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Rural development policy in the Republic of Moldova

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NATIONAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ **Association Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union**, signed on 27 June 2014.
- ❖ **National Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy for the period 2014- 2020**, approved by Government Decision No. 409/2014.
- ❖ **Law No. 276/2016** establishing principles of subsidizing of development of agricultural industry and the rural zone.
- ❖ **Law No. 50/2021** on Local Action Groups.
- ❖ **Government Decision No. 455/2017** on the distribution of the funds of the National Fund for the Development of Agriculture and Rural Environment (hereinafter - FNDAMR).
- ❖ **Government Decision No. 507/2018** on the approval of the Regulation concerning the conditions and procedure for allocation of advance grants for startup projects from the FNDAMR.
- ❖ **Government Decision No 476/2019** on the approval of the Regulation concerning the granting of subsidies for the improvement of living and working standards in rural areas from the FNDAMR.
- ❖ **Government Decision No. 277/2022** on the approval of the Regulation concerning the advance payment of grants for local development through the implementation of the LEADER Programme.

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MEASURE 4. IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Creating optimal conditions for increasing the quantity and quality of agricultural production, for increasing access to infrastructure, natural and technical resources, as well as improving health conditions related to agricultural production and contributing to higher value-added production throughout the entire value chain are the objectives of this measure.

Areas of action:

- construction/reconstruction and renovation of infrastructure related to agricultural holdings;
- construction/reconstruction and renovation of rural guesthouses.
- creation or extension of handicraft establishments.

Requesters:

- Agricultural producers;
- Agricultural education and research-innovation institutions;
- Water user associations for irrigation.



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ADVANCE GRANTS FOR START-UP PROJECTS

The "**advance subsidy**" payment scheme is a measure to support *young farmers, women farmers and returning migrants who are setting up in business for the first time.*

It helps to encourage the creation of small businesses by young farmers, women farmers and returning migrants, improve their economic performance, create new jobs and increase investment in innovative technologies. Start-up projects are subsidised in advance under the condition that the project is implemented in a rural locality.



Support measures

Submeasure No. 1. Stimulation of investments for the production of vegetables, fruit, herbs, spices and medicinal plants on protected land (greenhouses, solariums, tunnels);

Submeasure No. 2. Stimulation of investments for the establishment, modernisation and grubbing-up of multiannual plantations, including vineyards and orchards;

Submeasure No. 3. Investment incentives for the equipment and technological renovation of livestock farms;

Submeasure No. 4. Stimulating the purchase and maintenance of breeding stock;

Submeasure No. 5. Stimulating investments for the development of post-harvest and processing infrastructure.

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT MEASURES

Improving and developing rural economic infrastructure

Development rural locality

Diversification of the rural economy through non-agricultural activities

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IMPROVING AND DEVELOPING RURAL ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Beneficiaries



Field of action

first-level local government authorities (villages and communes, including towns with up to 10 000 inhabitants with resident status according to the 2014 population and housing census)

the advance grant is awarded to co-finance investment projects aimed at improving and developing rural infrastructure and alleviating trends of social and economic decline in rural areas

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RURAL LOCALITY DEVELOPMENT

Beneficiaries



Field of action

first-level local government authorities (villages and communes, including towns with up to 10 000 inhabitants with resident status according to the 2014 population and housing census)

support is granted for investments to facilitate and improve the living conditions of the population in rural areas

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DIVERSIFICATION OF THE RURAL ECONOMY THROUGH NON-AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Beneficiaries



Field of action

legal entities (micro and small enterprises) or natural persons carrying out registered entrepreneurial activity in a rural locality and intending to set up or develop non-agricultural activities in rural areas

the advance subsidy is granted for the diversification of economic activities in order to increase the possibilities for supporting diversification, which is necessary to ensure jobs and the sustainable development of the countryside and which will contribute to a better territorial balance in economic and social terms

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ADVANCE GRANTS FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEADER PROGRAMME

Scope of the program:

- supporting the economic development of the territories covered by the LAG
- raising living standards,
- reducing social exclusion through the implementation of the Local Development Strategy with the involvement of representatives of Local Public Authorities, the entrepreneurial and civic sectors



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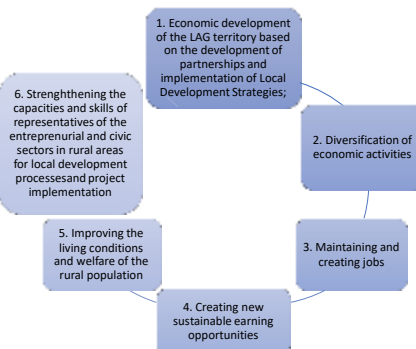
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ADVANCE GRANTS FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEADER PROGRAMME

Programme Objectives



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Support measures

Measure 1 – Support for the operation of the Local Action Groups



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Measure 2 – Support for the implementation of local development strategies



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REQUESTERS:

Local Action Group, registered under the legislation, which submits an application for a grant from the National Agricultural and Rural Development Fund to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry;

Legal or natural person operating in the territory of the local action group or in a first level administrative-territorial unit, including towns with a population of up to 10,000 inhabitants within the local action group, which submits an application for a grant, according to the appropriate support measures within the local action group.

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2023-2025 IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

General objective: *Support sustainable rural socio-economic development*

The programme is composed of measures for economic development and social inclusion of the community in rural areas, aiming at increasing the welfare and satisfaction of the rural population, namely:

- facilitating diversification, creation and development of small businesses, job creation;
- fostering local development in rural areas (physical and social infrastructure);
- increasing the level of accessibility and quality in the use of information technologies in rural areas, increasing the level of the population involvement in the process of elaboration, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of local development strategies.

Specific objectives:

- *Develop economic infrastructure in rural areas;*
- *Increase employment opportunities in rural areas;*
- *Improving rural development governance and local community development on the strength of the LEADER approach.*

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