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13 first contracts are signed for SARED Grant Scheme beneficiaries

Today at the premises of MARDWA, in the frame of SARED program grant scheme, co-finances by the governments of Germany and of Denmark and implemented by GIZ and the MARDWA in Albania will be signed 13 first contracts with the grant beneficiaries for investments on agricultural farms and on agro-processing establishments.

The beneficiaries who are signing today the contract are farmers and agro-processors living and working in the rural areas and disadvantaged mountain areas of Albania and namely in the regions of Shkodra, Kukësi, Dibra, Elbasani, Berati dhe Korça.

They will invest in the mechanization of their orchard farms and small ruminants milk processing aiming mainly increasing the productivity and the quality of their products in order to better fulfill the market requirements and improving their income.

From the priorities the grant scheme provides for women and young entrepreneurs among the 13 first beneficiaries will sign today have profited a woman from Elbasani region as well a young entrepreneur from Shkodra region.

The first call for applications was opened on April 17, 2015 and until today are submitted 41 applications with an investment volume planned of 930,000 Euro from which 604,000 Euro goes as a grant to the beneficiaries. From 41 applicants in total until now 5 are women (4 from Korca and 1 from Elbasan).

The 13 contracts will be signed today have a total investment volume of 270,000,- Euro from which the amount of 180,000,-Euro goes as a grant to farmers and agro-processors

From the receipt of the applications to the signature of the contracts the program team succeeded to do it in less than 2 months as it was foreseen in the procedures.

The 1st call for applications will still remain open until July 31st 2015!

The 2nd call for applications will be open on September 1st 2015 and remain opened for 5 consecutive months.

Details in relation to the 2nd call for applications will be provided with the notice which will be published by the end of August 2015 in printed media.

The Guideline for applicants is to be downloaded online from MARDWA's web page www.bujqesia.gov.al

Farmers are welcome to apply in each of regional offices at the premises of Directorates for Agriculture in the 6 regions.