

CZECH REPUBLIC

Diversification & job creation

Location

Pardubický kraj

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P6 – Social inclusion & local
Development

Measure

M06 – Farm & business
Development

Funding (EUR)

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National/Regional 16 810
Private 44 583

Project duration

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A diversified farm with a carpentry workshop, used RDP support to acquire a telescopic handler in order to improve its productivity.

Summary

The mixed production farm of Vladimir Abraham in Pardubický kraj, covers an area of almost 100 hectares and had already diversified into non-agricultural production. In the 1990s, a simple carpentry workshop was created on the farm. The production volume multiplied and over time a more efficient handler of raw materials was necessary.



RDP support was used to acquire a telescopic handler of sufficient capacity for handling the raw materials (planks, boards). As part of the project, a concrete floor was also built in one of the storage buildings making it suitable for putting together wooden house components that are produced at the workshop.

Results

The manipulation of raw materials is around six times faster.

Labour productivity increased by 20-30% both at the workshop, as well as on site, during the final construction of the wooden houses.

The investment enabled to expand production proportionally, which is consequently projected in the workshop's profitability.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ RDP support made the investment costs bearable for the business and secondly, it sped up the introduction of the new technology by at least two years.
- ❑ The beneficiary considers that the electronic submission of project applications and further dealing with their implementation as very convenient. The help of the LAG in dealing with administrative procedures was critical for the project's success, particularly where administration rules have changed.

Context

The mixed production farm of Vladimir Abraham is located at the sub-mountainous area of east Bohemia (Pardubický kraj). It covers an area of almost 100 hectares and had already diversified into non-agricultural production. In the 1990s, a simple carpentry workshop was created on the farm. Hand in hand with the growing demand for timber products, the workshop modernised over time; the production volume multiplied, along with the inflow of raw material (planks and boards). In order to handle the raw materials, the workshop occasionally borrowed a telescopic handler from a neighbouring farm. However, this was a rather inconvenient way of solving the problem of handling with wooden materials.

Objectives

The objective of this project was the modernisation of the farm's carpentry workshop, in order to improve its efficiency and thus the overall competitiveness of the farm.

Activities

The financial support contributed to the reorganisation of the workshop. The workshop was equipped with a telescopic handler of sufficient capacity for handling the raw materials (planks, boards). A concrete floor was built in one of the storage buildings making it suitable for putting together wooden house components that are produced at the workshop.

The farmer and carpenter had been looking for the right type of handler for some time. The decision to invest in a powerful one was affected by the possibility to apply for a RDP support for it. The Local Action Group helped him to prepare the application, particularly with providing information on the conditions and with checking if all rules are met. After the project proposal was approved, an appropriate dealer for the machine was selected.

The beneficiary had been operating a similar machine so the introduction of the new telescopic handler was very straightforward. The farmer/carpenter was already trained and had a corresponding licence.

The selected machine can also be used as a mobile crane. To use it in this way for building components for wooden houses, it was important to reconstruct the floor in one of the storage halls to make it perfectly even. This was also done in the framework of the project. The components are put together for checking and then again taken apart and transported to the final location and finally assembled.

Main results

Thanks to the equipment introduced the manipulation of the materials is much easier and faster: about six times faster.

The labour productivity increased by 20-30% both at the workshop, as well as on site during the final construction of the wooden houses.

The investment enabled the expansion of production, which is consequently projected in the workshop's profitability.

Key lessons

The enhancement of the non-agricultural production on the farm was made possible through an investment grant. Firstly, the RDP support made the investment costs bearable for the business and secondly, it sped up the introduction of the new technology by at least two years.

The electronic submission of project applications and implementation details was very convenient. The administration process can be complex and demanding, especially when rules change. Therefore, the help of the LAG Litomyšlsko was critical for the success.

Additional sources of information

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