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M01 – Knowledge transfer and information actions

1.1 – Support for vocational training and skills acquisition actions

Beneficiaries:

- bodies providing training or other activities of knowledge transfer;
- target group -> entities active in the agricultural, food industry and forestry sectors.

Eligible costs:

- costs of organising and implementing training, including labour (e.g. wages of staff, external lecturers' fees, travel expenses and similar), material (material for participants etc.) and service (costs of hiring premises and equipment, design of promotional material, advertising etc.), costs incurred from the date of signing the contract up to the submission of the (last) payment claim

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 100 % of eligible costs

M01 – Knowledge transfer and information actions

1.2 – Support for demonstration activities and information actions

Beneficiaries:

- entities implementing demonstration projects;
- target group -> entities active in the agricultural, food industry and forestry sectors.

Eligible costs:

- costs of organising and implementing demonstration projects, including labour (e.g. wages of staff, external lecturers' fees, travel expenses and similar), material (material for participants etc.) and service (costs of hiring premises and equipment, design of promotional material, advertising etc.), costs incurred from the date of signing the contract up to the submission of the (last) payment claim

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 100 % of eligible costs

M02 – Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services

2.1 – Support for assistance in the use of advisory services

Beneficiaries:

- beneficiaries of non-refundable support within the framework of this measure;
- public and private bodies offering advisory services to agricultural holdings.

Eligible costs:

- costs of the organisation and provision of advisory services, including labour, material and travel costs etc. incurred from the date of signing the contract to the submission of the (last) payment claim

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 100 %

M03 – Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs

3.1 – Support for new participation in quality schemes

Beneficiaries:

- agricultural holdings that carry out agricultural activity in RS and are for certain schemes or products registered in the certification process; and groups of agricultural holdings which are legal entities (with at least 3 agricultural holdings)
- only producers who market agricultural products intended for human consumption are eligible for support.

Eligible costs:

- eligible costs are not specified because the support is paid in the form of an annual lump sum payment per farm.

Amounts and support rates:

- annual incentive payment for a period of maximum five consecutive years from joining a quality scheme;
- support is granted in the form of an annual lump sum payment per farm;
- highest amount of public support is EUR 3,000 per individual quality scheme.

M03 – Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs

3.1 – Support for new participation in quality schemes

Eligible quality schemes:

- EU schemes:
 - protected geographical indication (PGI);
 - protected designation of origin (PDO);
 - traditional specialty guaranteed (TSG);
 - organic production and processing, and
 - Registered EU quality schemes for wine
- National schemes:
 - higher quality;
 - selected quality;
 - treats from our farms; and
 - integrated production.

M03 – Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs

3.2 – Support for marketing activities carried out by producer groups in the internal market

Beneficiaries:

- producer groups which are legal entities included in a quality scheme,
- at least one member newly included in a quality scheme must participate in a producer group.

Eligible costs:

- costs incurred due to the implementation of information and sales promotion activities of products included in quality schemes

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 70 % of eligible costs
- highest amount of public support per project **up to** EUR 100,000

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M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.1 – Support in investments in agricultural holdings

Beneficiaries:

- farm holders entered in the registry of agricultural holdings with agricultural activities in the territory of the Republic of Slovenia, including social enterprises which are agricultural holdings and are recognised as holders of social market innovations in the field of self-sufficiency, locally produced food, employment of vulnerable groups and creating of green jobs.

Eligible costs:

- new construction or reconstruction of property, purchase of pertaining equipment for agricultural production, the purchase of pertaining information communication technology (ICT) and mechanical equipment;
- purchase of agricultural machinery, and mechanical and transport equipment;
- purchase of agricultural land of up to 10 % of total eligible expenditure of the investment;
- setting up or restoring orchards, olive groves and hop plantations;
- setting up plantations of perennial plants on arable land;
- purchase and setting up nurseries and pertaining equipment;
- purchase and setting up of anti-hail nets, protective foil against cracking and blighting of fruit, and protective netting against birds;

M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.1 – Support in investments in agricultural holdings

Eligible costs:

- setting up pastures and pens, and the purchase of pertaining equipment for supervised pasturing of domestic animals or breeding of farmed game;
- arranging the protection of beehives against bears;
- investments in the field of honey production, other bee products and breeding of queen bees;
- investments intended for the efficient use of energy;
- obtaining renewable energy if energy intended for the production of products under Annex I of the Treaty;
- arranging road, water, water and energy supply connections of agricultural holdings to public infrastructure;
- arranging agro-melioration works on agricultural holdings;
- arranging SIS, their technological upgrades, purchase and setting up of irrigation equipment;
- contribution in-kind in the form of own work and material;
- general costs directly connected to the preparation and implementation of the investment;
- costs of investments for harmonisation with EU standards;

M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.1 – Support in investments in agricultural holdings

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 30 % of the value of eligible costs of an investment;
- may be increased up to 50 % of eligible costs of an investment (plus points if the farm is in ANC, AEC, organic farm, social enterprise, EIP, collective investments, young farmer);
- lowest amount:
 - EUR 1,000 per application for investments intended for the protection of beehives against bear;
 - EUR 2,000 per application for other types of investments;
- in the entire 2014–2020 period:
 - agricultural holdings and micro-enterprises may acquire up to EUR 500,000;
 - small, medium-sized or large enterprises may acquire up to EUR 1,750,000;

M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.2 - Support for investments in the processing, marketing and/or development of agricultural products

Beneficiaries:

- **legal and natural persons involved in processing or marketing agricultural products** (companies, cooperatives or institutes, sole traders, farms involved in producing or processing agricultural products, farms with a subsidiary on-farm activity, farmers with subsidiary on-farm activities that are not farm holders, agricultural and pasture communities implementing the processing of milk on mountains and economic interest groupings); **large enterprises** must employ at least 250 and less than 750 persons, **or** generate an annual income of more than 50 million and less than € 200 million

Eligible costs:

- constructing or reconstructing real property /supply of complete elements, transport, their installation and costs of works are recognised for certain construction and craft works;
- contribution of the beneficiary in the form of their own work and their own wood for investments in the arrangement or renewal of simple and unsophisticated facilities
- purchase equipment and devices;
- production costs of biogas by using organic waste of agricultural sources;
- costs of efficient energy use;
- obtaining renewable energy on agricultural holdings and food processing facilities if energy intended for processing or marketing of products under Annex I (own use) ;
- general costs directly connected to the preparation and implementation of the investment.

M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.2 - Support for investments in the processing, marketing and/or development of agricultural products

Amounts and support rates:

- 1. Grants:
 - Public support rate 30 % of the value of eligible costs of the investment
 - may be increased up to 50 % of eligible costs of the investment (organic farming, enhancing environmental efficiency, EIP);
 - lowest amount of public support per application is EUR 5,000;
 - in the entire 2014–2020 programming period:
 - beneficiaries which are agricultural holdings and micro-enterprises may acquire up to EUR 1.500.000;
 - small enterprises, may acquire up to EUR 3,000,000;
 - medium-sized or large enterprises may acquire up to EUR 5,000,000.
- 2. Financial instruments:
 - forms of financial instruments through which funds are allocated will be defined after the preparation of the ex-ante assessment. The amendment to the RDP 2014-2020 will be prepared in accordance with the ex-ante assessment.

M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.3 - Support for investments in infrastructure related to the development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry

Operation: Implementation of agro-meliorations in land consolidation areas

Beneficiaries:

- owners of agricultural holdings and other natural and legal persons authorised by owners of agricultural land to implement investments

Eligible costs:

- costs of implementing agro-melioration: preparatory works, earthworks, construction works, craft works, concrete works and finishing works;
- costs of supplying finished elements and their installation, or costs of implementing work at the location, and
- general costs directly related to preparing and implementing the investment

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 100% of eligible costs
- lowest amount of public support per application is EUR 2,000

M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.3 - Support for investments in infrastructure related to the development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry

Operation: Construction of large irrigation systems

Beneficiaries:

- owners of agricultural holdings and natural and legal persons authorised by owners of agricultural land to implement investments

Eligible costs:

- costs of material and works required to prepare and construct a large irrigation system;
- costs of purchasing land up to and including 10 % of eligible costs;
- costs of pumping station equipment and transformer stations;
- general costs directly related to preparing and implementing the investment;

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 100% of eligible costs
- lowest amount of public support per application EUR 5,000

M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.3 - Support for investments in infrastructure related to the development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry

Operation: Technological modernisation of large irrigation systems

Beneficiaries:

- owners of agricultural holdings and natural and legal persons authorised by owners of agricultural land to implement investments

Eligible costs:

- costs of material and works for the implementation of investment in technological modernisation of irrigation systems and investments in irrigation canals, including costs of supply and installation;
- costs of pumping station equipment and transformer stations;
- general costs directly related to preparing and implementing the investment;

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 100% of eligible costs
- lowest amount of public support per application EUR 5,000

M04 – Investments in physical assets

4.3 - Support for investments in infrastructure related to the development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry

Operation: Arrangement of forest infrastructure

Beneficiaries:

- owners, co-owners of private forests and their associations, agricultural and pasture communities, and other natural and legal persons authorised to implement investments

Eligible costs:

- costs of constructing or reconstructing forest roads, purchasing pertaining equipment;
- costs of constructing, reconstructing or preparing skid trails and pertaining equipment;
- contribution in-kind;
- general costs directly related to preparing and implementing the investment;

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 50 % of eligible costs
- lowest amount of public support per application EUR 500
- In the entire programming period 2014-2020, a beneficiary may obtain up to EUR 500,000 of public support under this operation.

M06 – Farm and business development

Sub-measure 6.1 - Business start-up aid for young farmers

Beneficiaries:

- young farmers (or legal persons – corporations, in which a young farmer is the sole shareholder and manager) who were between 18 and including 40 years of age on the date of submission of application and who are appropriately educated and qualified, and who are establishing an agricultural holding for the first time
- Set-up is final when the beneficiary:
 - becomes the land registry owner of the farm based on the decision issued on entry in the Land Register,
 - is entered in the agricultural holdings register as the owner of the agricultural holding on the farm, and
 - has introduced bookkeeping for primary agricultural production.

Amounts and support rates:

- EUR 45,000 per beneficiary employed on the farm
 - other beneficiaries EUR 18,600
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- the first instalment of 70% of the allocated funds paid upon the issue of the decision on the allocation of funds or employment for young farmers who plan employment,
 - the second instalment of up to 30% of the allocated funds paid upon the correct implementation of the 3-year business plan

M06 – Farm and business development

6.4 - Support for investments in the establishment and development of non-agricultural activities

Beneficiaries:

- natural persons with a registered supplementary activity on the farm and micro-enterprises in rural areas

Eligible costs:

- construction & craft works related to the construction and reconstruction of facilities / arranging premises where the activity will be pursued;
- purchase of new machinery and equipment including computer software;
- general costs (architect, engineer and consultation fees), may represent up to 10 % of the entire value of the project;

Priority will be given to non-agricultural activities related to:

- o adding value to wood, local self-sufficiency, green tourism, natural and cultural heritage, and traditional knowledge / social entrepreneurship /social protection services;
- organic waste management /production of electricity and thermal energy from renewable energy sources.

Amounts and support rates:

- financial instruments
- *de minimis* rule

M06 – Farm and business development

6.3 - Business start-up aid for the development of small farms

- *Beneficiaries:*

- farm holders entered in the registry of agricultural holdings
- small farms, whose surfaces predominantly lie in areas facing natural or other specific constraints (in these regions they have 50% or more of the utilized agricultural area).

- *Eligible costs:*

- reconstruction of buildings, purchase of equipment and machinery, purchase of agricultural land, etc

- *Amounts and support rates:*

- the amount of public support per beneficiary is EUR 5,000 (lump sum)
- the first instalment of 70% of the allocated funds paid upon the issue of the decision to grant
- the second instalment of up to 30% of the allocated funds paid upon the correct implementation of the business plan

M07 – Basic services and village renewal in rural areas

7.3 – Support for broadband infrastructure

Beneficiaries:

- one or more municipalities or a consortium of municipalities;
- municipality or consortium of municipalities selects a co-inventor in accordance with the regulations regulating public procurement and public-private partnership.

Eligible costs:

- costs of the implementation of construction and craft works; costs of supply of complete elements, transport, their installation and costs of works implemented on site;
- costs of equipping or purchasing premises for the joint use of existing network facilities only to the extent necessary for the investment to be implemented;
- costs of construction of the passive section of electronic communication network to end users;
- costs of equipment and material necessary for the investment implementation;
- costs of active equipment;
- general costs directly connected to the implementation of the investment

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 100 % of eligible costs
- maximum support amount per individual connection EUR 1,200

M08 – Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests

8.4 - Support for eliminating damage to forests due to forest fires and natural disasters as well as catastrophic events

Operation: Elimination of damage and restoration of forests after a natural disaster (sleet, frost, avalanche, attack from diseases and pests...)

Beneficiaries:

- Slovenia Forest for the purchase of planting material and material for the protection of seedlings;
- support for eliminating damage and restoring forest are private and public owners or co-owners of forests (including agricultural communities), beneficiaries may be represented by the Slovenia Forest Service;

Eligible costs:

- costs of labour to eliminate damage and restore forests
- costs of material

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate for the purchase of planting material and material for the protection of seedlings 100 % of eligible costs
- support rates for individual works to eliminate damage and restore forests depend on the level of importance of the ecological and social functions of the forest

M08 – Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests

8.4 - Support for eliminating damage to forests due to forest fires and natural disasters as well as catastrophic events

Operation: Arrangement of skid trails required for forest restoration

Beneficiaries:

- private and public owners or co-owners of forests (including agricultural communities) and natural persons and legal entities authorised to implement the investment

Eligible costs:

- costs of constructing, reconstructing or preparing skid trails and pertaining equipment
- contribution in-kind
- general costs directly related to the preparation or implementation of the investment

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 50 % of eligible costs
- lowest amount of public support EUR 500
- In the entire programming period 2014-2020, a beneficiary may obtain up to EUR 500,000 of public support from this operation.

M08 – Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests

8.6 - Support for investments in forestry technologies and in processing, mobilisation and marketing of forest products

Operation: Investments in the purchase of new machinery and equipment for felling and transport of wood

Beneficiaries:

- legal entities and natural persons, their associations, agricultural and pasture communities, which are private owners, co-owners and lessees of forests, and companies meeting the conditions for micro, small and medium-sized companies

Eligible costs:

- costs of purchasing and supplying new machinery and equipment for timber harvesting

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 40 % of eligible costs
- lowest amount of public support EUR 1,000
- In the entire programming period 2014–2020, a beneficiary may obtain up to EUR 500,000 of public support from this operation.

M08 – Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests

8.6 - Support for investments in forestry technologies and in processing, mobilisation and marketing of forest products

Operation: Investments in pre-industrial wood processing

Beneficiaries:

- companies, cooperatives, sole traders and farms with registered supplementary activity defined as micro or small enterprises

Eligible costs:

- purchase of new machinery and equipment of small-scale, pre-industrial and first wood processing facilities

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 40 % of eligible costs;
 - lowest amount of public support is EUR 3,500;
 - In the entire programming period 2014-2020, a beneficiary may obtain up to EUR 7,000,000 of public support from this operation.
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- Support under this operation will be granted in the form of grants and financial instruments

M09 – Setting-up of producer groups and organisations

9.1 – Setting up of producer groups and organisations in the agricultural and forestry sectors

Beneficiaries:

- newly-established producer groups and organisations, which are legal entities and fulfil the conditions for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and set up in the field of agriculture or forestry, and officially recognised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food

Eligible costs:

- all activities provided in the business plan and related to the establishment and operation of a producer group or organisation

Amounts and support rates:

- flat rate payment in annual instalments for the first five consecutive years from the date of recognition
- 10 % of the share of marketed production for the first year of support, 9 % in the second year, 8 % in the third year, 7 % in the fourth year and 6 % in the fifth year
- highest amount of public support up to EUR 100,000 annually
- last instalment paid after the verification of the correct implementation of the business plan

M10 – Agri-environment-climate payments

10.1 – Payment of agri-environment-climate commitments

Beneficiaries:

- farms entered in the register of agricultural holdings

Duration of commitment:

- 5-year commitment with the possibility of annual extension

Amounts and support rates:

- payment per hectare (or LU)
- operations related to nature, water and landscape conservation: 100 % of the amount of payments calculated as per the model calculation
- other operations: 60 % of the amount of payments calculated as per the model calculation

IACS rules fully implemented

19 operations comprising of mandatory and optional requirements

M10 – Agri-environment-climate payments

Operations:

1. Arable farming and vegetable cultivation;
2. Hop growing;
3. Fruit growing;
4. Wine growing;
5. Permanent grassland I;
6. Permanent grassland II;
7. Special grassland habitats;
8. Grassland habitats of butterflies;
9. Habitats of birds of humid extensive meadows;
10. Litter meadows;
11. Water sources;
12. Conservation of steep meadow habitats;
13. Hummocky meadows;
14. Livestock rearing in area of the occurrence of large carnivores;
15. Mountain pasture;
16. High-trunk meadow orchards;
17. Preservation of hedgerows;
18. Breeding of local breeds in danger of being lost to farming;
19. Preserving plant genetic resources under threat of genetic erosion.

M11 – Organic farming

11.1 – Payments for the conversion to organic farming practices and methods

11.2 – Payments for the preservation of organic farming practices and methods

Beneficiaries:

- farms entered in the register of agricultural holdings

Duration of commitment:

- 5-year commitment with the possibility of annual extension

Amounts and support rates:

- payment per hectare
- arable land and crops, outdoor vegetables, vegetables grown under protection, olive plantations, fruit plantations, high-trunk meadow orchards, vineyards, hop plantations, plant nurseries, production of seed units of agricultural plants: 100 % of the amount of payments calculated as per the model calculation
- permanent grassland: 70 % of the amount of payments calculated as per the model calculation

IACS rules fully implemented

M13 – Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints

13.1 – Compensation payment in mountainous areas

13.2 – Compensation payment for other areas facing significant natural constraints

13.3 – Compensation payment to other areas with specific constraints

Beneficiaries:

- agricultural holdings carrying out the agricultural activity in areas facing natural or other specific constraints

Duration of commitment:

- annual commitment

Amounts and support rates:

- compensatory payment per hectare calculated for every individual agricultural holding

Gradual decrease of payments:

- to 70 ha the payment is 100 %;
- above 70 and to 80 ha the payment is 85 %;
- above 80 and to 90 ha the payment is 70 %;
- above 90 and to 100 ha the payment is 55 %; and
- above 100 ha the payment is 40 %.

IACS rules fully implemented

M14 – Animal welfare

14.1 – Payment for animal welfare

Beneficiaries:

- agricultural holdings engaged in pig rearing

Duration of commitment:

- annual commitment

Available commitments:

- group breeding with release (breeding sows and gilts, rearing pigs)
- 10 % more unobstructed floor area per animal in group pens than prescribed (breeding sows and gilts, weaners and rearing pigs)
- additional voluminous feed or feed with high fibre content (breeding sows and gilts, weaners and rearing pigs)
- thermal comfort (breeding sows)
- surgical castration of suckling piglet males with the use of anesthesia and analgesia

Amounts and support rates:

- payment per LU.

IACS rules fully implemented

M14 – Animal welfare

14.1 – Payment for animal welfare

Beneficiaries:

- agricultural holdings engaged in cattle

Duration of commitment:

- annual commitment

Commitment:

- cattle must graze continuously for at least 120 days during the period from 1 April 2017 to 15 November 2017
- the suppression of internal parasites based on a parasitological examination of the feces of animals
- guide diary of the pasture

Amounts and support rates:

- payment per LU.

IACS rules fully implemented

M14 – Animal welfare

14.1 – Payment for animal welfare

Beneficiaries:

- agricultural holdings engaged in sheep and goats

Duration of commitment:

- annual commitment

Commitment:

- sheep and goats must graze continuously for at least 210 days during the period from 15 March 2017 to 30 November 2017
- the suppression of internal parasites based on a parasitological examination of the feces of animals
- guide diary of the pasture

Amounts and support rates:

- payment per LU.

IACS rules fully implemented

M16 – Cooperation

Beneficiaries:

various forms of cooperation which include at least two entities:

- a. cooperation approaches among different entities in the agriculture sector, food chain and forestry sector and other participants that contribute to achieving the objectives and priorities of the rural development policy, including producer groups, cooperatives and inter-branch organisations;
- b. operational groups of the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability.

Focus of intervention on:

- pilot projects,
- development of new products, practices, processes and technologies in the agriculture, food and forestry sectors,
- horizontal and vertical co-operation among supply chain actors to establish and develop short supply chains and local markets,
- promotion activities in a local context relating to the development of short supply chains and local markets,
- joint action for mitigation or adaptation to climate change,
- joint approaches to environmental projects and ongoing environmental practices (especially in relation to nature protection contents within Natura 2000 sites), including efficient water management, the use of renewable energy and the preservation of the agricultural landscape,
- diversification of farming activities into activities concerning health care, social integration, community-supported agriculture and education on the environment and food

M16 – Cooperation

Sub-measures used: M16.2, M16.4, M16.5 and M16.9

16.4 Establish a new short supply chains and local markets, 16.5 The implementation of projects in the field of environment and climate change, 16.9 Social diversification, 16.2 Technological development in agriculture, forestry and food industry

Amounts and support rates:

- public support in the form of grants;
- public support rate 100 % of eligible costs;
- In cases when the beneficiary partly co-finances the costs of the project, the support rate can be lowered accordingly;
- maximum and minimum permitted support rate will be determined with individual public call for applications; a share of co-financing the costs by the beneficiary will be taken into account in the selection criteria;
- If project includes costs covered under other measures from this programme, the rate which corresponds to the level of this measure is to be used for these costs;
- highest amount of support per individual operation is EUR 250,000 (except sub-measure M16.2);
- support is granted for the duration of the project, but not for more than 7 years.

M19 – Support for LEADER local development

19.1 – Preparatory support

Beneficiaries:

- local partnerships which prepared LDSs

Eligible costs:

- costs for training interested parties,
- study of the subject area (including feasibility studies for certain operations which have to be foreseen in LDS),
- costs relating to preparing and drafting of LDS, including the advisory costs of interested parties for the preparation of LDS, and
- administrative costs of local partnerships (operational costs and staff costs)

Amounts and support rates:

- EUR 20,000 is paid for a confirmed LDS after the LDS has been prepared and confirmed
- maximum EUR 10,000 is paid for an unconfirmed LDS after the LDS has been prepared, reviewed and its actual costs incurred had been verified

M19 – Support for LEADER local development

19. 2 – Support for implementing operations under the community-led local development strategy

Beneficiaries:

- LAGs, natural persons and legal entities in rural areas

Eligible costs:

- costs of labour, material, investments, services and contribution in-kind

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate up to 85% of the operation's eligible costs
- lowest public support per individual operation is EUR 2,000.
- highest amount of public support per individual operation EUR 300,000

M19 – Support for LEADER local development

19.3 – Preparation and implementation of cooperation activities of the local action

Beneficiaries:

- LAGs which receive a decision on LAG and LDS confirmation

Eligible costs:

- Only costs related to joint operations with a clearly identified operation result and benefits for the area are deemed eligible. An operation may also be focused on reinforcing the capacity and exchange of experience regarding the local environment through publications, training seminars, and exchange of personnel if they are aimed at establishing common work methods, and coordinated and joint work on the development of the area.
- costs recognised in the form of costs of labour, material, investments, services and contributions in-kind

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 85 % of the operation's eligible costs
- lowest amount of public support is EUR 5,000
- highest amount of public support per individual LAG EUR 100,000 for individual operation

M19 – Support for LEADER local development

19.4 – Support for running costs and animation

Beneficiaries:

- LAGs which received a decision on LAG and LDS confirmation

Eligible costs:

Running costs

- operating costs,
- costs of staff,
- costs of training staff for the needs of managing and operating LAGs,
- costs related to public relations and LAG promotion, including the costs of networking,
- financial costs and
- costs related to monitoring and assessing LDS

Animation costs

- costs relating to the exchange of information between interested parties and the promotion of LDS and
- costs to support potential beneficiaries in order to form and prepare operations and applications

Amounts and support rates:

- public support rate 100 % of eligible costs
- individual LAG may earmark up to 20 % of joint public expenditure incurred for LDS for 19.4

Implementation structure

National decrees for all measures

PROCEDURE	(SUB)MEASURE
public procurement procedures in accordance with Public Procurement Act	M01.1, M01.2, M02 and M10.2
calls for applications (closed procedure)	M03.1, M03.2, M04.1, M04.2, M04.3, M06.1, M06.3, M07, M08.6, M09, M16.4, M16.9 and M19.3
calls for applications (open procedure with cutting dates)	M03.1, M09
calls for applications (open procedure)	M08.4 (operation related to eliminating damage and restoring forest and operation related to arrangement of skid trails)
direct selection of operations based on national decree	M08.4 (operation related to purchase of planting material), M19.1
payment claims for area- and animal-based measures as part of the single application in accordance with IACS rules	M10, M11, M13 and M14



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