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Farm Demonstration Program in Latvia

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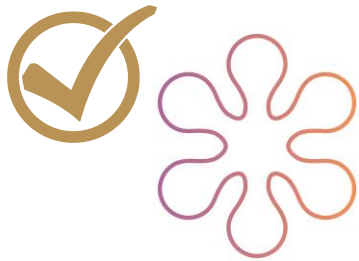


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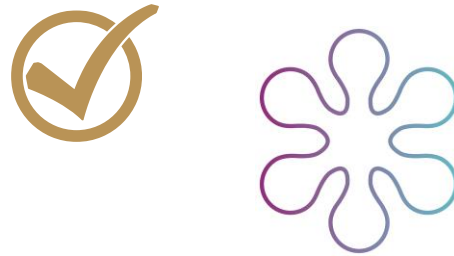
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LRATC experience



1994-1998
Phare project



1999 – 2008
National program



2011 – 2025 Part of
RDP



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Purpose of demonstrations

- Transfer of scientific knowledge to demonstration farms;
- Strengthen the connection between farmer consultant and scientist;
- Transfer of knowledge to production facilities;
- Implement innovative solutions on farms;
- Increase production efficiency and competitiveness of farms.



Rural Development plan 2014- 2020

Support for demonstration and information events

The purpose of the event is to ensure the establishment (creation, arrangement, installation of equipment) and implementation of a demonstration that practically demonstrates the advantages of a new agrotechnical technique, technological process, crop or animal breed, which have been tested in research and reflect at least two variants - the current standard technique and the new technique.



Rural Development plan 2014- 2020

The applicant for support is a legal entity that is registered in the Register of Scientific Institutions or the Register of Educational Institutions of the Ministry of Education and Science and meets the requirements set out in the Procurement Regulations

Amount of aid: when determining the contract price, it will be taken into account that the maximum amount of eligible costs for setting up and implementing one demonstration in one year is 15,000 euros (excluding VAT)

Demonstrations with a minimum implementation time of one year and information provision activities are supported in the event Aid intensity: 100% of eligible costs



Support for demonstration and information events

Requirements for support applicant:

- at least 3 years of experience in setting up demonstrations;
- organizing field days or public seminars in the agricultural sector;
- at least 3 years of experience in consulting in the agricultural sector;
- a developed offer for setting up and implementing a demonstration in which at least one association representing producers, a scientific organization, a consulting organization and a farm or commercial company that is registered in the Enterprise Register, commercial register or is registered as a tax payer confirms its participation;
- for the installation and implementation of the demonstration, an industry specialist and a scientific leader who represents the academic staff of universities or holds an academic position in a scientific institution or who has at least a master's degree in agriculture or natural sciences are engaged.

Support for demonstration and information events

Additional conditions:

- the support applicant organizes a field day and a public seminar at the end of the demonstration at least once a year, as well as publishes the results of the demonstration on the website created by the support applicant or on the website of the relevant industry;
- the farm that participates in the installation and implementation of the demonstration complies with the conditions of good agricultural and environmental conditions, mutual compliance requirements, as well as animal welfare and hygiene requirements.

Knowledge Transfer



Benefits of the farm, where is the demonstration taking place?

- Look at your farm from the outside;
- Paying more attention and time to evaluate its productivity;
- Involving competent consultants allows you to see some unnoticed problems, as well as find relevant solutions for the economy;
- Knowledge allows you to take action not only in a specific situation, but also make informed decisions in the future.



Challenges in organizing demonstrations

- climatic conditions;
- the owner's accuracy in implementing the technique;
- availability of scientists;
- lack of specific equipment.





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