

Good Practices – EAFRD projects' template

Project name/title

TAMS Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme

Context

Why was the project needed? What was the situation to begin with? Do not start talking about the objectives. Just the context. (max.300 words)

Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Schemes were launched in May 2015 to support the sustainable development of Irish agriculture. The grant-aid provided will enable farmers to meet the challenges of climate change and to increase efficiency on their holdings.

TAMS schemes were launched under the new Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and are co-funded under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

There are seven measures included in the TAMS Scheme and the financial allocation to each measure for the full RDP programme consists of:

- Tillage measure €26 million
- Young Farmers Capital Investment Scheme €120m
- Dairy Equipment Scheme €50m
- Organic Capital Investment Scheme €8m
- Animal Welfare, Safety and Nutrient Storage Scheme €170m
- Low Emission Slurry Spreading €4m
- Pig and Poultry Investment Scheme €17m.

Objectives

In response to the context set out above, what did the project hope to achieve and what was its overall approach for doing this? Do not simply list planned activities, which will be covered below. (max 300 words)

The objectives of the Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Schemes (TAMS II) are to facilitate farm modernisation, improve the working and production conditions on farms and improve competitiveness and contribute to the improvement of agricultural incomes. The areas prioritised for investment will contribute to and help address :

- Environmental and climate change issues
- Support increased efficiency on holdings
- Improve animal health and welfare
- Support young farmers

A grant rate of 40% is available this is increased to 60% in the case of young farmers. The investment ceiling is €80,000 per holding.

Activities

What did the project do and in what order did it implement its activities? If possible, include: a timeframe; who/which stakeholders were involved; the reasons and logic of the approach taken. The aim is to enable readers to really understand what the project did and how. Do not provide a simple list of bullet points but briefly explain each activity. (max 600 words)

All applications for TAMS II must be made online.

It is a condition of the TAMS II Schemes that all applicants must:

- have completed within the last five years prior to the date of application or the submission of their claim for payment the half day Farm Safety Code of Practice (given by Teagasc or other trained persons) or have completed the FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate in

Agriculture (Green Cert.). In the case of a Registered Farm Partnership or a Company the course must have been completed by the young farmer. In the case of an application from two eligible young farmers in a registered farm partnership only one of the applicants needs to have completed the course. Your claim for payment will not be processed until evidence of completion of the course is provided.

- furnish a valid Tax Clearance Certificate or Tax Clearance Certificate Reference Number from the Revenue Commissioners before payment of grant-aid is made.

The Low Emission Slurry Spreading Scheme (LESS) offers grant aid for efficient slurry spreading. The scheme is designed to encourage the purchase by farmers of specialised slurry spreaders. There are a number of machines available such as trailing shoe, dribble bars, shallow injection systems and umbilical slurry spreading systems. These spreaders are designed to minimise nutrient loss during the application of slurry which will help Ireland to achieve reductions in GHG emissions including reductions in nitrous oxide emissions, and ammonia emissions. TAMS offers a 40% grant subject to a maximum eligible investment of €40,000 or €60,000 in the case of a joint application by two eligible applicants or partners under a registered partnership.

Derek Beirne a farmer and agricultural contractor from Elphin Co. Roscommon availed of TAMS funding to purchase a dribble bar. The dribble bar cost in the region of €16,000 and Derek expects to receive a 40% grant on the investment through the TAMS scheme.

Derek covers a 20 mile radius of Elphin. "I expect to receive a 40% grant for the purchase of a dribble bar. The hoses of the dribble bar trail just above the ground placing slurry at the grass root, preventing nutrient loss. I have 200 clients in the area. 90% of dribble barring slurry spreading is for GLAS clients.

With the GLAS scheme providing a payment of €1.20 m3/yr to farmers for low emission slurry spreading demand for LESS has increased dramatically since the opening of GLAS. All of the slurry produced or imported on the farm must be spread using LESS equipment. The benefits of LESS are more efficient use of nutrients by the crop, resulting in lower use of artificial fertiliser. Reduced run-off from the land leading to improved water quality and reduced odour from the slurry.

Results

What did the project achieve? What has changed and how was the initial identified need met? Include quantified improvements where possible. Unquantifiable progress can also be described (e.g. increase in revenue, jobs created, number of participating businesses, increase in sales, increase in visitors, etc.). Keep it short – a list is fine (max 300 words)

Derek concluded; " without the funding received from TAMS I wouldn't have been in a position to invest in a LESS Slurry Spreader. The financial incentive under the GLAS Scheme is creating the demand among farmers for the Low Emission Slurry Spreading"

Lessons

What factors should be taken into account when transferring the example? What was interesting, unexpected, surprising about implementing the project? What could be done better? Keep them short and to the point. (Max 300 words)

The grant aid provided for the LESS Scheme in TAMS II is facilitating farmers to purchase LESS equipment which is resulting in benefits to the environment. The use of LESS is promoted through the GLAS scheme. Low Emission systems place the slurry in a narrow band close to the soil surface and therefore reducing the risk of N losses.

Project general info

Name (project title or short name)	
Dates ¹ (Indicate both start and end dates ²)	
Member State (or region if regionalised RDP)	
Type of beneficiary (public/SME/farmer/NGO etc.)	
Measure ³ (or measures)	
Priority & Focus Area ⁴ (for 2014-2020 projects)	

Funding^{4,6}

Total budget in EUR	
EAFRD contribution in EUR	
National/regional co-financing in EUR	
Private funds in EUR	
Other sources (in EUR)	

Contact details

Project beneficiary name/organisation	
Contact person	
Contact Email	
Telephone	
Other contact details	

Further information

Website	
Additional info sources, links	

Quotes from beneficiaries/participants

(if available) Obviously choose ones that really highlight the key message of the project

Project photos with information on copyrights

A number of 2-3 photos, as available, would be sufficient. Copyrights maybe the name of the photographer, or in general the owner of the photos' copyrights as indicated by the provider of the project's content.

Additional note

¹ Both a starting and end date are needed.

² On-going projects are not eligible.

³ Always indicate which measure(s) were used.

⁴ Both the Priority & Focus Area are needed for the 2014-2020 programming period projects.

⁵ In case more than one measures where used then please provide the above financial data for all measures involved.

⁶ The total and EAFRD budget are required as a minimum.