

LITHUANIA

Promoting
knowledge and
improving
human potential

Location

Rečionys

Programming period

2007 - 2013

Axis / Priority

Axis 1 – Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector

Measure

M112 - Setting up of young farmers

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 40 000

EAFRD 30 000

Own funds 10 000

Project duration

2008 – 2009

Project promoter

Lithuanian Ministry of
Agriculture

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Additional information

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-oABG7QSFy)

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A young female farmer in Lithuania benefited from EAFRD business start-up support to establish a modern, profitable farm.

Summary

Justina grew up on her family's farm in the Ukmergė region of central Lithuania and she wanted to continue in her family's footsteps by becoming a young farmer. Initially, she had access to land and some older equipment. However, being an ambitious young person with a lot of ideas and aspirations for her business, she wanted to invest in modern machinery that could better help her to fulfil her business plans.



The main objective of this project was to provide Justina with enough working capital to establish a viable farming business. She also planned to use the start-up funding as a way of helping her to demonstrate the profitability of her business. This could then help her secure further RDP funding for additional equipment from the RDP measure 'supporting the modernisation of farm holdings'. Justina used her start-up funding from the RDP to contribute to the costs of purchasing new equipment for growing arable crops - including a mechanical sower, hydraulic cutter, equipment for spraying fertiliser, and machinery for grinding seeds.

Results

The new equipment made it possible to carry out the work much faster and it requires much less effort.

The equipment provides much better and more comfortable working conditions for the people using it.

It also costs less for fuel and repairs. This gives better and more modern conditions for the farm and that allows the young farmer to compete with other farms.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ Packaging RDPs' 'investment support' with 'training support' for young farmers can help to ensure good value for money from RDP funds.
- ❑ RDP funding for setting up young farmers should be considered as a key instrument to ensure that Member States continue to have young people and knowhow in their agricultural sectors producing food and other useful commodities.