



Building the Basis for the Reform of the Tobacco Sector



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Public Call for pilot activities for diversification and improvement of the efficiency of agricultural holdings in Macedonia

Within the pre-accession assistance instrument (IPA Component 1), in January 2018, the Consortium Evoluxer, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water economy started the implementation of the Project “Building the basis for the reform of the tobacco sector”, funded by the European Union.

The main objective of this Project is to contribute to adaptation of the tobacco sector towards a Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the EU regulation. Towards achieving the main objective, the Project has been structured into 5 activities, whereas the goal of activity No. 3 is selection of participants in pilot activities, as described hereinafter:

Activity No. 3: Developing pilot activities for diversification of income generated from manufacturing tobacco, by introducing alternative crops and/or increasing efficiency of tobacco production.

This Call applies to agricultural holdings, tobacco manufacturers, who would voluntarily be involved in the project activities, more concretely, **within Activity No. 3, those who have their own land or have possession over land.**

The support for the implementation of the pilot activities will be provided by the Project, by engaging experts in the relevant field, who will be assigned to implement the activities and conduct field monitoring. A total of 40 pilot activities will be implemented, rolled out in different periods of the year (2018/2019). The project will provide seeds, raw materials and any other supplies necessary for adequate implementation of the pilot activities.

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General Criteria for selection of Pilot holdings

The criteria to be considered in the selection of relevant agricultural holdings for the pilot activities are as follows:

- Location of the agricultural holding (Prilep, Bitola, Radovish, etc)
- Status (Agricultural manufacturer of tobacco/private company)
- Area planted with tobacco (at least 0.2ha)
- Variety of tobacco
- Rotation with other crops
- Type of livestock: Cattle, sheep, goats (at least 2 conditional heads of heavy livestock and 5 heads of small animals)
- Irrigated area (minimum 0.05ha)
- Mechanization and equipment used (tobacco planting machine, sprinklers for protection, hydraulic seeder for corn and/or forage crops, etc.)
- Availability of work force

*The Application Form is available on the following link:

[Application](#)

The climate conditions favorable for growing tobacco and other crops shall be validated within the Geographic distribution of the pilot activities.

The total area of the agricultural land for the pilot activities should be an area of minimum 0.4ha, of which, the total available land for the pilot activities shall be minimum 0.2ha, recorded in the registries of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water economy.

Irrigation shall be considered an advantage in the selection of agricultural holdings.

Agricultural holdings with agricultural mechanization as stated above in the criteria shall be prioritized in the selection.

Work force is needed for the realization of the pilot activities, which will be verified by the Commission of Evaluation by a statement of availability of a single person to be engaged for the pilot activity, with which the Project shall conclude an agreement.

The selection of participants shall be performed by a Commission established for the purposes of this project activity. Applications shall be reviewed within 10 days upon expiry of the term for submission of applications.

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According to the prescribed selection criteria, 40 applicants shall be selected – agricultural holdings, tobacco producers who will receive support in the course of project implementation.

Advantage shall be given to agricultural holdings which are part of the Farm accountancy system FADN.

An agreement shall be concluded with each of the Agricultural holdings, whereas, the rights and obligations of each of the signatories shall be defined.

All interested agricultural holdings/tobacco producers may address any additional questions to the following phone numbers: 02 / 3134-477, ext. 707, and 02 / 3134-477, ext. 55.

The Application Form for participation may be downloaded from the web pages where it was published:

<http://www.mzsv.gov.mk/>, <https://www.finance.gov.mk/>, <http://agencija.gov.mk/> or obtained in hard copy directly from the Project office (220) within the premises of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy.

Receipt and registration of the completed applications shall be done in the Project Office, from 17 August to 17 September, from 9.00 to 15.00 hours or via mail at the address “Aminta Treti” No. 2- 1000 Skopje, labeled for participation in the Project “Building the basis for the reform of the Tobacco Sector”- office 220.

The deadline for submission of applications in printed format shall be 17th of September 2018, until 15.00 hours.

****In the course of the selection process, the Commission may ask the applicants to submit documents as proof of what is stated in this document.**

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