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## DOWN TO EARTH PROJECT GOOD PRACTICE: *SUPPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF YOUNG FARMERS*

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Tackling depopulation challenges to improve environmental resilience in rural areas



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**Romanian farmers**

# PP04-NMA Good Practices Identified



## Support for the installation of young farmers

Installation for the first time of young farmers as managers of an agricultural holding, encourage young families to stay in the rural areas.



## Guidelines for adapting agricultural technologies to climate changes in the Region 7 Centre

The guide includes the analysis of CC observed in the Region 7 Centre, and the measures/recommendations for adapting the agricultural



## Investments in strengthening the holdings of young established farmers and newly established farmers

Purpose: to encourage the young farmers who have benefitted from the submeasure "Support for the installation of young farmers", to remain in the rural areas.



*Increasing energy efficiency of three public buildings in Sibiu and Târgu Mureş*

*Environmental risks related with depopulation and ageing population in rural areas*



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## SUB-MEASURE 6.1

### Support for the installation of young farmers

<b>Purpose:</b>	The installation for the first time of young farmers as managers of an agricultural holding, to encourage young families to stay in the rural areas and help develop its competitiveness and the formation of professional partnerships
<b>Timeframe</b>	May 2016 - October 2018
<b>Total allocation</b>	578 mil. Euro (EAFRD)
<b>Contracted value</b>	558 mil. Euro
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>14.008 young farmers</b> were funded, demonstrating the interest in this initiative; Of the total beneficiaries, <b>4.000</b> were <b>women</b> .
<b>Benefits</b>	This influx of young farmers helps stabilize rural populations and reinvigorate local economies, reducing the risk of these areas being abandoned.

## What you can achieve with SM 6.1.



- Refurbishment of farms (purchase of machinery/equipment/irrigation etc.);
- Conditioning/processing operations;
- Organic farming;
- Integration in an associative form;
- Development of a subsistence farm (by increasing SO);
- Complete takeover of farms with a low economic value;
- Planting native varieties/breeding native breeds;
- Increasing the level of qualification in the agricultural field;
- Adaptation of farms to quality standards and environmental protection.



### Beneficiaries will receive:

- 75% of the amount of support upon signing the financing decision;
- 25% of the amount of support depending on the correct implementation of the BP.



The non-reimbursable support is granted for a maximum period of 3 years and is:

- **70,000 Euros** for farms that include conditioning-processing operations or ecological agriculture in the BP (for holdings between 30,000 - 50,000 SO);
- **60,000 Euros** for farms that include in the BP conditioning-processing operations or ecological agriculture (for holdings 12,000 - 29,999 SO);
- **50,000 Euros** for holdings between 30,000 - 50,000 SO;
- **40,000 Euros** for holdings between 12,000 - 29,999 SO.

# Eligible beneficiaries

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**INSTALAREA TINERILOR FERMIERI**

40.000 sau 50.000 € / proiect, în funcție de dimensiunea economică a exploatației

**Young farmers, up to and including 40 years of age** (up to and including one day before their 41st birthday) and with appropriate qualifications, who are setting up for the first time as sole heads of the agricultural holding

**Multi-shareholder legal entities** where a young farmer sets up and exercises effective long-term control over management decisions, benefits and financial risks related to the holding.

# Transferability



Expanding the Good Practice to other countries offers an effective way to fight rural abandonment, stimulate the agricultural sector, and support environmental sustainability, while also addressing issues like youth unemployment and climate change adaptation. However, successful implementation requires careful adaptation to local contexts and challenges.

For easy implementation, countries would need a well-defined policy framework like Romania's, where clear eligibility criteria, timelines and financial supports are laid out.

## Benefits:

- Increased productivity per hectare;
- Competitive pricing for access to other markets (e.g. large retailers);
- Conversion to a commercial farm;
- Merger of holdings in order to increase the economic value;
- Increasing the competitiveness of the internal market within the single market;
- Improvement of management within the holding;
- Easy access to credits for further development;
- Compliance with environmental protection, hygiene and animal welfare requirements



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