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Latvian Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Measure M16 Cooperation

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DEVELOPMENT
PLAN 2020



EUROPEAN UNION
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Agricultural Fund for Rural
Development



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Aim of M16 «Cooperation»

to facilitate
cooperation

among

Agricultural
stakeholders



Forestry
stakeholders



Agricultural
processing
stakeholders

in order to
develop

New products, processes, technologies and
methods in these sectors



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Cooperation – submeasure 16.1.

Innovative solutions at sectoral level

Beneficiaries

16.1.

EIP working group, composed of **farmers** (agricultural producers), **forest owners** (or legal possessors), **processors of agricultural products** (excluding fishery products), NGO or cooperative companies, representing them, **researchers** (also students), **advisers** and other parties interested in innovations



at least **3 partners**, where 1 is a farmer or forest owner

Preference is given to a wider cooperation group

Projects to be supported:

- ✓ at least nationally significant
- ✓ facilitating the development of the sector in general
- ✓ focusing on **creativity**
- ✓ envisaging **innovative** solutions in the industry or its sector
- ✓ with a wider scope of potential beneficiaries



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Cooperation – submeasure 16.2.

New product, method, process or technology at least at enterprise level

Beneficiaries

16.2.

Group of potential beneficiaries, composed of **farmers** (agricultural producers), **forest owners** (or legal possessors), processors of agricultural products (excluding fishery products), NGO, representing them, researcher

At least 2
partners

Preference is
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Projects to be supported:

- ✓ envisaging novel solutions at the enterprise level (**new products, methods, processes or technologies**)
- ✓ offering a solution applicable in the industry or in sectors
- ✓ focusing on the development of a full production cycle (covers primary production and processing)



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Implementation scheme of M16.1.

Stage 1

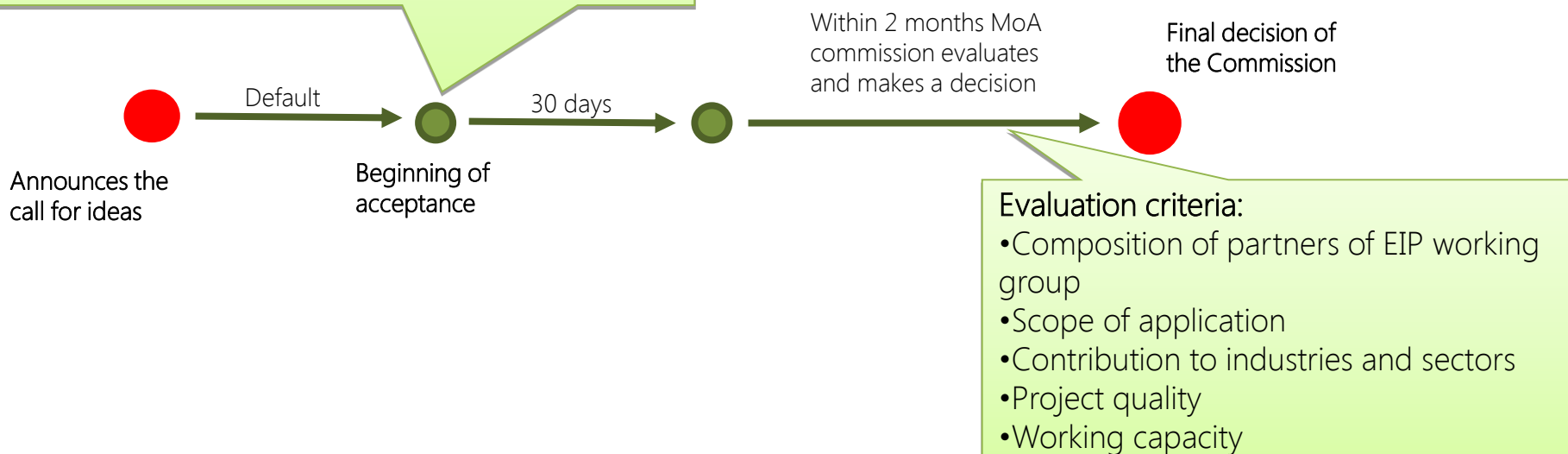
Submits an application, describing:

- Necessity for the project implementation
- The attainable target
- Economic usefulness of the project
- Intended results, investments and activities to be implemented
- Potential composition of EIP working group
- Total envisaged funding in the Project
- Project risk analysis

Projects are selected in two stages:

Stage 1 – *The idea of the project* – a brief, concise description – A commission set up by the Managing Authority, involving experts from the field (at least 3)

Stage 2 – *detailed project* – evaluated by the Paying Agency, may attract relevant experts





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Stage 2

Positive decision of the MoA commission

The applicant submits to RSS a detailed project application

PA evaluates and makes the final decision

Evaluation criteria:

- Composition of partners of EIP working group
- Scope of application
- Contribution to industries and sectors
- Project quality
- Working capacity
- Project readiness
- Dissemination of results
- Submission of the Project application

Project implementation time is 5 years – 2022, but not later than June 30, 2023



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Leading partner

Cooperation partners select the **Leading partner**, which :

- represents EIP working group or working group of potential beneficiaries
- submits the project application to Rural Support Service
- coordinates the project implementation
- receives the pre-payments and channels the funding further to cooperation partners in accordance to their implemented activities (submeasure 16.1.)



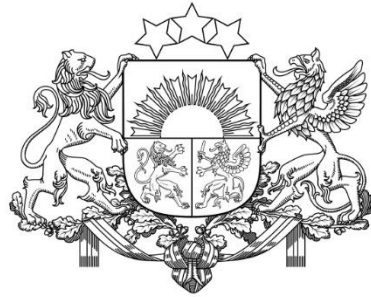
The Leading partner is responsible for achievement of results, planned in the project



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Implementation difficulties

- **Involvement of experts** – LV is a small country; respective experts involved in projects - potential conflict of interests;
- **Application of criteria** - objective vs. subjective assessment?
- **Demarcation** between the innovation of the sector (M16.1.) vs. enterprise (M16.2.) – not always obvious at the level of project idea
- **Change of thinking** – responsible authorities should be more flexible; avoid losing the objective of the project among all the details



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Thank you for attention!

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