

# Measure investments in physical assets concerning processing

## General info

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### Economy name

North Macedonia

### ID

N40

### Incentive name

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### Brief description

With up to 70% (up to 1.5 M EUR) grant, this measure will support the development of human and physical assets, increase ability of the agri-food sector to cope with competitive pressure and market forces as well as help the sector to progressively align with the EU standards, addressing the challenge of climate change, by promoting resource efficiency and renewable energy, reinforcing the farmers' position in the food chain, by encouraging them to cooperate in short supply chains and produce higher added value products.

## Legal reference

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IPARD Programme 2021-2027

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

### Legal reference (Law section / article)

(a) Tangible investments

- Purchase of building materials and elements for construction or reconstruction of buildings and facilities
- Purchase of new machinery and equipment.

(b) Non-tangible investments (linked to expenditures under point a)

- Achieving compliance with internationally recognized standards<sup>78</sup> such as:
  - Introduction of management systems in the enterprises (for example - ISO 9000:2005; ISO 9001:2000; ISO 14001:2004 (EMAS); ISO 900; ISO/TR 10013:2001; ISO 19011:2002; ISO 27001; including IT-based systems, etc.);
  - Preparation for certification under the HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point) or other <sup>79</sup>;
  - Implementing Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) in enterprises.
- Acquisition of patent rights and licenses
- Computer software including software license

Transportation and installation of the equipment (excluding repairmen)

Construction/reconstruction services (including technical supervision)

In addition, expenditures linked to the collective investments could be extended to additionally cover:

- Studies on the specification for the hygiene standards and the method of production of

quality products;

Product development and marketing study for new products or similar studies for other produce;

Animation costs of not more than 10% for creating and running short value chain of a certain product delivered to a local supermarket.

(c) General costs (linked to expenditures under point (a) and (b))

Preparation of the technical documentation, construction plans and supporting studies

Preparation of the business plan: cost calculations, analyses, market analyses, marketing analyses

Preparation of environmental assessment

Project management

(d) Cost for specific information and publicity activities at project level

which are of the responsibility of the final recipients

Billboards

Plaques

Stickers, etc.

The eligible expenditures shall be specified and detailed in the List of eligible Expenditures as accepted by the European Commission after the Decision for adoption of the Programme is issued.

## **Incentive design**

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### **Incentive group**

Financial

### **Incentive category**

Grant

### **Economy-wide/Sector-specific**

Sector-specific

### **Sector (Simplified)**

Food

### **Sector (NACE)**

I ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### **Size of firm that can use incentive**

SME (10-249)

### **Level at which incentive is available**

Economy-wide

### **Ownership of firm that can use incentive**

Domestic

### **Incentive location**

Specific region

### **Main objective of the incentive**

Increase competitiveness

### **In case of grant, share of grant in investment (in %)**

## Access to information

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### Weblink to Incentive information in English

### Weblink to Incentive information in local language

## Eligibility criteria

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### Eligibility criteria (description)

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#### 6.1. Types of enterprises and producer organisations supported

I. Legal entities must be registered in the Central registry prior applying for support and in the FVA as food operators or for recording the change caused by the concerned investment according to the Law on food safety at the end of the investment.

II. Cooperative which is registered as such in the Central registry primarily dealing with agricultural activities, processing of agricultural products and/or services connected directly with agricultural activities also has to be registered in the FVA as food operator according to the Law on food safety at the end of the investment.

III. Associative legal entities have to be recognized as such according to the law and its production capacity will be calculated as a sum of the production capacities of its members/founders. The minimum number of agriculture producers founding or engaging in an associative legal entity has to be at least 10.

The following sectors related to

processing and/or marketing of products, covered by Annex I to the Treaty (as listed Annex 12 to the Programme), are eligible for support (agricultural products):

1. Milk and dairy products
2. Meat and meat products (including eggs and poultry);
3. Fruits and vegetables (including potatoes and leguminous crops);
4. Cereal, milling and starch products;
5. Vegetable and animal oils and fats;
6. Grape must, wine, other fermented beverages, spirits and vinegar;
7. Fish and fishery products;
8. Livestock feed and fodder products;
9. Other products produced based on products covered by Annex I to the Treaty;
10. Production of energy through processing of plant and animal products from primary and secondary biomass.

Support for the production of other Annex I products not covered above i.e. sectors for processing and adding value to the other agricultural products (such as honey, herbs, spices, aromatic and pharmaceutical plants, mushrooms and ornamental plants and forestry, etc.) as well as production of processed agriculture products not listed in Annex I of the Treaty will be supported under the measure "Farm diversification and business development".

**Eligibility criteria (weblink)**

## **Incentive administration**

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**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