NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES


(2008/C 127/13)

Aid No: XA 33/08

Member State: Czech Republic

Region: Whole of the Czech Republic

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Vzdělávání ekologických zemědělců a šíření informací o ekologickém zemědělství

Legal basis: Zákon č. 242/2000 Sb., o ekologickém zemědělství a o změně zákona č. 368/1992 Sb., o správních poplatcích, ve znění pozdějších předpisů

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: CZK 1 000 000

Maximum aid intensity: Up to 100 % of the eligible expenses

Date of implementation: 25.1.2008

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 31.12.2013

Objective of aid:
The primary objective is to provide aid to small and medium-sized enterprises.

The secondary objective is to increase awareness amongst organic farmers of issues surrounding organic farming, including the marketing and sale of bio-products, and to ensure high-quality training and advice for organic farmers, as well as accessibility to good-quality, up-to-date information on organic farming, including the distribution of such information to the target group. Such information would include, for example, the results of research showing the environmental and health benefits of organic farming and eating organic food.

The eligible expenditure in question is in conformity with Article 15(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Economic sector(s) concerned: Organic farming, plant and animal production (A0011 — Growing of crops; market gardening; horticulture, A0012 — Farming of animals, A0013 — Growing of crops combined with farming of animals (mixed farming))

Name and address of the authority granting the aid:
Ministerstvo zemědělství
Těšnov 17
CZ-117 05 Praha 1

Website:
’Ekologické zemědělství a biopotraviny‘ (Biological agricultural production and bio food) programme
http://81.0.228.70/attachments/konecna_verze_Progrumu_E-Z_odeslana_MZP.doc
(see page 18, measure 4 and page 19, measure 6)

Other information:
The Czech Republic confirms that the aid is designed solely for small and medium-sized enterprises active in agricultural production and that the relevant financial limits will be complied with. In connection with the application of the aid, the recipients will receive no direct payment and the information supplied and presentations made will be of an impartial nature, with no reference made to bio-products

Prague, 11 January 2008.

M. Jiří TRNKA
Director of Environmental Policy and Renewable Energy Resources
Ministry of Agriculture

Aid No: XA 48/08

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Območje občine Jezersko

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Podpore programom razvoja podeželja v občini Jezersko 2007–2013

Legal basis: Pravilnik o dodelitvi pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva, gozdarstva in podeželja v občini Jezersko
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:
2007: EUR 9 225
2008: EUR 9 483
2009: EUR 9 720
2010: EUR 9 915
2011: EUR 10 114
2012: EUR 10 367
2013: EUR 10 626

Maximum aid intensity:
— aid for investment in agricultural holdings for primary production: up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas and up to 40 % in other areas,
— aid for conservation of traditional buildings: for non-productive features, up to 100 % of eligible costs; for productive assets on farms, up to 75 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas and up to 60 % in other areas,
— aid for land repurposing: up to 50 % of actual legal and administrative costs incurred,
— aid towards the payment of insurance premiums: the difference between the amount of co-financing of insurance premiums from the national budget and up to 50 % of eligible costs of insurance premiums for insuring crops and fruit and for insuring livestock against disease,
— provision of technical support in the agricultural sector: up to 100 % of costs concerning education and training of farmers, consultancy services, the organisation of and participation in forums for farms to exchange knowledge, competitions, exhibitions and fairs, publications, such as catalogues and websites, and the costs of replacement services; the aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

Date of implementation: January 2008

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31.12.2013

Objective of aid: To support SMEs

Reference to Articles in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs:
— Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production,
— Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,
— Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
— Article 13: Aid for land repurposing,
— Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

Economic Sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of granting authority:
Občina Jezersko
Zg. Jezersko 65
SLO-4206 Zg. Jezersko

Website:
http://www.jezersko.si/data/pravilniki/Pravilnik_kmetijske_pomoci_Jezersko_07.pdf

Other information:
The measure for the payment of insurance premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.
The municipality’s Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 concerning the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)
Objective of the aid:

To establish a line of aid for audit and advice programmes for sheep and goat farms which are defined as small or medium-sized enterprises in accordance with Recommendation 2003/361/EC, with the aim of improving the production, technical-economic and health conditions of the farms involved in those programmes.

This aid is to be used to subsidise the fees of the groups, cooperatives, professional organisations and natural and legal persons who provide advice or audit services to the producers, so that the latter receive help in kind. No direct cash payments will be made to the producers.

Subsidised advisory services will be available to all sheep and goat producers.

If the service is provided by a producer group or professional organisation, it is not necessary to be a member to have access to the service

Sector(s) concerned: Sheep and goats

Name and address of the granting authority:
Departamento de Agricultura, Alimentación y Acción Rural
Gran Vía de les Corts Catalanes, 612-614
E-08007 Barcelona

Website:
http://www.gencat.net/darp/c/serveis/ajuts/ajut3.htm

Other information:

Aid No: XA 55/08

Member State: Spain

Region: Castilla y León (provincia de Salamanca)

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Subvenciones dirigidas a cooperativas de ganaderos que tengan como fin la utilización de cebaderos y/o la comercialización de carne, anualidad 2008

Legal basis: Proyecto de bases reguladoras de la convocatoria de subvenciones dirigidas a cooperativas de ganaderos que tengan como fin la utilización de cebaderos y/o la comercialización de carne, anualidad 2008

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The annual expenditure planned under the scheme for 2008 is EUR 45 000 (forty-five thousand EUR)

Maximum aid intensity:
The grant may not exceed 50 % of the eligible expenditure or EUR 8 000 per applicant.

Moreover, aid aimed at defraying operating and management costs will be temporary — based on the date the cooperative was established — and degressive, i.e. subject to the percentages indicated below:

— 35 % of the costs concerned for cooperatives established in 2004,
— 40 % of the costs concerned for cooperatives established in 2005,
— 45 % of the costs concerned for cooperatives established in 2006,
— 50 % of the costs concerned for cooperatives established in 2007

Date of implementation: From the day following the publication of the call for grant proposals in the Boletín Oficial de la Provincia de Salamanca

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31.12.2008

Objective of aid:
The aid is aimed at promoting the development of livestock cooperatives in the province of Salamanca and, thereby, boosting the creation and maintenance of cooperative livestock bodies.

It is also aimed at increasing the presence of the said cooperatives at fairs and exhibitions organised by the Diputación Provincial at the Exhibition Centre, implying that the importance of these installations and of the activities taking place should extend to Autonomous Community and national level.


Eligible activities: participation in fairs and exhibitions organised by the Diputación de Salamanca, operational and management-related activities and the provision of technical assistance to the Salamanca livestock sector.

Eligible expenditure is taken to mean:

A. For the participation in fairs organised by the Diputación, expenditure relating to:
1. registration, space and stand rental, security, conference hosts and participation fees;
2. publications related to the activity;
3. travelling expenses.
4. technical symposia held in the Exhibition Centre during the fairs.

B. For operational and management-related activities, expenditure relating to:
1. the cost of renting premises for headquarters;
2. legal and administrative expenses;
3. office equipment;
4. administrative staff costs;

5. overheads (maintenance, repairs, conservation, supplies, etc.).

C. For the provision of technical assistance, expenditure relating to:

1. training activities: the actual costs of organising the training programme;

2. attendance at national fairs: space and stand rental, security, conference hosts, participation fees, travelling expenses and publications related to the activity;

3. presentation of quality products at national and provincial level: only the rental of the installations where the presentation is made, travelling expenses and publications related to the activity may be subsidised;

4. publications such as catalogues or websites presenting information about producers from a given region or producers of a given product, provided that this information and the presentation are neutral and that all producers concerned are afforded the same opportunity to feature in them

Sector(s) concerned: Livestock sector

Name and address of the granting authority:

Excma. Diputación Provincial de Salamanca
C/ Felipe Espino no 1
E-37002 Salamanca

Website:

Other information:
The aid will be compatible with any other grant, aid, resources or revenue assigned to the subsidised activity by a national or European Union authority or public or private body or international organisation, provided that the aid ceilings specified in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 are not exceeded (in particular, in the case of the activities referred to in 3.B) of the regional instrument concerned) and, more specifically, the operating and management costs, the total amount of public aid granted within the scope of Article 9 of the Regulation must not exceed EUR 400 000 per recipient).

If the applicant has been awarded another grant — for the same purpose — which is incompatible with that awarded by the Diputación, Article 33 of Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21 July 2006 laying down implementing rules in respect of the General Law on Subsidies shall apply.

However, in no case may the amount of subsidies awarded by the Diputación be such that, on its own or together with other grants, aid, revenue or resources, it exceeds the cost of the subsidised activity.

Likewise, the grant will be incompatible with any other grant, aid, resource or revenue assigned to the subsidised activity by the Diputación de Salamanca — either by a direct award procedure or by a competitive procedure — covering the same eligible expenditure


Isabel JIMÉNEZ GARCÍA
President of the Diputación de Salamanca

Aid No: XA 56/08

Member State: Spain

Region: Castilla y León (provincia de Salamanca)

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Subvenciones dirigidas a asociaciones y federaciones ganaderas con sede en la provincia de Salamanca, anualidad 2008

Legal basis: Proyecto de bases reguladoras de la convocatoria de subvenciones dirigidas a asociaciones y federaciones ganaderas con sede en la provincia de Salamanca, anualidad 2008

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The annual expenditure planned under the scheme for 2008 is EUR 32 000 (thirty-two thousand EUR)

Maximum aid intensity: The maximum amount of the grant may not exceed 50 % of the eligible expenditure or EUR 8 000 per applicant

Date of implementation: From the day following the publication of the call for grant proposals in the Boletín Oficial de la Provincia de Salamanca

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31.12.2008

Objective of aid:
This aid is aimed at promoting the development of livestock associations in the province of Salamanca and, thereby, boosting the creation and maintenance of livestock associations.

In the same way, it aspires to increase the presence of the said associations at fairs held by the Diputación Provincial in the Exhibition Centre, implying that the importance of these installations and of the activities taking place there should extend to Autonomous Community and national level.

This aid scheme falls within the scope of Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

Eligible activities: participating in fairs organised by the Diputación de Salamanca and providing technical assistance to the Salamanca livestock sector.

Eligible expenditure is taken to mean:

A. For the participation in fairs organised by the Diputación, expenditure relating to:

1. registration, space and stand rental, security, conference stewards and participation fees;

2. publications related to the activity;
3. travelling expenses;
4. technical congresses held in the Exhibition Centre during the fairs.

B. For the provision of technical assistance, expenditure relating to:
1. training activities: the actual costs of organising the training programme;
2. expenditure for attendance at national fairs: space and stand rental, security, conference stewards, participation fees, travelling expenses and publications related to the activity;
3. presentation of quality products at national and provincial level: only the rental of the installations where the presentation is made, travelling expenses and publications related to the activity can be subsidised;
4. publications such as catalogues or websites containing information about producers from a given region or producers of a given product, provided that this information and the presentation are neutral and that all producers concerned are afforded the same opportunity to feature in them

Sector(s) concerned: Livestock sector

Name and address of the granting authority:
Excma. Diputación Provincial de Salamanca
C/ Felipe Espino nº 1
E-37002 Salamanca

Other information:
The grant will be compatible with any other grant, aid, resources or revenue for the subsidised activity by a national or European Union authority or public or private body or international organisation. If the applicant has been awarded another grant — for the same purpose — which is incompatible with that awarded by the Diputación, Article 33 of Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21 July establishing the Rules implementing the General Law on Subsidies shall apply.

However, in no case may the amount of subsidies awarded by the Diputación be such that, on its own or together with other grants, aid, revenue or resources, it exceeds the cost of the subsidised activity.

Likewise, the grant will be incompatible with any other grant, aid, resource or revenue for the subsidised activity that is awarded by the Diputación de Salamanca — either by a direct award procedure or by a competitive procedure — covering the same eligible expenditure


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