

1. Support to increase Farm Productivity

There are three objectives under this priority

a) A project to improve the overall performance and sustainability of an agricultural holding.

Who can apply?

Farmers or groups of farmers

Grant limits

No maximum grant but maximum grant rate is 40%

What is eligible?

- Equipment and machinery to improve the efficiency of the use of energy, water, fertilizer and other direct inputs (for example precision farming or new technologies);
- Equipment and machinery to reduce impacts on soils (eg specialist drills to enable low or zero tillage farming) and to reduce GHG emissions;
- Investment to improve facilities for slurry/manure management
- Investment to modernise or mechanise production and increase productivity

Costs could include:

- the costs of construction, acquisition (including leasing) or improvement to immovable property
- the purchase or lease purchase of new machinery and equipment (including second hand equipment)
- general costs such as architect, engineer and consultation fees (limited to 15% of the project's eligible costs)
- intangible investments including, acquisition or development of computer software
- acquisition of patents, licences, copyrights, trademarks.

Ineligible costs in addition to the general costs

- Contributions in kind

b) An investment to support animal health and welfare improvements.

Who can apply?

Farmers or groups of farmers

Grant limits

No maximum grant but maximum grant rate is 40%

What is eligible?

- Equipment and machinery to improve the efficiency of the use of animal feed and other products
- Improvements to livestock housing to improve animal welfare or energy efficiency
- Equipment and machinery to improve animal handling

Costs could include:

- the costs of construction, acquisition (including leasing) or improvement to immovable property
- the purchase or lease purchase of new machinery and equipment
- general costs such as architect, engineer and consultation fees (limited to a maximum of 15% of the project's total eligible costs)
- intangible investments including, acquisition or development of computer software
- acquisition of patents, licences, copyrights, trademarks.

Ineligible costs in addition to the general costs

- Contributions in kind

c) Processing, marketing and/or development of agricultural products.

Who can apply?

Farmers, land owners or processing businesses

Grant limits

If the project involves processing, the amount of grant depends on whether the end product of the processing is listed in 'Annex 1'. The majority of the raw materials must be Annex 1 products.

Raw materials in	Product out	Business size	Amount that can be applied for
Annex 1 product	Annex 1 product	Micro, small and medium-sized businesses	Cornwall up to 50% All other areas up to 40%
Annex 1 product	Not an Annex 1 product	Micro and small businesses	In Cornwall the grant rate is up to 45% In all other areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where grant amount is less than €200,000 then max grant rate is 40% • Where grant amount is more than €200,000 then max grant rate is up to 20% in all other areas
		Medium	Where grant amount is less than €200,000 then max grant rate is 40% Where grant amount is more than €200,000 then max grant rate is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 35% in *Cornwall • up to 10% in all other

LAGs may wish to impose a maximum grant rate if it is their policy to do so.

What is eligible?

- Investment in, equipment, technologies or processes to reduce waste
- Investment in equipment, technologies or processes to develop new or higher quality products
- Business start-ups
- Marketing activity, excluding hard copy material, associated with the above investments
- Construction /conversion of buildings to be used for processing activities

Cost could include:

- the costs of construction, acquisition (including leasing) or improvement to immovable property
- the purchase or hire purchase of new machinery and equipment (including second hand equipment)
- general costs such as architect, engineer and consultation fees (limited to a maximum of 15% of the project's total eligible costs)
- intangible investments including, acquisition or development of computer software and
- acquisition of patents, licences, copyrights, trademarks.

Ineligible costs in addition to the general costs: Contributions in kind