

POLAND

Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Location

Silesia region

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P2 - Competitiveness

Measure

M20 – Support for technical assistance

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 23 620
EAFRD 15 029
National/Regional 8 591

Project duration

2016 – 2016

Project promoter

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Summary

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Lessons & Recommendations

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Additional sources of information

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