

## Guidance on State Aid

### **EC No 702/2014 article 14.**

Aid for investments in tangible or intangible assets on agricultural holdings linked to primary agricultural production, is granted under EC No 702/2014 article 14. The investment shall pursue article 14, 3 d.

*3. The investment shall pursue at least one of the following objectives:*

*d) the achievement of agri-environmental-climate objectives, including the biodiversity conservation status of species and habitat as well as enhancing the public amenity value of a Natura 2000 area or other high nature value systems, defined in the national or regional rural development programmes of Member States, as long as investments are non-productive;*

The maximum aid intensity shall not exceed 100%, this is in accordance with article 14, 3 d, and article 14, 14.

*14. As regards non-productive investments referred to in paragraph 3(d) and investments for the restoration of production potential referred to in paragraph 3(e), the maximum aid intensity shall not exceed 100%.*

The terms and conditions of a funding offer will include conditions to comply with the EC No 702/2014. This will include:

All approvals, leases licences and permissions (“permissions”) which are required for the projects shall be obtained by the applicant prior to the commencement of the projects and shall be made available to SEPA project manager on request. The applicant shall comply in full with all laws and regulations affecting the projects.

### **EC No 702/2014 article 29.**

Aid for investments in favour of the conservation of cultural and natural heritage located on agricultural holdings, is granted under EC No 702/2014 article 29. The aid shall be granted fulfilling the requirements of article 29.

The terms and conditions of a funding offer will include conditions to comply with the EC No 702/2014. This will include:

All approvals, leases licences and permissions (“permissions”) which are required for the projects shall be obtained by the applicant prior to the commencement of the projects and shall be made available to SEPA project manager on request. The applicant shall comply in full with all laws and regulations affecting the projects.

The aid shall be granted for cultural and natural heritage in the form of natural landscapes and buildings which is formally recognised as cultural or natural heritage by the competent public authorities of the United Kingdom. Formally recognised cultural or natural heritage includes National parks, Natura 2000 area and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

The aid shall cover the following eligible costs intended for the conservation of cultural and natural heritage:

a) investment costs in tangible assets

b) capital works

The aid intensity shall be limited to 100% of the eligible costs

Aid for capital works shall be limited to EUR 10 000 per year