Farm diversification and business development support

General info

Economy name
North Macedonia

ID
N42

Incentive name
Farm diversification and business development support

Brief description
Support for alternative agriculture production; processing of alternative agriculture products; production of food and beverages;
processing of non-food products; craft activities; services for the rural population; services for the agriculture; rural tourism; production and sale of renewable energy.

Legal reference

Legal reference name
IPARD Programme 2021-2027

 Article 29(1) of the IPARD Sectoral Agreement
 Annex 4, of the IPARD Sectoral Agreement

Legal reference (Law section / article)
Section 8. (p. 236)

The support is granted for investments in physical assets of alternative agriculture production and for on farm processing of alternative agriculture products. Support will be granted to investments proposed for diversifying the economic activities in rural areas related to forestry and food processing, which are not supported under measures “Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings” and "Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products".
Investment support under this measure also concerns manufacturing, provision of agriculture and rural services, development of crafts activities, catering and rural tourism.
Support will also be granted for production and sale of energy from renewable resources (biomass, bio fuel, wind and solar).

Incentive design

Incentive group
Financial

Incentive category
Grant

Economy-wide/Sector-specific
Economy-wide

Sector (Simplified)
Agriculture

Sector (NACE)
A AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING

Size of firm that can use incentive
All sizes of firms

Level at which incentive is available
Economy-wide

Ownership of firm that can use incentive
Domestic

Incentive location
General

Main objective of the incentive
Economic diversification

In case of grant, share of grant in investment (in %)
up to 70%

Access to information

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Weblink to Incentive information in English

Weblink to Incentive information in local language

Eligibility criteria

Eligibility criteria (description)
6.1. Type of farmers, enterprises and producer organisations to be supported
1. The recipient – natural person representative of the Family agriculture holding when applying for support should be registered as such in the Farm Register at MAFWE.
2. The recipient – natural person craftsmen when applying for support shall submit document for being registered in the crafts registry for dealing with the economic

activity related to the project before the date of submission of the application.
3. The recipient – natural person registered for catering (including provision of tourist accommodation) when applying for support shall submit document for being register for catering before the date of submission of the application.
4. The recipient – natural person who are proposing new investments for entering into economic activities in rural areas (e.g. for self-employment) shall submit legal or notary statement for commitments to register the economic activity as craftsmen, catering or sole proprietor or legal entity in the municipality where the rural area is located, before submission of final claim for payment.
5. The recipient – legal entity must be registered as such in the Central Registry before the date of submission of the application.

6. The recipient – cooperative must be registered as cooperative in the Central Registry before the date of submission of the application. Before submission of final claim for payment, the cooperative must be registered in the Central Registry for the economic activity subject to the approved investment/project.

6.4. Other common eligibility criteria
1. The investments must be implemented on the property owned by the recipient. In case of investment projects, which take place in the property not owned by the recipient, contract or other supporting document must be submitted proving the right to use of the property concerned by the investment for period of minimum 7 years from the date of applying for support.
2. Recipient -shall provide certificate document for proven professional competences and skills by secondary education diploma or higher education or vocational education or vocational training by diploma/certificate.

More on specific eligibility criteria - Section 7

Eligibility criteria (weblink)

Incentive administration

Awarding Authority (Name)
Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development

Application procedure + Weblink (where available)
https://www.ipardpa.gov.mk/mk/Home/IpardPovici/9

Implementing Authority (Name)
Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development