

Part III.12. K
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON AID FOR THE
PROVISION OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN THE AGRICULTURE
SECTOR

This form must be used for the notification of any state aid measure whose aim is the provision of technical support in the agricultural sector as described by chapter IV.K of the Community Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sector 2007-2013¹

1. TYPE OF AIDS

A. Aid to primary producers

1.1. Which of the following types of aid can be financed by the aid scheme/individual measure:

- ☐ education and training of farmers and farm workers;
- ☐ provision of farm replacement services;
- ☐ consultancy services provided by third parties;
- ☐ organisation and participation in forums to share knowledge between businesses, in competitions, exhibitions and fairs;
- ☐ vulgarisation of scientific knowledge,

- For this aid, can you confirm that individual companies, brands or – except for products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006² and by Articles 54-58 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/99 of 17 May 1999 on the common market in wine³, provided that the references correspond exactly to those references which have been registered by the Community – origin are not named?

☐ yes

☐ no

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² Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs; OJ L 93, 31.3.2006 p.12

³ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2165/2005.

☐ factual information on quality systems open to products from other countries, on generic products and on the nutritional benefits of generic products and suggested uses for them;

- For this aid, can you confirm that individual companies, brands or – except for products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006⁴ and by Articles 54-58 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/99 of 17 May 1999 on the common market in wine, provided that the references correspond exactly to those references which have been registered by the Community – origin are not named?

☐ yes

☐ no

☐ publications such as catalogues or websites presenting factual information about producers from a given region or producers of a given product.

- For this aid, can you confirm that the information and presentation is neutral and that all producers concerned have equal opportunities to be represented in the publication?

☐ yes

☐ no

1.2. Please describe the envisaged measures:

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.....

1.3. Will the aid for the above mentioned measures be granted in favour of large companies?

☐ yes

☐ no

If yes, please note that according to point 106 of the Guidelines, the Commission will not authorise state aid for above mentioned measures in favour of large companies.

B. Aid to companies active in the processing and marketing of agricultural products.

1.4. Which of the following types of aid can be financed by the aid scheme/individual measure:

☐ services provided by outside consultants not being continuous or periodic activity and not related to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure;

⁴ Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs; OJ L 93, 31.3.2006 p.12

☐ first participation in fairs and exhibitions.

Please describe the envisaged measures:

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1.5. Will the aid for the above mentioned measures be granted in favour of large companies?

☐ yes

☐ no

If yes, please note that according to point 106 of the Guidelines, the Commission will not authorise state aid for above mentioned measures in favour of large companies.

C. Aid to primary producers and companies active in the processing and marketing of agricultural products for the vulgarisation of new techniques

1.6. Will the aid be granted in favour of other activities for the vulgarisation of new techniques, such as reasonable small scale pilot projects or demonstration projects?

☐ yes

☐ no

1.7. If yes please give a clear description of the project including an explanation of the novelty character of the project and of the public interest in granting support for it:

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1.8. Does the project respect the following conditions:

Are the number of participating companies and the duration of the pilot scheme limited to what is necessary for proper testing?

☐ yes

☐ no

Will the results of the pilot scheme be made publicly available?

☐ yes

☐ no

2. ELIGIBLE COSTS AND AID INTENSITY

A. Aid to primary producers

2.1. Concerning education and training, do the eligible costs include only the actual cost of organising the training programme, travel and subsistence expenses and the cost of the provision of replacement services during the absence of the farmer or the farm worker?

☐ yes

☐ no

If no, please note that according to point 104 of the Guidelines combined with article 15.2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No ...⁵, aid to cover other costs cannot be authorised.

- 2.2. Concerning the farm replacement services, do the eligible costs include only the actual costs of the replacement of the farmer, the farmer's partner, or a farm worker during illness and holidays?

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yes

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no

If no, please note that according to point 103 of the Guidelines combined with article 15.2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No .../...aid to cover other costs cannot be authorised.

- 2.3. Concerning consultancy services provides by third parties, do the eligible costs include only the fees for services which do not constitute a continuous or periodic activity nor relate to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure (such as routine tax consultancy services, regular legal services or advertising) ?

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yes

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no

If no, please note that according point 103 of the Guidelines combined with article 15.2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No .../... aid to cover costs of continuous or periodic activities or relating to the enterprise's usual expenditure cannot be authorised.

- 2.4. In the case of organization of/and participation in forums to share knowledge between businesses, competitions, exhibitions and fairs, do the eligible costs only include: participation fees, travel costs, costs of publications, rent of exhibition premises and symbolic prizes awarded in the framework of competitions, up to a value of EUR 250 per prize and winner?

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yes

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no

If no, please note that according to point 103 of the Guidelines combined with article 15.2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No .../... , aid to cover other costs cannot be authorised.

- 2.5. Please state the aid intensity

- 2.6. Will the aid involve direct payments to producers?

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yes

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no

⁵ Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 of 12 January 2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises; OJ L 10, 13.1.2001, p. 33–42.

Please note that according to point 103 of the Guidelines combined with article 15.3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No /..... aid must not involve direct payments to producers.

B. Aid to companies active in the processing and marketing of agricultural products

- 2.7. Concerning the services provided by outside consultants, are the eligible expenses limited only to costs of activities of non-continuous or non-periodic character, not relating to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure?

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yes

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no

If no, please note that according to point 105 of the Guidelines combined with article 5 of Commission Regulation 70/2001 (or any provision replacing it) aid towards financing services being a continuous or periodic activity or related to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure, such as routine tax consultancy services, regular legal services or advertising can not be authorised.

- 2.8. Concerning the participation in fairs and exhibitions, are the eligible costs limited only to the additional costs incurred for renting, setting up and running the stand and apply only to the first participation of an enterprise in a particular fair or exhibition?

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yes

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no

If no, please note that aid for costs other than specified in point 105 of the Guidelines combined with article 5 of Regulation 70/2001 (or any provision replacing it) cannot be authorised.

- 2.9. Please state the aid intensity:..... (max. 50 %)

Please note that according to point 105 of the Guidelines combined with article 5 of Regulation 70/2001 (or any provision replacing it) aid rates higher than the above-mentioned ceiling cannot be authorised.

C. Aid to primary producers and companies active in the processing and marketing of agricultural products for the vulgarisation of new techniques

- 2.10. Concerning the activities for the vulgarisation of new techniques, such as reasonable small scale pilot projects or demonstration projects, can you confirm that the total amount of aid for such projects granted to a company will not exceed EUR 100.000 over three fiscal years?

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yes

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no

- 2.11. Please state the aid intensity

3. BENEFICIARIES

3.1. Who are the beneficiaries of the aid?

- ☐ farmers;
- ☐ producer groups
- ☐ other (please specify)
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3.2. If farmers are not the direct beneficiaries of the aid:

3.2.1. Is the aid available to all the farmers eligible in the area concerned based on objectively defined conditions?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

3.2.2. Where the provision of technical support is undertaken by producer groups or other organisations is membership of such groups or organisations a condition for access to the service?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

3.2.3. Is the contribution of non-members towards the administrative costs of the group or organisation concerned limited to the costs of providing the service?

- ☐ yes ☐ no