



INFORMATIVE BULLETIN

Agricultural Investment Improving Environmental Performance

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Areas of Intervention

This grant aims to increase the environmental and climatic performance of farms, providing them with greater resilience, sustainability, and ensuring animal welfare by supporting investments aimed at adopting equipment, new technologies and knowledge.

In this intervention it is important to create the conditions to support investments aimed at adopting equipment, new technologies and knowledge. This intervention contributes to the following PEPAC goals:

- Renewable energy production, including bioenergy;
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation, and the production of renewable energies or biomaterials;
- Productive and non-productive investments related to the protection of natural resources
- Digital agricultural technologies;

- Contribution to biodiversity;
- Limiting the use of antimicrobials (prevention/reduction);
- Promoting animal welfare;
- Restructuring and modernization, including improving resource efficiency.

Geographical Area

National Territory.

Eligible entities

Individuals or legal entities engaged in agricultural activity.

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Access conditions

- To be established and active in mainland Portugal.
- Not be in difficulty and the investment must demonstrate economic and financial viability.
- Submit a project, with a positive opinion from the relevant authority, demonstrating improved environmental/climate/animal welfare performance, above the mandatory conditions, in the following areas:

Investment related to climate and energy:

- Promoting agricultural valorization in the management of livestock effluents;
- Increasing atmospheric carbon storage capacity;
- Increasing renewable energy production;
- Improving the energy efficiency of agricultural holdings.

Investment related to the preservation of natural resources:

- Contribute to improving the status of the associated body of water, namely in terms of water use efficiency and potential water savings;
- Contribute to reducing the risk of degradation of the quality of water resources;
- Reduce the risk of soil degradation and erosion;
- Reduce ammonia (NH₃) emissions;
- Promote the use of natural biomass, sludge, manure and by-products (with zero impact in terms of pollution and reduced NH₃ emissions).

Investment related to biodiversity:

- Mitigate impacts on biodiversity;
- Promote the conservation status of the natural biodiversity values of habitats associated with agricultural systems.

Investment to improve animal welfare.

Eligible expenditure

Eligible expenditure includes:

- Expenditure relating to the construction, acquisition, including leasing, or improvement of immovable property;
- Purchase or lease - purchase of new machinery and equipment, including computer programs, up to the market value of the asset;
- General costs related to these expenses and intangible investments.

When EU regulations impose new requirements on farmers, support may be granted for investments to comply with these requirements for a maximum period of 24 months from the date on which they become compulsory for agricultural holdings.

Not to lease or sell co-financed equipment, plantations, facilities or other investments for a period of five years from the last payment, without prior authorization from the Managing Authority.

Financing rate

The **rate of support is maximum for projects with eligible investment values of less than 50,000 euros, reaching 80% (85% if it is a small holding)**, and decreasing proportionally with the value of the investment.

Specifically for **investment components in existing irrigation systems on farms, the support rate is 80% of the eligible costs**. This rate decreases proportionally with the value of the investment.

The rate of support is successively applied to the value of the project's eligible investment (measured on the date of the decision):

- Up to 50 thousand euros - 100% of the maximum support rate (80% or 85% if it is a small holding farm);
- From 50,000 euros to 150,000 euros - 80% of the maximum support rate;
- From 150,000 euros to 250,000 euros - 60% of the maximum support rate;
- From 250,000 euros to 350,000 euros - 40% of the maximum support rate;
- Over 350 thousand euros - 20% of the maximum support rate.

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