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| **1.1.4.**  **Supplementary Information Sheet on Aid for Agri-environment-climate commitments** |

*This form must be used for the notification of any State aid measure to support agricultural production methods designed to protect the environment and to maintain the countryside (agri-environment-climate commitments) covered by Section 1.1.4. of Chapter 1 of Part II of the European Union Guidelines for State aid in the agriculture and forestry sectors and in rural areas ('the Guidelines').*

1. Is the aid granted solely to undertakings and groups of such undertakings active in the primary agricultural production, which undertake, on a voluntary basis, to carry out operations consisting of one or more agri-environment-climate commitments?

yes  no

1. Do the aided measures aim at the preservation and the promotion of the necessary changes to agricultural practices that make a positive contribution to the environment and climate?

yes  no

1. Please indicate whether the voluntary commitments for which the aid is granted go beyond:

(a) the relevant statutory management requirements and GAEC standards established under Title III, Chapter I, Section 2, of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115;

(b) the relevant minimum requirements for the use of fertiliser and plant protection products as well as other relevant mandatory requirements established by national and Union law;

(c) the conditions established for the maintenance of the agricultural area in accordance with Article 4(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

1. Please confirm that where the aid is granted for commitments referred to under point 3 (b) of this Supplementary Information Sheet, where national law imposes new requirements which go beyond the corresponding minimum requirements laid down in Union law, such aid is granted for commitments contributing to compliance with those requirements for a maximum of 24 months from the date on which they become mandatory for the holding:

yes  no

1. Please confirm that undertakings carrying out operations under this Section of the Guidelines have access to the relevant knowledge and information required to implement such operations, and that appropriate training is made available for those who require it, as well as access to expertise in order to assist farmers who commit to change their production systems:

yes  no

1. Are commitments undertaken for a period of five to seven years?

yes  no

1. If the aid is granted for commitments undertaken for a period longer than seven years, including an annual extension after the termination of the initial period, is a longer duration necessary for particular types of commitments?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification as to why a longer period is necessary:

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1. If the aid is granted for commitments for the conservation, sustainable use and development of genetic resources, is the period determined by a Member State at least one year?

yes  no

Please note that pursuant to point (204) of the Guidelines, the period shorter than five years, but minimum of one year can only be determined for new commitments for the conservation, sustainable use and development of genetic resources directly following the commitment performed in the initial period or in other duly justified cases, Member States may determine a shorter period of at least one year.

Please provide the justification as to why a period shorter than five years is necessary:

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1. Please confirm that commitments to extensify livestock farming comply with at least the following conditions:

(a) the whole grazed area of the holding must be managed and maintained to avoid over- and under-grazing;

(b) livestock density must be defined taking account of all grazing livestock kept on the farm or, in the case of a commitment to limit nutrient leaching, all animals kept on the farm which are relevant to the commitment in question;

1. Please confirm that commitments to rear local breeds in danger of being lost to farming or to preserve plant genetic resources under threat of genetic erosion require one of the following:

(a) to rear farm animals of local breeds, genetically adapted to one or more traditional production systems or environments in the country, in danger of being lost to farming;

(b) to preserve plant genetic resources naturally adapted to the local and regional conditions and under threat of genetic erosion.

1. Please confirm that only the following species of farm animals are eligible for aid: cattle, sheep, goats, equidae, pigs, birds, rabbits and bees:

yes  no

Please specify which farm animals species are eligible for aid:

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1. Please confirm that local breeds are considered as being in danger of being lost to farming only if all of the following conditions are fulfilled and if those conditions are also described and included in the notification to the Commission:

(a) the number, at national level, of breeding females concerned is stated;

(b) that number and the endangered status of the listed breeds is certified by a duly recognised relevant scientific body;

(c) a duly recognised relevant technical body registers and keeps up-to-date the breeding book for the breed;

(d)the bodies concerned possess the necessary skills and knowledge to identify animals of the breeds in danger.

Please note that all the above conditions must be respected.

1. Does the notification include sufficient evidence of genetic erosion, based upon scientific results or indicators for the reduction of landraces or primitive local varieties, their population diversity and, where relevant, for modifications in the prevailing agricultural practices at local level?

yes  no

Please note that plant genetic resources can be considered as being under threat of genetic erosion on condition that sufficient evidence of genetic erosion, based upon scientific results or indicators for the reduction of landraces or primitive local varieties, their population diversity and, where relevant, for modifications in the prevailing agricultural practices at local level, is described and included in the notification to the Commission.

1. Is the aid provided for the conservation and for the sustainable use and development of genetic resources in agriculture for operations not covered by the questions?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide more details on the aided operations:

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1. Is aid granted in favour of collective schemes and result-based payments schemes, such as carbon farming schemes?

yes  no

Please note that aid in favour of collective schemes and result-based payments schemes, must aim to encourage farmers to deliver a significant enhancement of the quality of the environment at a larger scale or in a measurable way, to encourage farmers to deliver a significant enhancement of the quality of the environment at a larger scale or in a measurable way.

1. Please indicate the eligible costs:

(a) compensation for all or part of additional costs resulting from the commitments;

(b) income foregone resulting from the commitments.

If the aid is granted also in favour of **investment** costs related to agri-environmental-climate commitments under this Section, please refer to the Supplementary Information Sheet 1.1.1.1. on aid for investment in in agricultural holdings linked to primary agricultural production.

If the aid pursues other objectives such as **training** and **advisory** **services** to help agricultural producers, please refer to the Supplementary Information Sheet(s) 1.1.10. on aid for provision of technical support in the agricultural sector.

1. Is the aid granted annually?

yes  no

If the answer is no, please provide the reasons justifying the other period:

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1. Is the aid granted as a one-off payment per unit, calculated on the basis of additional costs incurred and income foregone?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification:

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Please note that aid may be granted as a one-off payment per unit only in duly justified cases, such as operations concerning environmental conservation or commitments to renounce the commercial use of areas.

1. Does the aid cover transaction costs, to a maximum value of up to 20 % of the premium paid for the agri-environment-climate commitments, or up to 30 %, where the commitments are undertaken by groups of undertakings?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification:

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1. Is the aid granted in favour of transaction costs caused by entering into agri-environment-climate commitments?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide a convincing proof of such costs, for example by presenting cost comparisons with undertakings not entering into such commitments:

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Please note that the Commission will not authorise State aid for transaction costs for the continuation of commitments already entered into in the past, unless a Member State demonstrates that such costs continue to occur or that new transaction costs are being incurred.

1. Are the transaction costs are calculated on the basis of average costs and/or average farms?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please demonstrate that, in particular, large enterprises are not overcompensated.

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1. Please confirm that for the purpose of calculating compensation, a Member States takes into account whether the transaction costs in question are incurred per undertaking or per hectare:

yes  no

1. Please indicate the eligible costs of the aid in favour of operations for the conservation of genetic resources in agriculture:

(a) targeted actions: actions promoting the in situ and ex situ conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture, including web-based inventories of genetic resources currently conserved in situ, including in situ/ on-farm conservation, and of ex situ collections and databases;

(b) concerted actions: actions promoting the exchange of information for the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in Union agriculture, among competent organisations in the Member States;

(c) accompanying actions: information, dissemination and advisory actions involving non-governmental organisations and other relevant stakeholders, training courses and preparation of technical reports.

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

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted per hectare?

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted as a lump sum or as a one-off payment per unit?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification:

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| **Revision clause** |

1. Is a revision clause provided for the operations supported under this Section?

yes  no

If the answer is no, please note that under point (647) of the Guidelines, the Member State is obliged to introduce it in order to ensure the adjustment of the operations in the case of amendments of the relevant mandatory standards, requirements or obligations referred to in Section 1.1.4. of Part II. of the Guidelines beyond which the commitments referred to in that Section have to go.

1. Does this aid extend beyond the rural development programming period 2023-2027?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please note that under point (648) of the Guidelines, a revision clause must to be included for the aid under Section 1.1.4. of Part II. of the Guidelines, in order to allow for the adjustment of the operations to the legal framework of the following rural development programming period.

**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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