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Agjencia për Zhvillimin e Bujqësisë / Agencija za Razvoj Poloprivrede / Agriculture Development Agency

CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR FARMERS AND AGRICULUTRE HOLDINGS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

FOR BENEFITING WITHIN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "PLAN FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT 2014-2020", **MEASURE 101** "INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS IN AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS" FRUIT SECTOR, GRAPE SECTOR

Aim of call for application

Aim of this call for application is to provide financial support/grants for investing in farms within the measure 101 "INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS AT AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS", in accordance with the Plan for Agriculture and Rural Development 2014-2020, for 2016 for fruit and grape sectors.

1. Acceptable applicants

- Acceptable applicants for this measure are physical and legal persons. They have to be permanent residents of the Republic of Kosovo;
- If applicant is physical person, he/she needs to be at least 18 years old, but not older than 65. This criteria is not applicable for legal persons;
- Physical person needs to have finished at least secondary education and to have two years of work experience for the field he/she is applying for. When it comes to legal persons, above mentioned requirement is valid for the owner or authorized person of the company. Authorized person need to be employed under contract for no less than 3 years;

- Applicant who do not possess two years of relevant experience, need to prepare
 written declaration, committing to attend relevant training of at least 20 hours for
 the area he/she applies, and which would end before submitting request for final
 payment;
- Applicant needs to pay all tax, namely property tax for physical persons and corporate income taxes and other applicable taxes for legal persons.

2. Geographical scope

The entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo.

3. Fruit sector (apple, pear, plums, cherry, apricot, peaches, nectarine, quince, strawberry, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries and aronia)

- At the time of application for investments for fruit sector, applicant must prove to have agricultural property under it own owning, inherited or rented for at least 10 years and registered at the Farm Register, namely at least 1 hectare for fruit trees (strawberry, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries and aronia). Minimum plot area for berries should be at least 0.25 hectares and 0.50 hectares for fruit trees;
- o Beneficiaries for raising new orchards, at least before submitting request for final payment, if they purchase seedlings produced in Kosovo, must submit a copy of phytosanitary certificate on the health status of planting material that meets CAC criteria (Conformitas Agraria Communitatis) as well as copy of the producer's license, while those purchasing seedlings imported by EU countries must submit copy of phyto-sanitary certificate on the health status of planting material that meets CAC criteria issued by the producer, certificate on the origin and import permit of importing company;
- O Planted seedlings of fruit trees needs to have attached on their bodies the label of the certifying body. Beneficiaries for raising new orchards with berry fruits need to keep the seedling labels bought in bundles in order to present them to the ADA controllers' during the examination.

3.1 Investments for fruit sector

- o Investments for establishing new orchards with the minimal surface of 1 hectare for tree fruits and 0.5 hectares for berries;
- o Investments for installing irrigation systems at the farm, based on efficient irrigation practices:
- o Investments for producing efficient energy at the farm from renewable sources;

- o Investments for installing nets for protection from hail;
- o Investments for agricultural machines and equipment for orchards, machines for plant protection, for fertilizing, for harvesting and post-harvesting treatments;
- Investments for constructing and improving objects for post-harvesting activities, objects for keeping machines, as well as storages for products for protection of plants and fertilizers.

5. Grape sector – criteria for investing in grape sector

- o At the moment of applying for investments in grape sector, applicant needs to prove that he/she owns agricultural plot, in its own possession, inherited or rented for at least 10 years and registered at Farm Register, namely at least 0.3 hectares for table grape and 0.6 hectares for wine grape. Minimal plot surface needs to be 0.1 hectares for table grape and 0.2 hectares for wine grape;
- o In case of investments for mechanisms and equipment for cultivation and harvesting, as well as for storages for post-harvesting treatments, applicant needs to prove that he/she owns at least 3 hectares of vineyard, be it in its own possession, inherited or rented for at least 10 years, registered at the Register for Vineyards and Farm Registry. Rent contract needs to be certified.

Beneficiaries for the installation of new vineyards need to buy only the seedlings imported from EU countries and need to submit copy of the phyto-sanitary certificate on condition.

5.1. Investments at grape sector

- o Investments for establishment/modernization of vineyard plantations (conversion, replacement) for table grape and wine grape, of minimal size of 0.3 hectares for table grape and 0.6 hectares for wine grape;
- o Investments for installing of irrigation system, in accordance with efficient irrigation practices;
- o Investments for installing plasmas for table grape;
- o Investments for producing efficient energy at the farm from renewable sources;
- o Investments for installing nets for protection from hail;
- o Investments for holding system of grape vines and fences;
- o Investments for agricultural machines and equipment for vineyards, machines for plant protection, for fertilizing, for harvesting and post-harvesting treatments;
- o For those who poses more than 3 hectares of vineyard plot, are allowed to apply also for the construction of the objects for post-harvest actions, such as cooling storage, machines for classification, cleaning, packing, objects for keeping the agricultural machines and other equipment, as well as construction of the storage rooms for products for protection of plants and fertilizers.

6. Necessary documents

In order to apply for measure 101- within respective sector, necessary documents can be found within guide for applicants, at ADA website and at relevant regional offices.

7. Level of public support

Total depth of public support is 60% of acceptable investment expenses.

Additional support for:

- 5% for investments at agricultural holdings (farms) by young farmers.
- 5% for investments at agricultural holdings (farms) in mountain areas (list within guide for applicants).

8. Timeframe and form of receiving application

Date of beginning submitting the form of application is the day of publishing the call for application.

Call for application will be open from 25.02.2016 to 05.04.2016

Comment: application must contain all requested documents and be submitted within foreseen application period. Application file is submitted in two physical copies and all documents of physical file are scanned and recorded on a CD, which is submitted along with the physical copies. Applicants are advised to keep one copy of the file for their own needs.

Application form and attached documents need to be submitted to regional offices of the Agency for Development of Agriculture in: Prishtina, Mitrovica, Peja, Gjakova, Prizren, Ferizaj and Gjilan, every working day from 08:30-16:00 hrs.

9. Contacts and information points (places) for application

For detailed information please visit web-site www.mbpzhr-ks.net, or azhb-ks.net

Regional ADA offices, every working day from 08:30-16:00 hrs				
No.	Region	Addresses	Phone	e-mail
1	Prishtinë	Industrial zone - Fushë Kosovë, opposite of Maxi-Market	029 601 160	
2	Mitrovicë	"Mbretëresha Teutë" nn.	038 601 169	
3	Pejë	Agricultural institute "Fidanishtja"	039 431 276	
4	Gjakovë	"Marin Barleti" no. 2, floor III.	0390 320 992	
5	Prizren	"Avni Rrustemi" 159	029 244 793	
6	Ferizaj	"Dëshmorët e kombit" nn.	0290 324 661	
7	Gjilan	"Bulevardi i Pavarësisë" str. (Ferizaj road) (solitary building, floor I)	0280326 106	