

RDPE Forestry Funding Decision Tree – Glossary

This decision tree will help you to decide whether or not a proposed project is eligible for RDPE funding. In order to decide you need to ensure that both the proposed project activity and the applicant are eligible for support. Some activities are only eligible for support depending on who the applicant is. The decision tree questions are divided into two colours – blue questions ask about the activity, yellow questions ask about the applicant.

NB: This document has been prepared by SEEDA and Forestry Commission South East based upon Chapter 5 of the Programme Document and the Regional Implementation Plan for the South East. This may not fit the priorities in other regions, please consult your own Regional Development Agency.

Measures:

The measures are written below as stated in Chapter 5. Text in brackets indicates the intended main beneficiaries. E.g. gives examples of the kind of investment possible under this measure.

111 Vocational training and information actions (those who spend greater than 50% of their time involved in farming, forestry or horticulture)

Supports training, group based advice, information provision and the uptake of the latest technology for all adults directly employed in agriculture or forestry. RDPE funded training is delivered through LandSkills South East. Applicants should contact them direct for any training requirements they may have. They can be contacted www.lantra.co.uk/LandSkillsSouthEast or 01444 871436

NOTE there is funding available for training through the Leader groups for those engaged within the forestry sector who are not eligible under measure

111. Contact the local Leader group for further details

122 Improving the economic value of forests (Woodland owners)

e.g. harvesting equipment, chippers for in-forest use, forest recreational infrastructure

123 Adding value to agricultural and forestry products (Forestry micro-enterprises) e.g. mobile sawmills, firewood processors, chippers, trailers, cranes, feasibility studies and product development

NOTE this measure is only available for processing of virgin timber up to first stage processing eg production of planking. The processing of by-products eg waste slab wood or arboricultural waste can not be considered under this measure

124 Co-operation for development of new products, processes and technologies (Primary producers in forestry and the processing businesses)

e.g. support for product development, collaboration and producer groups

125 Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry (Forestry and agricultural businesses)

e.g. forest roads, paths, drainage as part of wider project to improve economic value of the woodland

311 Diversification into non-agricultural activities (Farmers)

e.g. capital investment such as log processors, chippers for renewable energy, market research and marketing support

Note this measure can support projects that add value to timber beyond first stage processing and the processing of timber by-products eg slab wood and arboricultural waste

312 Support for the creation and development of micro-enterprises (Rural micro-enterprises)

e.g. capital investment such as log processors, chippers for renewable energy, market research and marketing support

Note this measure can support projects that add value to timber beyond first stage processing and the processing of timber by-products eg slab wood and arboricultural waste.

Applicant definitions

Agriculture – as defined in section 109(3) of the Agriculture Act 1947

“agriculture” includes horticulture, fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming and livestock breeding and keeping, the use of land as grazing land, meadow land, osier land, market gardens and nursery grounds, and the use of land for woodlands where that use is ancillary to the farming of land for other agricultural purposes, and “agricultural” shall be construed accordingly;

Micro-enterprise - an enterprise which: employs the equivalent of fewer than 10 full time persons, and has either an annual turnover of less than EUR 2 million or has an annual balance sheet total which does not exceed EUR 2 million.

National Public body – The Forestry Commission, the Crown Estate. Local authorities are not considered National Public bodies.

Project activity definitions:

Rough sawn timber – the result of roundwood having gone through one stage of processing ie planks, fencing posts.

Woodfuel – Firewood logs, woodchips and pellets.

Forest infrastructure – Roads, paths and drainage in the forest, including turning circles and hard standing.

In-forest – In the forest, up to leaving the boundary of the forest. Includes work done at roadside before the timber leaves the forest.

Roundwood – Wood in its natural state as felled that has not gone through any other process beyond or equivalent to delimiting, debarking and cross cutting into a sawlog. Timber processed beyond this stage is not considered in RDPE terms to be roundwood. Roundwood timber does not include felled trees from arboricultural operations or other arboricultural arisings, chips made from sawmill co-products, waste or recycled wood.