

Frequently Asked Questions

Measure 4.1: Support for Investments in Agricultural Holdings

1. On which year should I base the calculations of the crop plan?

In the case of the Horticulture Sector the calculations have to be based on the crop plan submitted with the application covering the calendar year prior to application, i.e. N-1 (N being the current year).

In the case of Livestock Sector, calculations have to be based on an average of three years covering the three-year period prior to year of application, i.e. N-3, N-2, N-1 (N being the current year). This calculation needs to be based on certificates provided by VPRD.

2. What is the start date of the project and what is the project duration?

The start date of project implementation is the date of contract (Grant Agreement) signature. The duration of the implementation period of sub-measure 4.1 is 15 months or as stipulated in the Grant Agreement.

3. Can I claim Planning Authority Fees?

No. Planning Authority Fees are to be deemed as non-eligible costs and therefore cannot be claimed from the Project

4. Are investments related to an existing water reservoir or restoration of windmills considered simple replacement investments?

Operations such as investment in the functional improvement of agricultural water cisterns (ġiebjja or bir) and restoration of windmills (wind driven pumps) for either water pumping and/or energy generation for agricultural purposes are not considered simple replacement.



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5. Are rubble walls eligible under Measure 4.1?

No. Rubble Walls are not considered eligible under Measure 4.1. These are eligible under Measure 4.4.

6. Are parcels registered as AGRIDEC eligible under Measure 4.1?

No, in the case of horticulture, Standard Output calculation is to include only parcels registered as 'agriclaim'. Parcels registered as 'agridec' on LPIS are not eligible in determining the Standard Output of crops. However, for the last Batch under the current call (Batch 12 31st January 2020 – 30th April 2020) in cases where applicants are waiting for the registration period to change the parcel status, the MA will be accepting a Notarial declaration binding the applicant to change the parcel on LPIS from 'agridec' to 'agriclaim' by end-September 2020 or two weeks from opening of request period window, whichever the latest, but not extending beyond the 30th October 2020. In case the applicant fails to follow these instructions, the application will be rejected or in case a contract has already been signed, it will be terminated.

7. If the parcel where the project investment will be implemented is not registered on my name in the LPIS Certificate, can I apply for Measure 4.1?

No, in the case of horticulture, the name shown on the LPIS Certificate has to be of the individual or legal person applying for the investment measure. However, for the last batch under the current call (Batch 12 31st January 2020 – 30th April 2020), in cases where applicants are waiting for the registration period to transfer the parcel on the applicant, the MA will be accepting a Notarial declaration binding the applicant to apply for land management as registered with DoA on IACS by end-September 2020 or two weeks from opening of request period window, whichever is the latest, but not extending beyond the 30th October 2020. In case the applicant fails to follow these instructions, the application will be rejected or in case a contract has already been signed, it will be terminated.



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