



National Regulations Italy (MIPAAF)

Mipaaf is funding the following topics of the call:

2. Improving inputs management, at the level of the production systems
3. Common Mediterranean challenges in animal and plant health
10. Sustainable management of water and other resources used by agriculture

In relation to the topic 2, animal health does not include fishery or aquaculture species.

Mipaaf rules (DG DISR IV acting as funding body) for eligibility and allocation of the financial contribution are given in the User's Manual which applicants must refer to (D.M. 6387/2010) at:

<http://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/3959>).

A summary of these rules is hereafter reported.

Eligibility of the projects

The projects have to be presented under the topic 2 or 3 or 10. If national research institution will apply for projects under other topics will not be supported by Mipaaf, but they can participate with their own resources; in this case this participation is not valid for the minimum number of countries/partners to be involved in the project (3, at least 1 from UE and 1 from MCP).

Nature of the applicants.

National public research institutions and private bodies, with among their institutional and statutory scopes "performing research activities" and not only "promoting or supporting research activities", can apply for funding.

National public institutions include public bodies supervised by Ministries, Regional and Provincial Centres, University Departments and Institutes, University Consortia, Interdepartmental Centres.

It is mandatory, for all the private research bodies defined above, that they state in the official documents (statute and/or articles of incorporation or memorandum of association, etc.) that among their missions they also "perform research activities", and in case, they have no profit purpose.

The no profit private research body participating in the project consortium must send to Mipaaf, acting as national contact point (see hereafter), scanned copy of the documents listed above (statute and/or articles of incorporation or memorandum of association, etc.) by the application deadline to: disr4@politicheagricole.gov.it, specifying in the object "Arimnet 2 call documents – private body".

SME or other profit private bodies can participate with their own funding, explaining the added value to the research project in the text of the project.

Financial contribution.

The contribution amount for national participants of the selected projects will be as follows:

- public institutions and private no profit bodies can be financed up to 99% of the approved eligible project costs;
- SMEs and organisations with other statutory nature are welcome as participants if an added value to the project is proven and if their costs are covered by their own resources or by other external sources.

According to the national regulation the transfer of funds will occur in three steps:

- 1) up to 65% of the approved costs immediately at the issue of the Ministry decree (contract between the Ministry and the beneficiary);
- 2) 25% of the approved costs once the mid-term report (both scientific and administrative) has been approved;
- 3) 10% of the approved costs once the final report has been approved.

For private bodies the detailed documentation to receive the financial contribution is specified in the User's Manual.

Eligible costs to be refunded.

A) Personnel

1) Salaries – Only for non-permanent scientific staff (including foreign visiting scientists, post docs, PhD students, fellowships and grants). Technical administrative staff can be included in the coordination. For private institutions salaries of permanent staff actually participating in the project activity can be funded.

2) Travel expenses- for permanent and non permanent staff declared as involved in the project.

B) Consumables

C) External activity costs – expenditures for activity carried out externally to the research applicant (Consultancy services, agreements, maintenance, repairs, material transportation when needed for the project implementation).

D) Equipments – No expenditure will be reimbursed in this call.

E) Overheads – no more than 10% of the total amount of the above mentioned A, B and C costs.

F) Coordination - if the Italian institution is also playing the role of coordinator the eligible costs are those indicated in the User's manual.

Additional forms.

Once the project has been approved for funding and during the negotiation Mipaaf DISR IV, acting as funding body, will ask each Italian research unit of the approved projects to fill in the model C (see User's Manual) and present it to the funding body (Mipaaf) to apply for contribution.

In case of a research unit acting as coordinator, also the general project description, including the activity of all partners (model A-project form) and the financial sheet for coordination activity, should to be presented to the funding body. These forms must be written in Italian.

For all further information please refer to the national contact point:

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