

ROMANIA

Promoting
knowledge and
improving human
potential

Location

Bârnova

Programing 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 18 800
RDP 14 400
Private 3 600

Project duration

2010 – 2014

Project promoter

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Website

n/a

A young farmer applied and received funds as a new entrant to farming in seeking to establish a beekeeping farm.

Summary

A young farmer in Iasi county, north east Romania, was looking to access funds in order to establish new bee colonies on his farm. The young farmer applied and received funds as a new entrant to farming.



The beneficiary acquired vertical and horizontal hives, along modern apicultural equipment and bee colonies. These acquisitions were made carefully in order to ensure that equipment and the colonies acquired would be in optimal condition and thus ensure the success of the investment.

Results

The helped set up a successful beekeeping farm which produces nine different types of honey and related products.

Biodiversity benefited both on the farm and the surrounding areas through the pollination of plants by the bees.

The young farmer is in control of his income as the end products can be sold directly to consumers, resulting in greater added value for the farmer.

Lessons & Recommendations

- When preparing such an investment the beneficiary should be aware that the workload and personal effort required will be considerable.
- Previous experience or knowledge about the activity which the investment will support is also essential for success.
- EU funding should be carefully targeted to address the real needs of beneficiaries and the community to which they belong to.

Context

A young farmer looking to set up in agricultural production in Iasi county, in north east Romania, was looking to access funds and in doing so to establish new bee colonies on the farm as part of his first agricultural activity.

Objectives

The overall objective was to start a new holding through the purchase of new beehives.

Other objectives were to improve productivity and increase resistance of bee colonies to external environmental factors and pathogens.

Activities

Radu Stefan Plăvănescu applied and received funds as a new entrant to farming. He began the implementation of his project by acquiring vertical and horizontal hives, and modern apicultural equipment and bee colonies. These acquisitions were made carefully, given that hives must be in perfect health and optimally suited to the area where they are to be installed. The hives must be constituted of new material and unbuilt honeycombs in order to avoid pathogens and potential disease.

For the project to be successful, a great deal of knowledge in beekeeping was required, as bee colonies have been particularly susceptible to disease in recent years. For the project to deliver added value back to the farm, the products were marketed directly, and Radu Stefan chose to market his products directly through participation in a retail stall in the market in Iasi.

Main results

The direct results from the investment were to set up a successful beekeeping farm producing nine different types of honey and related products.

The investment has a positive impact in biodiversity both for the farm and the surrounding areas through the pollination of plants by the bees.

It also enabled the young farmer to be in control of his income as the end products can be sold directly to consumers, resulting in greater added value for the farmer.

Lessons

According to Radu Stefan Plăvănescu, the workload and personal effort required are considerable when investing in new production.

It is also essential that the person who engages in the activity has experience or knowledge.

The beneficiary also believes that it is important that EU funds should be carefully targeted to address the real needs of beneficiaries and the community to which they belong to.

Additional sources of information

NRN Romania www.rndr.ro