



# Second ABD Grant scheme

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## Objectives of the Grant scheme:

- Improvement of integrated economic development of the region through support to entrepreneur initiatives focusing on improvement of tourism offer in the region;
- Improvement of value chains in agriculture and food production;
- Support to development of rural areas, income generation and employment;
- Improvement of regional competitiveness through support and creation of green value chains;
- Support to economic development of rural areas through sustainable use of natural resources;
- Support to improvement of economic activities and women entrepreneurship;
- Improvement of integrated water and forest resource management.



## Eligibility of applicants- Who may apply?

### **Civil sector**

- Associations, non-governmental organizations...

### **Public sector**

- Public companies/enterprises, Tourism Organizations, Chamber of Commerce, Development Agencies...

### **Private sector**

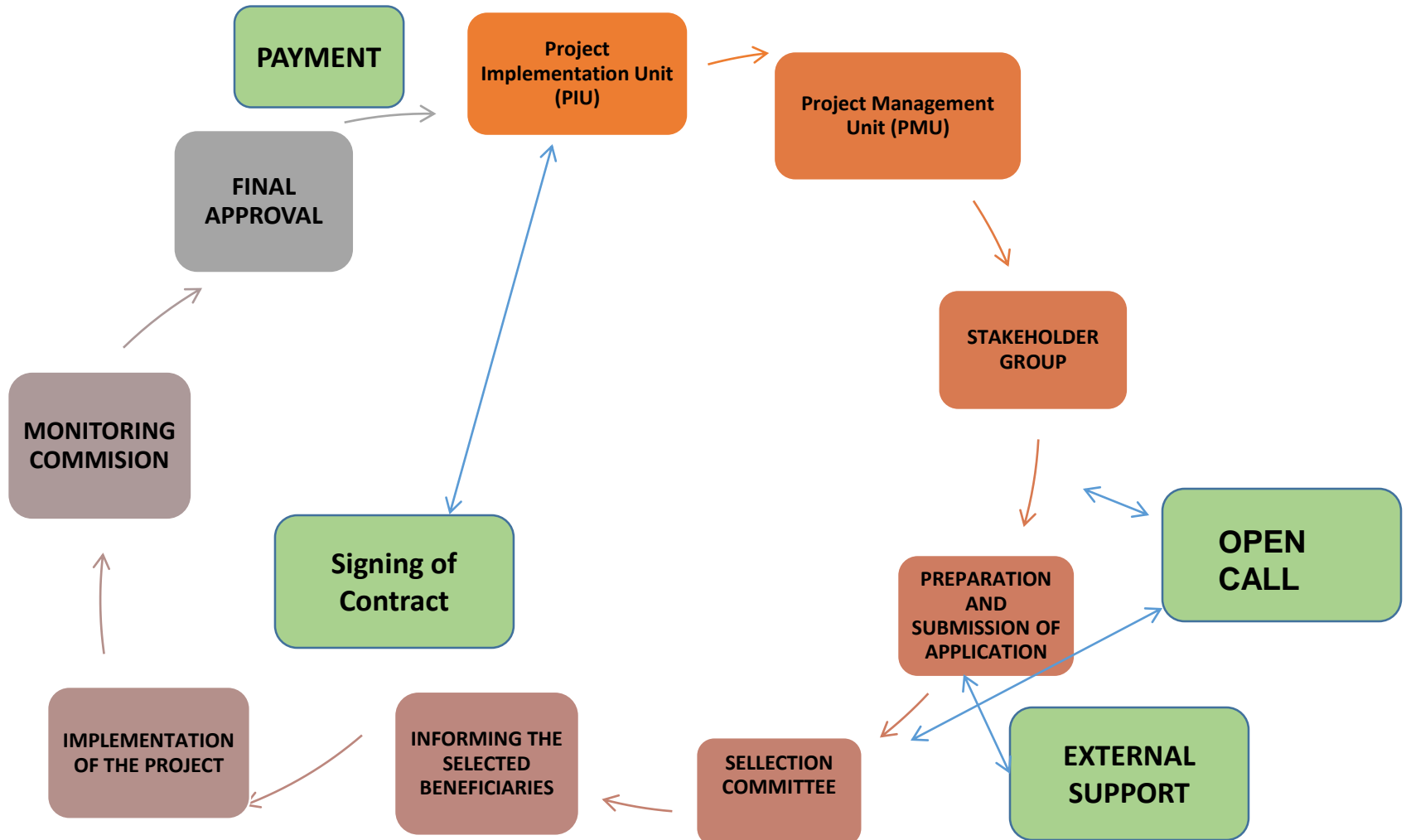
- Registered agricultural households, Cooperatives, independent entrepreneurs, companies...



## Time frame – First Call

- **Open Call for project proposals**
  - Beginning of May 2016
- **Deadline for submission of Applications**
  - 45 days
- **Selection of granted Applications**
  - During July 2016
- **Contracting**
  - During August 2016
- **Deadline for implementation of the investment**
  - Till end of March 2017
- **If needed Second Call will be published**

# Submission of Applications and implementation process





## Area of implementation:

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** Bijeljina, Ugljevik, Lopare, Brčko, Donji Zabari, Visegrad, Rudo, Gorazde, Bratunac, Milici, Srebrenica;
- **Serbia:** Sremska Mitrovica, Sid, Bogatic, Loznica, Sabac, Uzice, Cajetina, Bajina Basta, Ljubovija, Priboj, Prijepolje;
- **Montenegro:** Pljevlja, Bijelo Polje;
- **Macedonia:** Tearce, Jegunovce, **Resen, Ohrid;**
- **Kosovo\*:** Strpce, Dragas, Prizren;
- **Albania:** Kukës, **Korca, Pustec, Maliq, Devoll, Kolonje, Pogradec;**

*(applicant must be registered on the territory of these municipalities)*



## Draft criteria's

*(from total number of points)*

- Business strategy – 60%
- Partnership – 10%
- Women involvement – 10%
- Youth involvement – 10%
- Financial support of local municipality – 10%

*(trashhold for points on Business Strategy and separately for total number of points)*





## Eligible sectors for support

- Agriculture and Forestry
- Processing of agriculture and forest products
- Gastronomy and traditional and handicraft production and processing of food
- Tourism
- Marketing and promotion
- Local transport of agriculture products, food and tourists
- Environment



## Eligible investments

- Investments in improvements of typical production processes and introducing of new technologies, quality and food safety standards, innovations, marketing and standardization for increasing competitiveness;
- Eco-engineering in small local communities, use of renewable energy resources, responsible water use;
- Investments in improvements of tourism services and tourist premises;
- Enforcement of small value chains in agriculture/forestry/food production/handcrafting/tourism and services in the region;
- Investments in development of new economic activities in the region related to green value chains in agriculture/forestry/food production/tourism and direct marketing;
- Processing of secondary forest products;



## Eligible costs

- Cost for provision of equipment
- Cost for renovating of premises
- Small scale investments

## Non eligible costs

- taxes (including VAT) and customs, bank costs, guaranties, rate differences, or similar;
- Operational costs;
- Activities already financed from some other projects/sources;
- Buying of land or buildings;
- Buying of used equipment;
- Etc.



## Payment schedule (IPARD like)

- Pre-financing of overall investment
- Refund of up to 75% of eligible costs
  - After realization of investment and acceptance of Final report
  - Latest on 31.03.2017



## Financial frame of the Call

- Maximal amount per project: 35,000 EUR
- Amount per applicant: minimum 1,000 EUR maximum 15,000 EUR