



IPARD II 2014 - 2020 CALL IV (Fourth)

MEASURE 7 “Farm Diversification and Business Development”

This program is co-financed by European Union and Albanian Government

1. Which sectors are included in funding for Measure 7 of IPARD-II program, Call IV?

- Rural and Nature Tourism
- Handicrafts and manufacturing industry

2. Which documentation of ownership is accepted for the program?

Required documentation for ownership is as follows:

- Photocopy of certificate of ownership issued by Agency of State Cadaster accompanied by indicative map, card and planimetry (presentation) showing ownership of land and building (s) in which investments will be made, or
- Photocopy of ownership certificate issued by Agency of State Cadaster accompanied by indicative map, card and planimetry (presentation) showing ownership of land and building (s) on which investments will be made, or
- Photocopy of contract of transfer of rights of use (lease, loan) with a minimum duration of at least 10 years after date of application, with notarization (n / k for state lease) accompanied by

Photocopy of ownership certificate issued by Agency of State Cadaster accompanied by indicative map, card and plan (presentation) on registered titles of the land, stating ownership of land and buildings, person who has rented it.

3. Is investment in measure 7 for a restaurant acceptable, or should it be accompanied by other investments and should it be close to farm?

Investment for a restaurant, in measure 7 is allowed and its location is not related to farm.

4. Are start-ups allowed in IPARD?

Application of start-ups is not prohibited, as long as all requirements and criteria of program are met.

5. If applying as UAA, which are beneficiaries of IPARD investments, members of UAA or UAA itself?

If you apply as UAA beneficiary is UAA itself, according to application made.

6. Who are experts we should turn to make required documentation?

Various private sector experts who provide this service. Expenditures for expertise in preparation of documentation are allowed, according to definitions of eligible expenditures in Annex 6.

7. If we have benefited from national schemes, can we also apply for IPARD?

Yes, you can apply, but not for the same investment.

8. Investment we are going to make should be borne by investor and then we get the refund?

After concluding the contract, investment is made 100% with applicant's funds, in compliance with contractual conditions, based on request for payment, grant payment is given after completion of investment.

9. Do you necessarily need 3 bids for realization of investments or purchase of equipment?

Three bids are required for each proposed investment.

10. How many applications are allowed within a measure?

One application only is allowed within the same measure.

11. If I take a loan, will ARDA subsidize me for expenses related to bank costs.

No, banking costs are not eligible expenses, according to Annex 6 of the program.

12. Can a foreign citizen apply, or must he / she necessarily be an Albanian citizen?

Yes a foreign citizen can apply with condition that investment must be in Albania, and entity must be registered in Albania.

13. Proof of payment of social insurance for how long before moment of application is needed (for the year when the application is made or for the last 3 years)? What if the farmer is a start-up?

It is required original proof that applicant has fulfilled obligations of payment of taxes (social, health contributions, issued by Tax Office for natural and legal persons or by Social Insurance Institute for individual farmers not earlier than 30 days before submitting application. Certificate must also be submitted to farmers / natural or legal persons who are start-ups.

14. Where can I find information on criteria for completing the file and the guide for applicants?

You should access the official ARDA website <http://www.azhbr.gov.al/ipard-ii-thirrja-e-katert> and <http://www.ipard.gov.al/thirrje-4/> (support programs, fourth call / IPARD-II program) where you can download the guide for applicants and accompanying annexes to complete required documentation. You can also write in official email: info@azhbr.gov.al and our staff will reply you within official deadlines.

15. Is investment realization period 6 months, or more?

Realization period will depend on investment and will be determined in the contract, according to the type of investment and declaration by applicant. Realization period of 6 months is given in presentation as an illustrative example

16. Do I have to meet any standard to receive a grant in measure 7?

It is mandatory in every investment in measure 7, to meet National Minimum Standards at the end of investment.

17 Can I apply for the fourth call for renewable energy production in measure 7?

No, investments in renewable energy sector are not eligible in the fourth call for applications.

18 Where should application file be submitted?

Physical file must be submitted to ARDA headquarters (Rr. Muhamet Gjollështa No. 56 / Tirana) or by mail to the same address; Rr. Muhamet Gjollështa No.56 / Tirana, within 25 February 2022.