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| **2.6.**  **supplementary information sheet on aid for cooperation in forestry sector** |

*This form must be used for the notification of any State aid measure whose aim is the cooperation in the forestry sector as described by section 2.6 of the EU Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas ('the Guidelines').*

1. **TYPE OF AIDS**
   1. Please confirm that 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. The cooperation involves at least two actors:

yes  no

* 1. Please confirm that only actors active in the forestry sector or the forestry and agricultural sectors benefit from aid:

yes  no

Please note that in compliance with point (577) of the Guidelines, aid can be granted to promote cooperation involving at least two actors irrespective of whether they are active in the forestry sector or in the forestry and agricultural sectors but subject to the cooperation benefitting only the forestry sector or the forestry and agricultural sectors.

* 1. Please indicate the form of the aided cooperation measure :

(a) co-operation approaches among different undertakings in the forestry sector and other actors active in the agricultural and the forestry sectors that contribute to achieving one or more of the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, including producer groups and cooperatives;

(b) the creation of clusters and networks.

* 1. Please confirm that no aid is granted for cooperation solely involving research bodies:

yes  no

1. **ELIGIBLE COSTS AND AID INTENSITY**

2.1 The aid is granted for cooperation relating to the following activities:

(a) pilot projects;

(b) the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies in the forestry sector;

(c) co-operation among small operators in the forestry sector in organising joint work processes and sharing facilities and resources;

(d) horizontal and vertical co-operation 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) implementation, in particular by groups of public and private partners other than those referred to in Article 31(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, of local development strategies other than those referred to in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

2.2 In the case of aid for the creation of clusters and networks, is aid granted only to newly formed clusters and networks and those commencing an activity that is new to them?

yes  no

If the answer is no, please note that under the Guidelines this aid cannot be granted.

2.3 In the case of aid for the establishment and development of short supply chains, is aid covering only supply chains involving no more than one intermediary between forest holder/manager and consumer?

yes  no

2.4 Please indicate the costs eligible, in so far as they concern activities in the forestry sector:

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

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

(d) the costs of operations to be implemented;

(e) the costs of promotion activities;

**(**f) the costs of drawing up forest management plans or equivalent instruments.

2.5. Is the aid limited to a maximum period of seven years?

yes  no

2.6. Where aid is not limited to a maximum period of seven year, please indicate the reason for a different duration:

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

(b)aid is granted in favour of collective environment and climate actions in duly justified cases 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 collective environmental actions exceeding seven years: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

2.7 Please confirm that the maximum aid intensity does not exceed 100% of the eligible costs, with the exception of the costs of operation, which consist of investments):

yes  no

Please confirm that the costs of operations referred to in point (582)(c) of the Guidelines, which consist of investments, in particular direct costs of specific projects linked to the implementation of a forest management plan or equivalent, are limited to the eligible costs and maximum aid intensities of investment aid in the forestry sector, as specified in Section 2.1 of Part II of the Guidelines relating to the investment aid:

yes  no

**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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