

EAFRD Financial Instruments in the CAP Strategic Plans 2023-2027

Combination of grants FIs and standalone working capital finance Szilvia Bencze, Policy Officer, Unit F3, DG AGRI, European Commission



Combination possibilities – CPR Article 58(4) to (7)



- The sum of all forms of support ≤ total amount of the expenditure item concerned
- Grants cannot be used to reimburse support from FI; FI cannot be used to pre-finance the grants

+ applicable support rate to be respected by the combination



Combination in one FI operation – CPR Article 58(5)





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Example of combination of FI with grant in ONE FI operation : investment grant under FI rules and within FI structure







Working capital finance

Available under the following CAP SP interventions:

- Investments
- Risk management
- Cooperation
- Knowledge exchange
- Working capital finance can be complementary to other support, or standalone → still has to contribute to at least one specific objective
- <u>Note</u>: Support under Art.69 is installation support, which can be used for any cost necessary for the installation without specification

 \rightarrow EU restrictions linked to eligible expenditure are not applicable (i.e. working capital or land purchase provisions)





Working capital finance – applicable aid ceilings

- For agriculture: Gross Grant Equivalent cannot exceed EUR 200 000 over any period of three fiscal years (Art. 74(3) SPR)
- For non-agricultural activities: State aid rules apply → same ceiling under general de minimis regulation

- <u>Note:</u>
- When provided standalone: only the EUR 200 000 ceiling applies.
- When combined with other support:
- > Support rate of the corresponding intervention applies to the combination (same cumulation rule as in 2014-2022)
- EUR 200 000 ceiling always applies for the WC GGE





Working capital support under Risk Management



• MS can set up a standalone WC FI for crisis events in line with Art.70, which can be accessed without prior subscription to a risk management tool

	ceiling	scope
RM maximum compensation (Art.70)	100%	Gross Grant Equivalent (non-repayable)
RM maximum support rate (Art.70)	70%	
FI working capital support rate (Art.74)	EUR 200 000	

- If a farmer receives only the standalone WC support in case of a loss event, only the EUR 200 000 ceiling applies to the GGE of the WC finance (+max 100% compensation).
- If a farmer receives both compensation from a risk management tool and the FI WC finance under Art.70 for the same loss event, the combination of both forms of support shall respect the above Art.70 ceilings (+max 100% compensation).





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