

6. Support for Increasing Forestry Productivity

National Measures

To deliver permanent new supply chain and jobs that, at the same time, restore regular management to local woods and encourage a greater degree of added value to the timber output.

Who can apply?

- Owners of private forest holders
- small and medium-sized forestry contracting businesses

Maximum grant amounts and rates

A maximum of 40% of the project's eligible costs

What is eligible?

- investments in machinery and equipment to help the production, extraction, mobilising, processing and marketing of timber and non-timber forest products;
- processing, mobilising and marketing of products for new forestry technologies;
- Investments that enhance forestry potential or adding value to forest products by processing, mobilising or marketing;
- The costs of development of wood-fuel supply chains;
- transportation of wood within a forest by specialized forestry equipment, excluding standard transport activities; and
- Investments in the production, processing and marketing of non-timber forest products, particularly wild venison. This shall include on-holding cold storage and butchery facilities.

Ineligible costs in addition to the general costs

- The costs of large scale or industrial processing undertaken by static machinery with an annual processing capacity that is more than 10,000m³.
- Hand tools (including chain saws) and consumables
- Investments in woodland creation and the management of the woodland,
- preparation of woodland management plans