  - Marketing
  - IPMP
  - On-farm Waste Management
  - Environment and climate change
  - Digitilisation
- ✓ In cases of lack of capacity, competence, expertise, or other justified reasons in organising a certain training course, or components thereof, in Malta, beneficiaries will be eligible to deliver such training, or components of such training, overseas.

\*Agri Environment Climate Commitments

# ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- ✓ Support for training carried out locally will be financed through a simplified cost option rate which will be at the rate of €29.70/ per hour/ per participant with a maximum of 15 participants per class.
- ✓ Non accredited courses cannot exceed 25 hours
- ✓ The maximum number of hours that can be claimed in the form of training fees cannot exceed 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week per trainer.

## ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

- ✓ Reimbursement will be calculated on the hours listed on attendance sheets.
- ✓ In cases of lack of capacity, competence, or expertise or other justified reasons in organising a certain training course, or components/elements course in Malta, in part or in full, beneficiaries will be eligible to organise part/s of the training overseas.
- ✓ An automatic 7% flat rate of the total direct eligible costs in line with Article 83(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and Article 54(a) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

# 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

- ✓ The proposed project addresses the Needs as expressed in the specific objectives
- ✓ Contribution of the project towards the Farm to Fork Strategy\*
- ✓ Potential of the project to enhance/result in (the adoption of) innovation/ use of state-of-the-art technology in the sector/ partnership\*
- ✓ Contribution towards Results
- ✓ Readiness
- ✓ Quality of Operation Proposal
- ✓ Sustainability

\* This criteria does not apply for projects under €50,000 in project grant value.

# APPLICATION FORM



- Application form can be downloaded in a word document from the [www.fondi.eu](http://www.fondi.eu) website
- Applications are to be sent by email on [rdsubmissions.opm-ees@gov.mt](mailto:rdsubmissions.opm-ees@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 I\*\*\*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.opm-ees@gov.mt](mailto:rdsubmissions.opm-ees@gov.mt) or via Tel. 2555 2605 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.

## OTHER INFO

Duration: No duration is set but projects are expected to be concluded by the end of the Programming Period (2027)

Total Indicative Budget: €1,000,000

Grant Support Rate: 100%

**Deadline: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

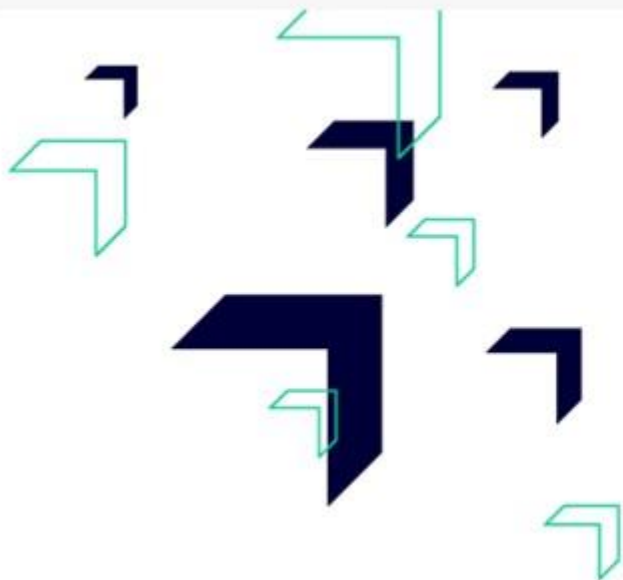


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