

## Off-Farm Productive Investments

The Managing Authority for the Common Agricultural Policy – Strategic Policy 2023-2027 within the Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands launched the call for applications under **Intervention 73.4: Off-Farm Productive Investments**.

This intervention aims to fund productive off-farm investments related to **processing and/or development of agricultural products** covering the entire territory of Malta.



The call is open for Off-Farm Investment related to:

- **processing and/or development.**
- enhancing of **market orientation** and **increasing competitiveness**, including greater focus on research, technology, and digitalisation; as well as
- improving **farmers bargaining position** in the supply chain.

### Eligible Beneficiaries

- Farmers, whether natural (self-employed) or legal persons.
- Groups of farmers, including inter alia partnerships, cooperatives.
- Other businesses/public entities/land managers active in the sectors of agricultural or rural business processing/marketing/development of Annex I products as an input.

## Grant Value

This intervention will finance **50% of the eligible costs**. Subject to State Aid rules that may become applicable depending on the type of activity and the status of the applicant, no particular limit is being applied to the maximum grant value that may be requested by the applicant.

## Implementation

Actions financed under the Start-up Enhance are to be implemented within **24 months from the date of the Grant Agreement**.

## Eligible Expenditure

Expenditure is considered to be eligible expenditure and therefore eligible for reimbursement only if it has been **incurred after Friday 27th October 2023**. The following type of expenditure is considered eligible for the purpose of support:

- a) The **construction, acquisition, including the leasing** leading to a purchase obligation at the end of the contract, or improvement of **immovable property**;
- b) The **purchase or lease-purchase of new machinery and equipment** (including investments related to energy efficiency/generation);
- c) **General costs** such as architects, engineers and consultation fees, feasibility studies, the acquisition of patent rights and licences, up to a maximum of 15% of the total eligible project cost;
- d) **Intangible investments** such as copyrights, trademarks or processes;
- e) **Publicity costs** that go over and above the mandatory obligations listed in the Visual Identity Guidelines;
- f) **Shops** intrinsically linked to the supported processing and/or development plant. Shops shall be part and parcel of the processing and/or development plant in order to be considered for support under this intervention and shall be limited to shops marketing Annex 1 products only. Sales from such shops will be aimed at direct selling to the final consumer; and
- g) **Indirect Costs of 7%**.



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