

ROMANIA

Entry of skilled / younger farmers

Location

Colibasi

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P2 – Competitiveness

Measure

M6 – Farm & business
development

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 40 000
EAFRD 34 000
National/Regional 6 000

Project duration

2015 – 2017

Project promoter

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n/a

In order to improve the economic performance of his holding, a young farmer received support to increase the cultivated land and to build an irrigated greenhouse for the production of vegetables.

Summary

The beneficiary, Barbu Alexandru Ionut, is a young person who decided to stay in his village after graduating from school and take over the family farm, thanks to the support provided by the rural development programme.



Supported by the Chamber for Agriculture of his region, the beneficiary prepared and submitted a project proposal to receive support under the setting up young farmers support scheme. The financial support enabled the beneficiary to purchase additional land and set up a greenhouse. In addition, the support received included training for increasing the quality and volume of production.

Results

The project enabled the farmer to increase his cultivated land by 0.515 ha and improve the farm's economic performance in respect of 12 000 SO (Standard Output).

The training received by the beneficiary enabled the farm holding to achieve a high level of quality production to meet market demands.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ The current project helped the beneficiary to gain confidence in applying for RDP support and the beneficiary is already considering applying for support in the near future in order to increase the size of the agricultural holding and achieve greater profits.

Context

Colibasi is a rural commune with a population of 3 529 inhabitants (2011). The commune is located in the southern part of Giurgiu County, 25 km from Bucharest, near the River Argeş. Its main economic activity is vegetable farming, supplying fresh vegetables, especially for Bucharest and nearby rural towns.

After completing elementary school, most young people attend high school in Giurgiu or in Bucharest. After graduation, very few of these young people are interested in returning to the area, settling in their home villages to start a rural activity or a business related to the sector. One young person, who chose to stay in her area and work on the family farm was Barbu Alexandru Ionut.

Initially, Barbu Alexandru Ionut PFA cultivated a total area of 3.86 ha, of which 3.17 ha were corn grains, 0.5 ha were lucerne (alfalfa) and 0.19 ha were sunflower and vegetables. The farm was equipped with an atomiser, a Honda motor pump, two drilled wells and a drip irrigation system required for a surface area of 0.045 ha of greenhouse.

Objectives

The overall objective of this project was to increase the competitiveness of the farm and improve its management by supporting the young farmer as the head of the holding.

Activities

After finding out about the opportunity to carry out an investment project through Sub-Measure 6.1, Barbu Alexandru Ionut contacted the Chamber for Agriculture in Giurgiu, and received support from the Chamber staff to develop the project financing dossier. In order to go through the evaluation and selection phases, the beneficiary submitted the necessary documents, specifying the size of the agricultural holding expressed in the SO (Standard Output) and the documents certifying the ownership of the agricultural land, according to the legislation in force. A business plan was also developed to

show how the holding would achieve an economic size of at least 12 000 SO and how it would achieve the objectives proposed in the plan.

After submitting, verifying and contracting the project, the legal form of Barbu Alexandru Ionut PFA (authorised person) was set up in February 2015, in order to receive the funds and start the project implementation.

Support from the project was used to buy a seed drill and a transport system. The funds received also helped to increase the production base by purchasing 0.515 ha of arable land in order to build a 0.5 ha greenhouse. The vegetable farm was upgraded by purchasing 4 drip irrigation systems that were required for vegetable production.

Also, the new head of farm received practical training, as required by legislation. The beneficiary attended specialist courses, with the support and guidance of the Chamber of Agriculture.

Main results

The project allowed the farmer to increase the cultivated land by 0.515 ha and improve the farm's economic performance with respect of 12 000 SO.

The training received by the beneficiary enabled the farm holding to achieve a high level of quality production to meet market demands.

Key lessons

The current project helped the beneficiary to gain confidence in applying for RDP support and he is already considering applying for support in the near future in order to increase the size the agricultural holding and achieve greater profits.

Additional sources of information

Photo: <http://informatiadegiurgiu.ro/ministrul-agriculturii-a-vizitat-solariile-din-colibasi-el-a-fost-primit-de-primarul-constantin-stoica>
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