



# Advisors in AKIS

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# 1 Introduction : the AKIS



# 1 Definition of the AKIS in the CAP regulation

**Article 3 (9)** ‘AKIS’ means the combined organisation and knowledge flows between persons, organisations and institutions who use and produce knowledge for agriculture and interrelated fields (Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System);

## 2 Roles of the actors in AKIS

Actor category	Tasks and activities	Goal/mission
<b>Farmer based organisations*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in agricultural practices</li> <li>Promote farming systems and techniques</li> <li>Experiment and develop innovative farming technique</li> <li>Represent farmers interests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farmer empowerment</li> </ul>
<b>Researchers and Scientists</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct agricultural research and experiments</li> <li>Develop new technologies and practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advancing science and knowledge through knowledge generation</li> </ul>
<b>Advisory/Innovation Service providers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disseminate agricultural knowledge and information</li> <li>Provide training and guidance to farmers</li> <li>Play intermediary role between farmers and other actors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dissemination of knowledge and training</b></li> <li><b>Facilitators in innovation process at grassroots level</b></li> </ul>
<b>Education and training service providers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide agriculture education and training</li> <li>Develop the skill and knowledge of actors in the sector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity development</li> </ul>
<b>Public authorities/ Government agents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop agriculture policies and regulations</li> <li>Fund research and development programs</li> <li>Provide subsidies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy implementation</li> </ul>
<b>Agribusiness (private companies) and support services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce agricultural inputs</li> <li>Manufacture agriculture equipment</li> <li>Process and market agriculture produce</li> <li>Accountants, banks, media...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Profit making and competitiveness</li> </ul>
<b>NGOs and civil society (third sector)/farmer representative organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involve in and advocate sustainable development programs</li> <li>Foster actor engagement and inclusion</li> <li>Represent farmers in policy discussions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bringing social and environmental impact</li> </ul>

### 3 The AKIS and the CAP objectives



## 4 Information about the AKIS in your country

### Two ways to have a global view of your AKIS

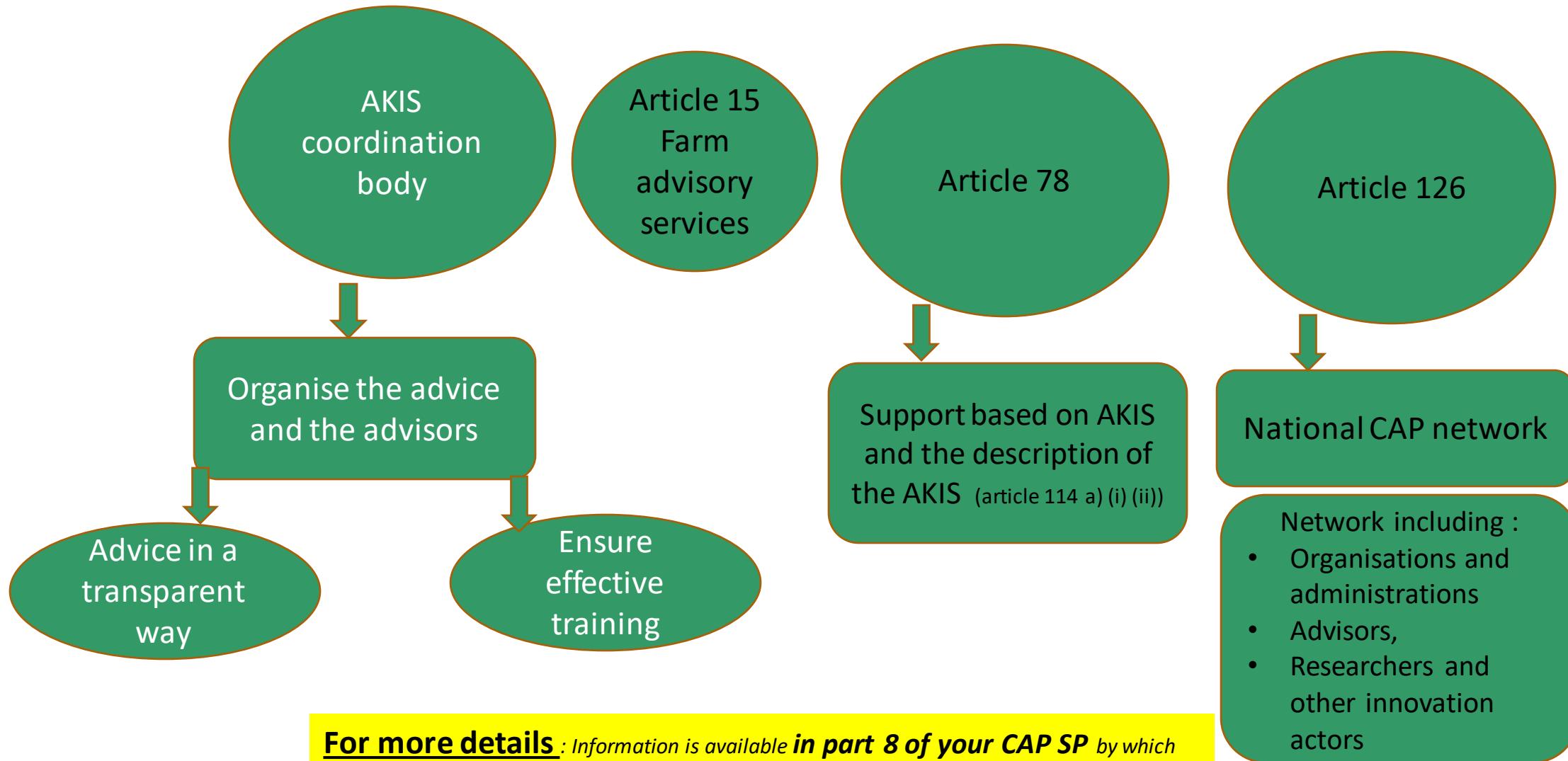
1. By using the European Commission website :

[https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans\\_en#cap-strategic-plans-by-country](https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans_en#cap-strategic-plans-by-country) read part 8 of your own CAP SP.

2. By using the analysis coming from i2connect :

<https://i2connect-h2020.eu/resources/akis-country-reports/> : an update of them will be made in the first semester of 2024 including the CAP 2023-2027.

## 5 What is written in the CAP about Advisors in the AKIS ?





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# 1 To know you better...

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## 2 Roles in the AKIS

- All the cross-compliance,
- Risk prevention & management,
- Innovation support (in particular EIP), @ technologies,
- Sustainable management of nutrients,
- Conditions of employment, employer obligation,
- Antimicrobial resistance,
- Water, pesticides, air, animal diseases, reduction of emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, Natura 2000



### 3 What type of interventions could support advisors in the CAP SPs ?

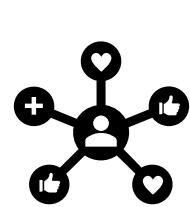
#### Directly as beneficiaries



Knowledge(art78)



Cooperation (art 77)



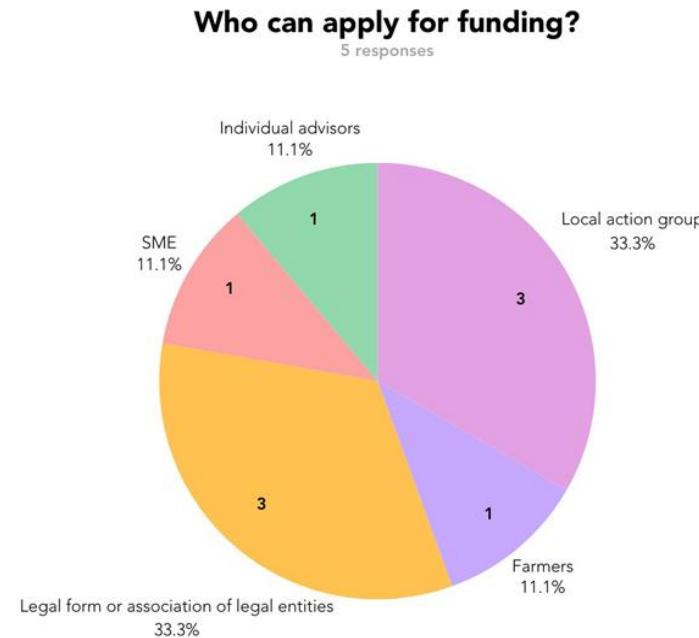
#### Indirectly as support for the beneficiaries



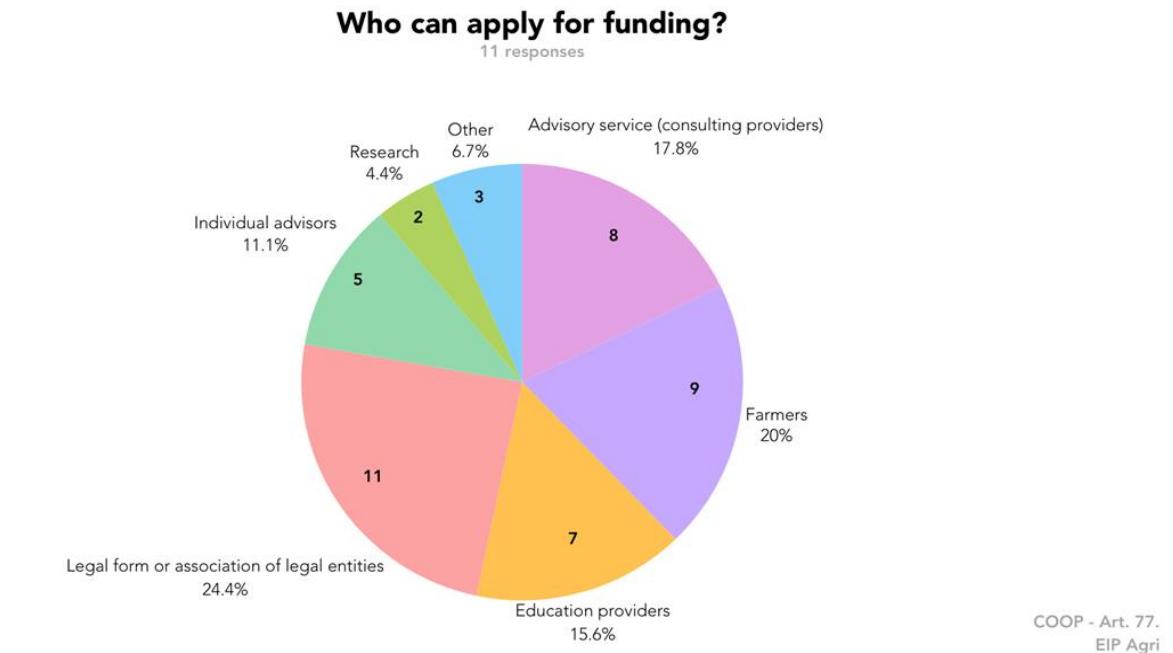
(Art 77, 78 mainly)

# 4 What type of interventions could support advisors in the CAP SPs ?

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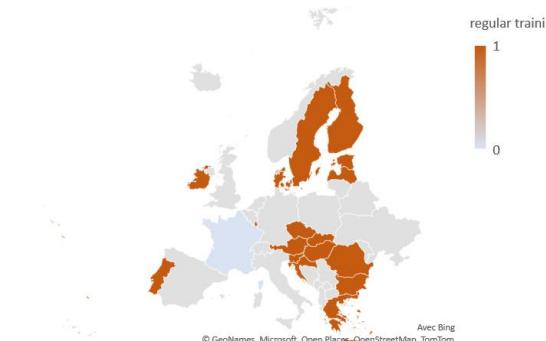
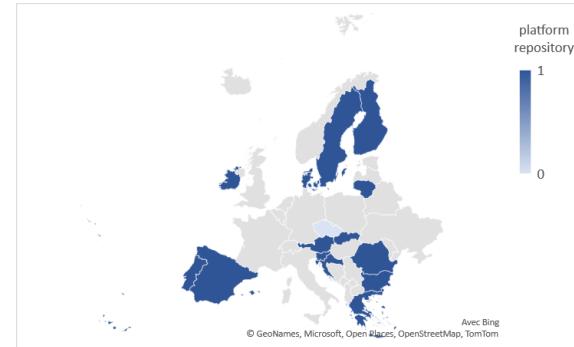
## 4 When can advisors be funded by CAP in the AKIS?

### Only if impartial advisors



Often criteria are:

- National/regional platform or repository,
- +/- Certification/registration of the advisors
- +/- Regular training

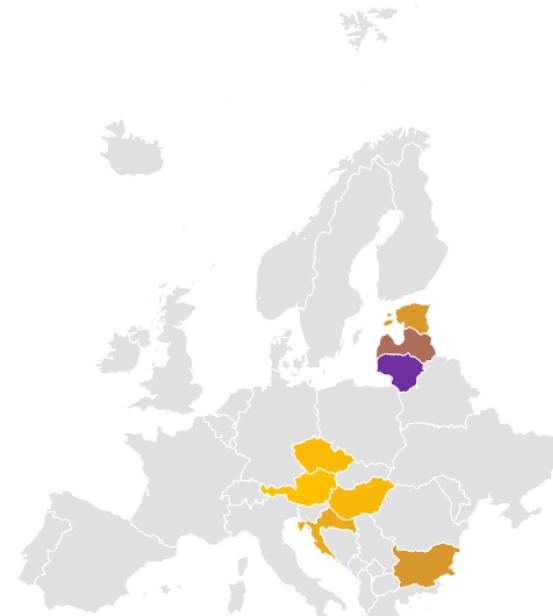
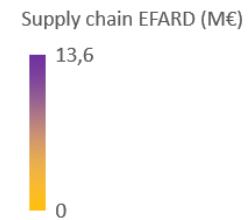


### e.g. impartial

- Greece: there is a solemn declaration of advisors
- Spain: if impartial advisors are not present there is a need to ensure that they have the skills and competence by training.

## 4 Funding in EFARD supply chain and quality schemes

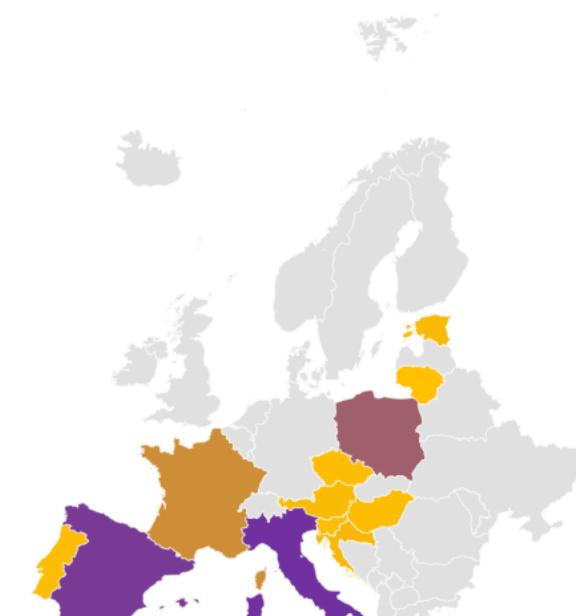
EFARD funding for supply chain 2023-2027



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Quality schemes EFARD (M€)

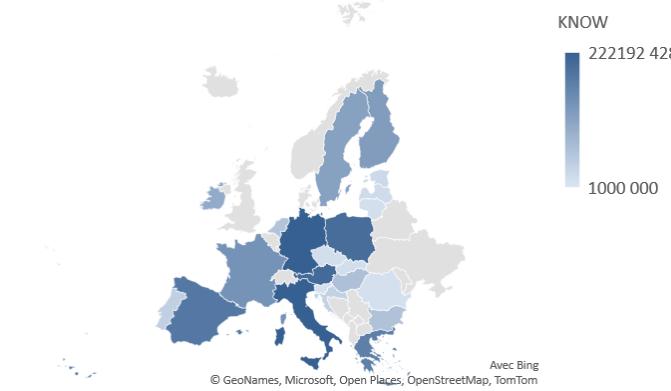
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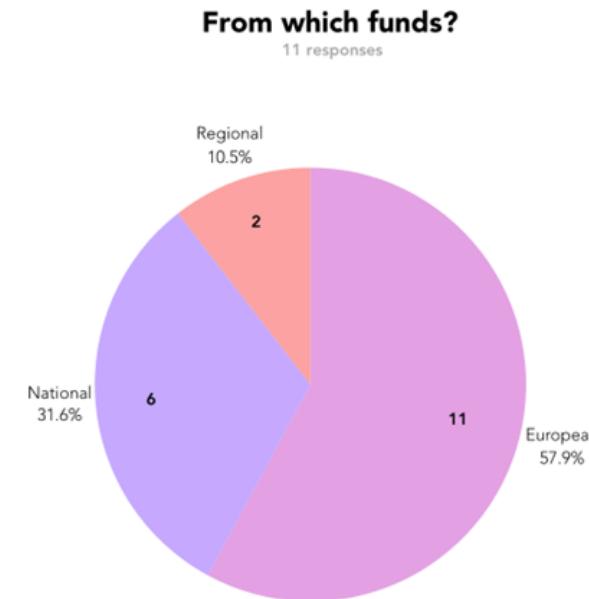
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## 4 How are they supported ?

- EFARD and national/regional support:
  - Type of intervention of CAP SPs in link mostly with articles 77 and 78
- National support:
  - Rural and agricultural program out of CAP SPs,
- Regional support
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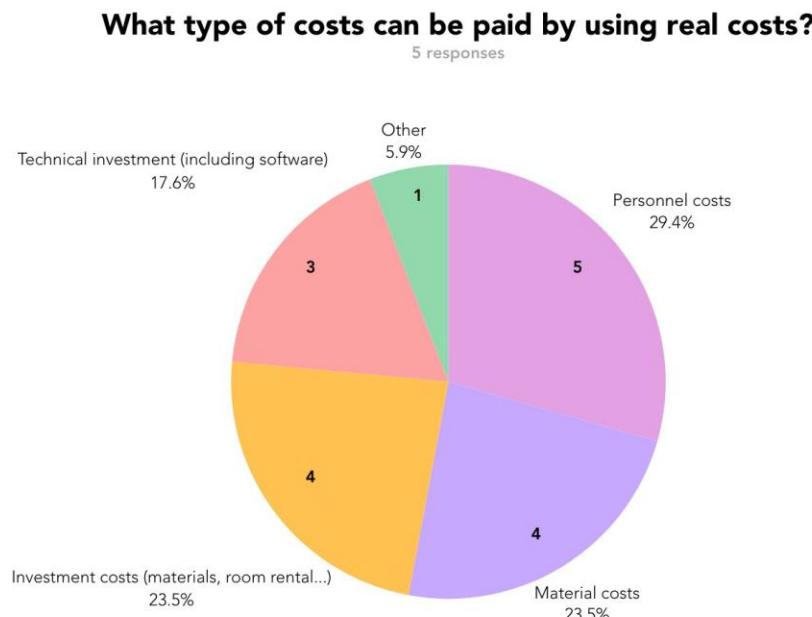


First output from the ongoing survey about intervention for advisors in the CAP SPs

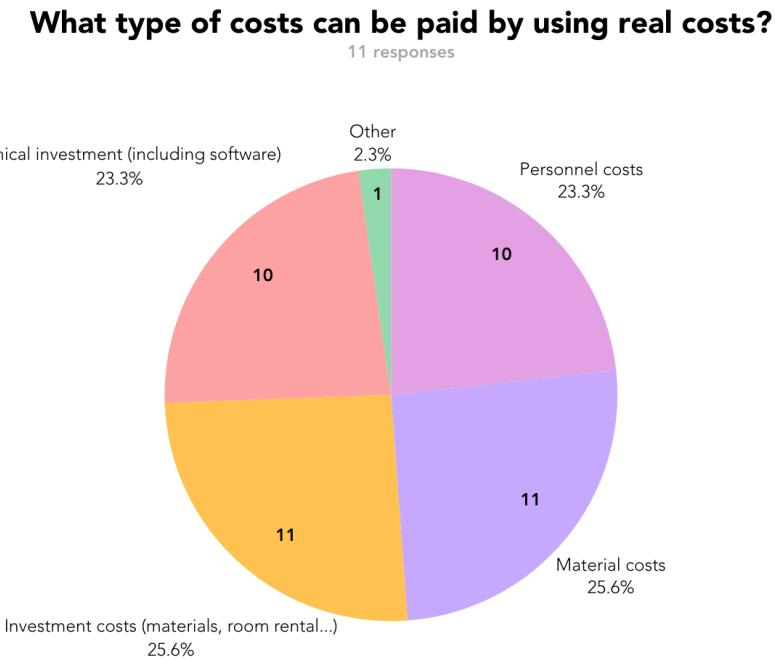


# 5 What kind of costs are taken into account ?

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# 6 Examples of short supply chain support

## In Chyprus, intervention A.A.6.4 “short chains”

### Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries are partnership that meet the criteria set out in the call of proposal. **Consultancy service providers, public bodies are part of the beneficiaries**

### Eligible costs

1. **Costs of cooperation** (animation, setting up, establishment, operation, coordination, studies)

2. Project implementation costs (operational, coordination, investment, pilot implementation)

### 3. Project promotion activities.

It should be noted that the **total investment costs** (equipment, landscaping and special facilities) **should not exceed 50% of the total** eligible costs of the project.

## In Latvia, intervention LA20 « cooperation to promote short food chains and ensure supply »

### Beneficiaries

A cooperation **group with at least 5 members** is eligible.

The cooperation group is made up of SME operators as well as associations, foundations, relevant cooperatives, **consultants**, local action groups and other actors, **to coordinate the implementation of the activities of the cooperation group, to help build short supply chains, promote local products and raise their visibility.**

### Eligible costs

Under the activity "Promoting short food supply chains":

-purchase of fixed assets needed to promote the supply of local products: **pre-processing and packaging of agricultural products, logistics** (specialised vehicles for transporting food);

- **development, purchase and installation of information technology and software**

- **construction** and conversion of storage facilities for shared use;

-overheads in case of construction;

- **project management**

# 6 Examples of short supply chain support

## In Bulgaria, intervention II.G.2 “Cooperation for short supply chains”

### Beneficiaries

Eligible applicants shall be associations of farmers, **including producer groups and organisations**; regional, regional and nationally representative branch organisations for the production and processing of agricultural products in the sectors 'Crop production' and 'Livestock farming' and associations of at least 5 registered farmers

### Eligible costs

-Ongoing costs related to the operation of the short supply chain alliance, including **salary costs for up to two staff whose responsibilities are related to the operation of the short supply chain alliance and operational costs related to the operation**;

-Overheads for the implementation of the project according to the submitted business plan, including costs for transport, storage, sorting, marking, packaging, labelling and marketing of agricultural products, as well as costs for intangible investments related to the operation;

-Project promotion costs, including information events, broadcasts and publications in regional media, printed materials and other promotional activities aimed at the short supply chain.

## In Croatia, intervention 77.04 « support for short-term services and local markets »

### Beneficiaries

The EIP operational group consisting of at least 7 partners (can include natural and legal persons, producer organisations (excluding traders wholesalers, public law bodies and LAGs)

### Eligible costs

- liquid effluents
- offset the costs of implementing the project (e.g. purchase/lease of kiosks, wood-burning huts, stands and other prefabricated/concealed buildings for the sale of own products; lease of office space; equipment for retail space (refrigerated/window display, vases, fiscal cash register, etc.); new commercial vehicle for the delivery of goods (van, pick-up or other commercial vehicle); development of a web site for the internet sales of products to partners of the operational group, etc.)
- costs of participation in local events
- promotional activities

## 6 Examples of short supply chain support

In Lithuania, intervention KgraP “ short supply chains”



### Beneficiaries

1. Farmers (natural persons) engaged in the production and/or processing of agricultural and/or food products.
2. **Legal persons engaged in the production** and/or processing and/or marketing of agricultural and/or food products and/or in the disposal (trade) of food products.

The applicant applies for support on behalf of all partners (project participants) by mutual agreement

### Eligible costs

1. Personal costs using simplified rate (hourly wage, flat rate of 12% for indirect costs),
2. On going cooperation costs,
3. on going project implementation.



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## 3 Next steps

## 7 Time for questions



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