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Joint German-Danish “Support to Agriculture and Rural Economic Development of Disadvantaged Mountainous Areas” (SARED)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS No. 04/2017 SARED Grant Facility

The Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration - MARDWA in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) announce the opening of the **Fourth Call for Applications of the SARED Grant Scheme for investments in the agro-food sector for 3 value chains: VC 1-small ruminants, VC 2-fruit & nut trees, and VC 3-medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs).**

The 4th Call is open from March 1st, 2017 -- May 31st, 2016 at 16:30h

The SARED Grant Facility is co-financed by the German and Danish Governments with GIZ being the Contracting Authority. The implementation of the project is done in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration – MARDWA.

The indicative overall budget of the grant for all calls is about **900,000,000 ALL (equivalent of EUR 6.500.000) which makes the public contribution.**

The Call is open for all citizens (individual farmers, physical and legal persons incl. ACA) as defined in the GfA, who operate and/or cooperate with producers in the territory of the 6 selected regions of the Republic of Albania, namely Shkoder, Kukes, Diber, Elbasan, Berat and Korca, in production, collection, agro-processing and marketing of agriculture products within the 3 value chains of (i) small ruminants, (ii) fruits and nuts, and (iii) medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs).

All applications must be submitted in person only at the premises of Regional Directorates of Agriculture (RDA) in your respective regions during the normal working hours in an envelope indicating the name of the applicant and the VC for which the application is submitted and containing the application form, business plan as well as the accompanying documents as indicated in the Guideline for Applicants.

The priority criteria how the applications are received and assessed are provided in the GfA and respective annexes published on web [age of MARDWA www.bujqesia.gov.al (under SARED-logo).

Total investment size per application (investment project) is:

For on Farm investments:

- minimum investments size to be applied: ALL 400,000
- maximum investments size to be applied: ALL 3,500,000

For off Farm investment (collection/processing/marketing of agriculture products):

- minimum investments size to be applied: ALL 700,000
- maximum investments size to be applied: ALL 10,000,000

From the grant facility to the beneficiaries is granted a financial support between 50% - 65% of total eligible costs and this is paid after the finalization by the beneficiaries of the investments for which the contract is signed.

For on Farm investments the grant size is between 65% – 75% of eligible costs as described in the GfA.

For off Farm investments the grant size is between 50% – 60% of eligible costs as described in the GfA.

For the 4th Call for applications are applicable only the application templates (application form, business plan) and conditions of the Guideline for Applicants Version 4 published on website of MARDWA www.bujqesia.gov.al. Applications can be submitted only for investments as described in the List of Eligible Investments (Annex 3 to the GfA) published on the website of MARDWA.

Note to potential applicants:

Applications sent by any other means or delivered to other addresses will be rejected.

Any application submitted or received after the deadline of the call will automatically be rejected.

Non-compliance with other major formal requirements as listed in the Guideline for Applicants, are further reasons for automatic rejection.

Information on events' dates and places related to this call is available on the MARDWA web page.

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