

ROMANIA

Entry of skilled / younger farmers

Location

Sutesti, Judetul Braila

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P2 – Competitiveness

Measure

M6 – Farm and business
development

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 74 800
EAFRD 42 500
National/Regional 7 500
Private 24 800

Project duration

2015 – 2017

Project promoter

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Website

n/a

Using RDP support to establish an agricultural holding, purchase agricultural machinery and launch a young farmer's career .

Summary

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The beneficiary's holding covers an area of 56 ha of arable land. The farm is growing 14 ha of grain, 18 ha of maize, 5 ha of peas, 15 ha of sunflowers, 2 ha of melons and 2 ha of alfalfa. RDP support was used to acquire a Pottinger plug with 4 swaths and the beneficiary also used his own funds to buy a 140 hp New Holland T6175.

Results

The project supported the establishment and development of a new, viable agricultural business.

The Code of Good Agricultural Practices is respected throughout the project; through better soil and water management, reduced pesticide use and through the incorporation of plant residues into the soil.

A part-time employee has been hired, and during peak periods certain tasks are contracted out to individuals and / or to specialised contractors.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ Cojocaru Alin highlights the fact that being a member of the Unirea Sutesti - Brăila Agricultural Cooperative enables him to sell his produce at better prices, buy inputs at a discount and benefit from the experience of the members of the cooperative.
- ❑ Equally, online social networking is a useful tool through which he shares his experience of applying for support and becoming a young farmer with other interested young people.

Context

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Objectives

The project objectives were:

- to support a young farmer in setting up his agricultural / farm business
- to acquire the necessary equipment to begin the farming activity.

Activities

Thanks to the knowledge he gained through university studies, as well as information from specialized websites and guidance from the family, colleagues and experts from the Braila County MADR (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) offices, Cojocaru Alin drew up and submitted his project in July 2015. It was declared eligible, selected to receive funding and then implemented within 33 months.

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funds to buy a 140 hp New Holland T6175. Special attention was paid to the structure of the crops, in order to be able to meet the eligibility conditions of Measure 6.1, regarding the size of the holding.

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Additional sources of information

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