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| **1.1.11.**  **supplementary information sheet on aid for the cooperation in the agriculture sector** |

*This form must be used for the notification of any State aid measure whose aim is the cooperation in the agricultural sector as described by Section 1.1.11. of Chapter 1 of Part II of the European Union Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas ('the Guidelines').*

1. **TYPE OF AID**
   1. Please confirm that the aid is granted to promote cooperation that contributes to achieving one or more of the objectives set out in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115:

yes  no

Please specify to which objectve of Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 contributes the aided measure:

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* 1. Is the aid granted for cooperation, which involves at least two actors?

yes  no

* 1. Please confirm that the aid is not granted for cooperation involving solely research bodies:

yes  no

* 1. Please confirm that mainly actors active in the agricultural sector benefit from the aid:

yes  no

Please note that in compliance with point (310) of the Guidelines, aid can be granted to promote cooperation involving at least two actors irrespective of whether they are active in the agricultural sector but subject to the cooperation benefitting mainly the agricultural sector.

* 1. Please specify the form of cooperation:

(a) cooperation among different undertakings in the agricultural sector, food chain and other actors active in the agricultural sector that contribute to achieving the objectives and priorities of rural development policy, including producer groups, cooperatives and inter-branch organisation;

(b) the creation of clusters and networks;

(c) farm succession, in particular for generational renewal at farm level (aid may be granted only to farmers who have, or will have by the end of the operation reached the retirement age, determined by the Member State concerned in accordance with its national legislation);

(d) other.

Please specify:

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* 1. Please indicate the cooperation activities for which the aid is granted:

(a) pilot projects;

(b) the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies in the agriculture and food sectors, only as far as agricultural products are concerned;

(c) cooperation among small operators in the agricultural sector in organising joint work processes and sharing facilities and resources;

(d) horizontal and vertical cooperation among supply chain actors for the establishment and development of short supply chains and local markets;

(e) promotion activities in a local context relating to the development of short supply chain and local markets;

(f) collective action undertaken with a view to mitigating or adapting to climate change;

(g) joint approaches to environmental projects and ongoing environmental practices including efficient water management, the use of renewable energy[[1]](#footnote-1) and the preservation of agricultural landscapes;

(h) horizontal and vertical cooperation among supply chain actors in the sustainable production of biomass for use in food production if the result is an agricultural product and energy production for own consumption;

(i) implementation, in particular by groups of public and private partners other than those defined in Article 31(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, of local development strategies other than those defined in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060;

(j) other forms of cooperation.

Please specify:

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* 1. Is the aid granted only to new forms of cooperation, including the existing ones if starting a new activity?

yes  no

* 1. Where the aid is granted for the establishment and development of short supply chains, as referred to in point 1.6. (d) and (e) of this Supplementary Information Sheet, does it cover only supply chains involving no more than one intermediary between farmer and consumer?

yes  no

1. **ELIGIBLE COSTS AND AID INTENSITY**
2. Please indicate the eligible costs (in so far as they concern the agricultural activity):

(a) the costs of studies of the area concerned, feasibility studies, and the drawing up of a business plan or local development strategy other than the one referred to in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060;

(b) the running costs of cooperation, such as the salary of a "co-ordinator";

(d) the costs of operations to be implemented;

(e) the costs of promotion activities.

1. Will the aid be limited to a maximum period of seven years?

yes  no

1. If the aid will be granted for a period longer than seven years, please provide the justification:

(a) the aid is granted for collective environmental and climate actions in order to achieve the specific environmental- and climate-related objectives set out in Article 6(1), points (d), (e) and (f), of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115;

Please provide the justification for a duration exceeding a period of seven years:

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(b) the aid is granted for implementation, in particular by groups of public and private partners other than those defined in Article 31(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, of local development strategies other than those defined in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060;

Please provide the justification for a duration exceeding a period of seven years:

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1. Is the maximum aid intensity limited to 100% of the eligible costs?

yes  no

Please note that where the aid is granted for the costs of operations to be implemented which consist of investments, aid must be limited to the maximum aid intensity of investment aid, as specified in the relevant Section on investment aid.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Please indicate any other information considered relevant to the assessment of the measure concerned under this Section of the Guidelines.

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1. This applies to co-operation relating to the production of energy from renewable sources or the production of biofuels on holdings, provided that the conditions laid down in Section 1.1.1.1 of Part II of the Guidelines are complied with. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)