



European Union Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance For Rural Development - IPARD II

FORECAST NOTICE SECOND CALL FOR APPLICATION No. 02/2019 Under the IPARD II Programme

Agriculture and Rural Development Agency of Albania and Managing Authority within the Ministry of Agriculture Rural Development are announcing the Second Call for Application under the IPARD II Programme from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) for Rural Development (IPARD) with the aim of approving Grants to Agro Food Sector.

The Call is opened for all citizens (natural and legal persons) of Albania who work and operate in the territory of the Republic of Albania in the area of agriculture and rural development with special focus on the following Measures for which applications can be submitted:

Measure 1: "Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings" with special focus on the following sectors:

- Milk
- Meat
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Grape

Measure 3: "Investments in Processing and Marketing of agriculture products" with special focus on the following sectors:

- Milk and dairy processing
- Meat processing
- Fruit and vegetable processing
- Wine

Measure 7: "Farm diversification and Business Development" with special focus on the following sectors:

- Production of MAPs, mushrooms, honey, ornamental plants and snails;
- Processing and marketing of wild or cultivated MAPs, mushrooms and honey;
- On-farm processing and direct marketing of agricultural products;
- Aquaculture;
- Nature and rural tourism;
- Services for rural business and population;
- Handcrafts and manufacturing industry;
- Renewable energy production and use.

Under this call the indicative overall available budget is consisted of *57.68* Million EUR public contribution out which *43.26* Million EUR, as Community contribution representing 75% of the overall public contribution and *14.42* Million EUR as National contribution representing 25% of the overall public contribution.

The overall indicative budget shall be made available for all measures as following:

Measure 1: with total budget of 24.05 Million EUR, with minimum total eligible investment of 10.000 EURO and maximum total eligible investment of 500,000 EUR.

<u>Measure 3:</u> with total budget of 22.75 Million EUR, with minimum total eligible investment of 25,000 EURO and maximum total eligible investment of 2,000,000 EUR.

<u>Measure 7:</u> with total budget of 10.87 Million EUR, with minimum total eligible investment of 10,000 EUR and maximum total eligible investment of 400,000 EUR.

All interested parties can receive the necessary information concerning types of eligible investments, eligibility of the applicants, criteria for selection and instructions for submitting an applications, in the Guideline for Applicants, which can be requested as a free sample hardcopy in the main offices of Managing Authority within the Ministry of Agriculture Rural Development (MARD) and Agriculture and Rural Development Agency (ARDA), during working hours 08:00-16:30h.

Also, the Guideline for Applicants can be downloaded from the following web sites: www.azhbr.gov.al; www.ipard.gov.al and http://www.bujgesia.gov.al/ a soft version.

This call will be opened from the 30th of October 2019. Deadline for submission of the application is 16th December 2019, during working hours 08:00-16:30h.

Any application submitted to Agriculture and Rural Development Agency of Albania after 16th December 2019 will be rejected.

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