

Second call for applications under Sub-measure 4.1 of the Rural Development Programme 2014–2020

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As of 26 October, the second call for applications for support under sub-measure 4.1 “Investments in Agricultural Holdings” of measure 4 “Investments in Physical Assets” of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020 has started. Applicants may submit applications until **7 December, Wednesday, 2016** at the regional directorates of the State Fund “Agriculture” at the place where the investment is implemented.

The budget to be allocated under the second call for sub-measure 4.1, pursuant to Order No RD 09-755 of 04.10.2016 of the Minister of Agriculture and Food, amounts to the BGN equivalent of 237

million euros. Sub-measure 4.1 “Investments in Agricultural Holdings” aims to increase the competitiveness of agriculture in Bulgaria.

Investments for the purchase of agricultural machinery under sub-measure 4.1 “Investments in Agricultural Holdings” include machinery used for soil cultivation and harvesting such as: tractors, self-propelled machinery – wheeled tractors, tracked tractors, specialised self-propelled machines (forage harvesters, combine harvesters, etc.), other types of self-propelled machines, as well as interchangeable trailed equipment.

Applicants may submit applications until **7 December, Wednesday, 2016** at the regional directorates of the State Fund “Agriculture” at the place where the investment is implemented.

During this application period under the sub-measure, projects with investments in irrigation systems are also eligible, as well as expenditure under projects for collective investments submitted by recognised producer groups or organisations.

The State Fund “Agriculture” has developed a calculator for assessing the capacity of agricultural machinery applied for support under sub-measure 4.1 “Investments in Agricultural Holdings” of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. The calculator has been created to facilitate farmers when applying under sub-measure 4.1 and has been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

You can find the calculator, the guidelines and other important documents related to the implementation of sub-measure 4.1 [HERE](#).

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food provides an **answer** to the most frequently asked questions from beneficiaries in connection with the ongoing call under sub-measure 4.1 Investments in Agricultural Holdings of measure 4 Investments in Physical Assets of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020.